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Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2024

Full name

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Other names by which the charity is known

Friends of the Peak District

CPRE South Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number

1094975

Registered Company Number

04496754

Registered Address

Victoria Hall
37 Stafford Road
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President	Dame Fiona Reynolds
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Vice President	<i>currently vacant</i>
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Ambassadors	Mark Cocker Helen Mort
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Board of Trustees

Chair	<i>Currently Vacant</i>
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Vice Chair	Les Sturch
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Honorary Treasurer	Eugene Walker
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Other Trustees	Faith Johnson David Holmes Richard Mills Corinna Lincoln	(Resigned 6 February 2025)
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Branch Staff

Ian Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Simpson	Communications Officer
Tony Wallace	Planning Officer
Susan Belt	Administration and Finance Officer
Cassa Townsend	Engagement Officer

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Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)
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The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("The Branch") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity with the Charities Commission. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (adopted in 2013).

The Board meets every 3 months and there are sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs one full-time and several part-time members of staff, including the Chief Executive who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the members of the charity for a minimum of three years. At every annual general meeting all Trustees who have completed a three-year term shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms in office.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an 'onboarding pack' containing several documents related to their role (including Memorandum, Articles, conflict of interest, expenses etc.). They also undergo an orientation day with the CEO to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law and to discuss the annual and five-year strategy, current campaigns, committee structure, meetings, staff and the last annual accounts and report.

Conflicts of interest

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item.

Ambassadors, Vice President and President

The charity currently has (poet and author) Helen Mort and (writer and conservationist) Mark Cocker as ambassadors. Our Vice President post is currently vacant. Our President is Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE.

Regional and National CPRE Representation

The Yorkshire, Humber and Lincolnshire Regional Group of CPRE was disbanded in 2024. A Trustee attends regular 'Assemble' meetings with National CPRE. Until December 2024 we sub-let desk space in our office to National CPRE and benefit from the cross-pollination of having National CPRE staff working alongside us regularly.

The charity is a branch of the national charity Campaign to Protect Rural England, also known as "CPRE The countryside charity". The CPRE network operates as a network of over 40 branches, and the chairs of the branches hold voting rights to this centre network. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch are also involved at a regional level (Yorkshire and the Humber) and are eligible to receive funds from this group.

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Campaign for National Parks / Friends of the Peak District

As well as being CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire the charity is 'double-hatted' in that it represents the Campaign for National Parks in the Peak District National Park. In our dealings with the Peak District National Park Authority in this specific role we are known as Friends of the Peak District. We ceased to offer a separate membership for Friends of the Peak District in 2021 because of the cost and administrative complexities.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular the area within the branch boundaries and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

The activity pillars within the current five year strategy (which is employed to achieve the charity's objectives and activities) are:

- Tackle the Climate Emergency
- Connect People and Countryside
- Promote Rural Life
- Empower Communities
- Grow Our Capacity

The major campaign (see later) that the charity undertook in this reporting period was carried out within the context of these pillars (to prevent damage to the landscape from unnecessary road building). Any spare resource after the campaigning activity went in to delivering the centenary celebration and activities of the charity in 2024.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

Our work in protecting the landscapes of South Yorkshire and the Peak District centred around the A57 Link Roads campaign (and the resultant judicial review in the High Court). In addition to this we undertook our 'normal' work around a gamut of planning issues, engagement opportunities and smaller campaigns. We have also been additionally involved in 'non-traditional' work around access, litter, fire, and communicating 'best practise' in the outdoors in conjunction with partners in South Yorkshire and the National Park.

The 7th of May 2024 marked the centenary of the formation of the charity. A celebration took place in Sheffield on that day and a year of related activities were subsequently held .

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Centenary

The charity was founded in Sheffield on 7 May 1924. One hundred years later to the day we embarked on a series of celebrations and fundraising activities to commemorate the work of the charity and to seek to raise funds to ensure its long term viability.

The main event was a celebration at Whirlow Hall in May attended by our President and over 100 guests, members, supporters, volunteers, trustees and staff. Dame Fiona Reynolds gave the keynote speech and Helen Mort launched the biography of Ethel Haythornthwaite.

Centenary Events and Activity (and attendance or participation figures where applicable)

2023

- 14th October – Volunteer task day at Haythornthwaite Wood - 15
- 21st November – Lord Mayor visit to Haythornthwaite Wood - 18
- 21st – 23rd – Hedgerow volunteering days at Haythornthwaite Wood - 18

2024

- 10th January – Centenary launched online
- 4th – 10th March – Ethel Beer for Sheffield Beer Week festival
- 8th March – International Women's Day Walk and Talk at Longshaw Estate - 25
- 9th March – Volunteer Work Day at Haythornthwaite Wood - 10
- 15th April – Talk to Ecclesall Ladies Group - 45
- 20th April – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Wirksworth Festival - 25
- 7th May – Centenary celebration at Whirlow Brook Hall - 90
- 7th May – Ethel, the biography launched
- 7th May – 100 Years that Shaped the Countryside launched
- 13th May – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Waterstones - 40
- 18th May – Bat Walk at Haythornthwaite Wood - 10
- 30th May – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Derby Book Festival - 30
- May – Get Outdoors online course launched in partnership with Pure Outdoor - 250+
- 5th June – Dawn Chorus Walk at Haythornthwaite Wood - 14
- June – 100 years achievement map created by Stepan
- 12th July – Peak Harmony choir at Hathersage church - 25
- July – Ethel, the biography gifted to Broomhill library
- 10th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Ethel Walk from blue heritage plaque - 25
- 11th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Stage 9 of Peak District Boundary Walk - 18
- 11th September – Launch of Peak District Boundary App
- 12th September – Sheffield Walking Festival – Four Ethels from Hathersage - 25
- 17th September – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Outside in Hathersage - 45
- 23rd September – Nick Hand of Letterpress Collective Printing Bike - 30
- 17th October – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Off the Shelf Festival - 30
- 19th October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Edale
- 22nd October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Newfield School
- 24th October – Exploits of Ethel performed at Sheffield Hallam University - 300 across the 3 events
- 14th November – Centenary Tree Planting launched
- 24th November – Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Kendall Mountain Festival - 50
- 15th December Countryfile – Peak District episode with Helen Mort

2025

- March 2025 - 100 trees planted
- 14th March - Ethel, the biography/Helen Mort talk at Keswick Festival - 55
- 26th March – Lord Mayor of Sheffield joins Centenary Tree Planting - 5

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Local Plans

We remain involved with and concerned about the evolution of Sheffield as a City over the next 30 years. We have also continued to monitor the development schedules of the other six local authorities for any significant threats or opportunities. Our planning officer and volunteers are involved in submitting letters (both in support and opposition) to applications and proposals monthly.

During 2024 we began to see a spike in requests from the public asking for assistance in preventing solar farms. The public in South Yorkshire view large scale solar as a significant threat.

We continued to monitor the proposed development site in the Loxley Valley and communicated with both SCC and the developer.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation - A response was submitted to Government and to CPRE national on the revised National Planning Policy Framework consultation. No sign of a Government response to the consultation yet, and something may be released by the end of the year albeit it could range from a new NPPF to possibly just a holding comment from Government.

Peak District National Park Local Plan consultation - We submitted a representation on this consultation in Nov 2024.

Transport

By far the most significant part of our campaigning effort during this reporting period has been focussed on the legal battle over the A57 Link Road campaign. Having published our 'Low Carbon Travel Plan' and submitted an objection to the scheme in 2021 we were dismayed to learn that the government gave the green light to the project as part of the 'Trans Pennine Upgrade Programme'. Following very careful consideration and professional advice we filed our claim for judicial review of the decision by the Secretary of State with the High Court.

In 2022 the trustees of the charity, having sought legal advice, agreed to challenge the decision made by the Secretary of State for Transport (Mark Harper) to consent the A57 Link Roads Scheme – a proposed dual carriageway at Mottram on the eastern edge of Greater Manchester.

Our case had two Grounds: (1) that the Government's approach of allowing large road schemes to go ahead without assessing the cumulative impact of carbon emissions was unlawful, and (2) that in approving the Link Roads project they had failed to consider alternatives which would avoid harming the Green Belt, the National Park and the climate. We filed our claim with the High Court in late 2022.

Mrs Justice Thornton heard our claim at the High Court on October 3rd and 4th 2023 and published her verdict on our Ground 2 in late November 2023. She found against us.

The process for Ground 1 on climate emissions was more complicated. Ground 1 was adjourned (neither heard nor dismissed) due to its similarity to the Ground used in another live legal case (the Boswell case). Essentially, we were told (in October 2023) that we would have to wait for the Court of Appeal to hear the Boswell case before our Ground 1 could be heard in the High Court. The Boswell case subsequently failed in the Court of Appeal. The Boswell legal team then decided to take their case to the Supreme Court. We prepared papers for a further stay on our case pending the Supreme Court hearing of Boswell.

However, in March 2024 Mr Justice Holgate (the senior Planning Court Judge) made an order on another road building challenge case (Stonehenge) which applied directly to our case. He refused the application for a further stay in that case on the basis that the Boswell Ground was materially the same as the one that was unsuccessful in the Court of Appeal in Boswell and, because the Planning Court is bound by the Court of Appeal, he could not come to a different conclusion.

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Senior legal advisers to the charity recommended that we did not challenge the issue of the stay. Furthermore we were advised that because our Ground 1 was indistinguishable from that in the Boswell Case (and that the High Court in that case had already found against it) it was agreed that there would now be no legal basis upon which to have our Ground 1 heard by the High Court. This is why our Ground 1 was labelled as 'totally without merit' – it is the 'value' of having the High Court hear a case (ours) indistinguishable from a Ground in the Boswell case (which it had recently found against) which, in legal terminology, is 'totally without merit'. That terminology does not relate in any way to the value of our having brought the Ground to court in the first place.

With both our Grounds now having failed in the High Court we were left with the option of progressing to the Court of Appeal (to appeal against the High Court verdict). The board of trustees voted against this option.

The A57 Link Roads project is but the start of the ongoing threat to the Peak District National Park. Plans for a bypass of Hollingworth and Tintwistle and dualling of the trunk route through the National Park remain live. We will be seeking to ensure that the future roads programme does not include such schemes. They would do irreparable harm to our most treasured and highly protected landscapes as well as worsen the climate and nature crises. The new duty which requires National Highways to 'seek to further National Park purposes' should set a higher bar to progressing such development.

In the shorter term, we remain unconvinced that the A57 Link Roads scheme will solve the problems of chronic road congestion in the Mottram and Glossop area. Modelling prepared for us by transport experts suggests that new roads like this will simply move heavy traffic from one place to another – in this case, from Mottram to Glossop, Hollingworth and Tintwistle where through traffic will increase. We will continue to work with local transport groups to promote alternative low-carbon travel plans that provide viable alternatives to ever more private car journeys.

This was an enormous undertaking for the charity. The cost of the action was very significant and an online fundraising campaign using the 'Crowd Justice' platform was launched. Additionally there were some pledges of financial assistance to support this campaign (from private individuals) which persuaded the Board to tolerate the significant financial risks of proceeding with the undertaking.

We have also had representation at a local and regional level on several panels and focus groups on sustainable public transport and we are represented on the Transport Policy Committee at National CPRE.

Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW)

The PDBW is a walk that was conceived and launched by the charity and it continues to grow in popularity. We published the reprint of the guidebook in this reporting period (which was published by a local publisher and is retailed via an e-commerce platform by the publisher with the charity receiving a share of the profit). The social media community directly engaged with this walk numbers in excess of 1,000.

The 'Ethel's'

The 'Ethel's' was an idea of Doug Colton during the pandemic. He mapped the 95 high points of the National Park and South Yorkshire and named them after the founder of the charity and then went on to design and launch a tick-list app of the hills for walkers. The app has brought significant interest to the charity, and we are very grateful to Doug Colton for all that he has done. There have been approximately 50,000 downloads of the app since its creation in 2021.

Ethel Haythornthwaite Biography

After a selection process the author and poet Helen Mort was commissioned to write the biography of the founder of the charity (Ethel Haythornthwaite). The book was released on 7 May 2024.

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University of Sheffield Medical Students

We continue to work with a local GP surgery to incorporate medical students in to outdoor access and wellbeing projects that we are involved with. In this reporting period they (with our guidance) have helped us design a 'get outdoors' advice poster for local GP surgeries, and assisted with the content on a free to access online tool for accessing local countryside

Haythornthwaite Wood

Haythornthwaite Wood is a small copse in the village of Dore. Gerald Haythornthwaite purchased a 99 year lease on the wood and there are memorial stones therein to mark the contribution to local landscape protection that he and his wife (Ethel – our founder) made. National CPRE (via their 'Hedgerow Heroes' fund) and Dore Village Society have both kindly financially supported our work to reinvigorate the Wood and the surrounding wall and hedgerow. During 2024 we planned, organised and led a series of volunteer and engagement activities at the wood. We are grateful to Sheffield City Council Park Rangers Service for all their help, work and guidance. There is an engagement programme being arranged for the next few years in the wood.

Volunteers

The charity continues to receive support in a number of aspects of our work from volunteers – these are an intrinsic part of the charity. A team of volunteers came together to finalise the archive project and another team provided support and extra resource to our centenary plans. Additionally we have University of Sheffield Planning Students volunteering with us on planning issues. We also have volunteers involved in campaigning, administration and access. In Easter 2024 a Sheffield University Geography Dept student joined us for 10 days to digitally map our centenary of campaigning work. Anne Robinson volunteers nigh on full-time and is our highly regarded transport campaigns lead.

Across all aspects of volunteering (including trustees) the charity receives approximately 280 days of volunteer support per year.

Conclusions

2024 was our 100th year protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire. We want to record our thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, and to our Trustees, as well as to all of our members, supporters and advocates, without whom we would not be able to undertake our vitally important work.

Plans for the Future

The over-arching short term goal of the board and CEO is to ensure the viability of the charity going forward. At the March 2025 board meeting the Trustees agreed to undertake a series of cost saving reviews around staffing levels and hours and premises costs.

Despite significant efforts from the staff and a range of fundraising events the centenary year didn't deliver the financial boost we had hoped for.

We wrote and published the 5-year strategic plan (2025 – 2030) this year. A key challenge of the 2024 was continuing the work of the charity in whilst simultaneously delivering a series of events (centred on 7 May 2024) that did justice to our one hundred years work protecting the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire.

The charity has for a long time struggled with the imbalance of doing an awful lot of important and necessary work with very little *actual* resources. The emergence of one or more major issues (eg A57 court case) and the resultant campaign effort *still* places enormous strain on a small team (e.g. our planning officer is only on a one day a week contract).

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Significant effort by Rebecca Simpson (communications lead) has allowed the charity to get much much better at digital engagement. We have a centenary sub-site to the website and are now much more able to articulate all aspects of our work as well as fundraise better online. We post campaign updates online and sending out e-newsletters.

Financial review

Our total income for the financial year was £79,995 compared with £429,827 in the previous year, which included legacy income of £317,333.

Total expenditure for the financial year was £204,599 compared to £221,002 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Centenary costs, campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year.

The overall net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £124,604 (2023: surplus of £208,825 primarily due to the legacy income). The unrestricted funds were £728,868 at the beginning of the year and £600,008 at the end of the year.

Legacy from the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Estate of the Late Mr David Rose for the significant legacy. The Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects, not to be used simply to plug budget gaps. It remains essential and our top priority, to achieve sustainable fundraising to secure the Charity.

Reserves Policy

The trustees require that the equivalent of a years planned operational expenditure should be kept in reserve to ensure that the charity could continue to work through a period of unforeseen difficulty. The planned operational expenditure for 2024 is £167,000.

As at 31 December 2024 Free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) were £600,008, which significantly exceeds the reserves target, but only due to the legacy income received in this and the previous year. As noted above the Trustees have agreed that legacy income must be broadly safeguarded for specific agreed projects but have not formally designated any monies towards this in the accounts.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis and will do so as part of work on the budget early in the current financial year with a view to ensuring that the charity both protects the legacy and remains viable over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The charity policy is to hold cash reserves rather than an investment portfolio.

Principle Risks

The charity has a risk assessment policy and a live risk register which is maintained by the CEO. The high impact risks include (but are not limited to): multiple paid personnel leaving; litigation by developer/landowner e.g. planning application we've opposed; negative publicity nationally about organisation's work; poor governance from trustees and loss of future legacies. The Board review the risk register annually.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the 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;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Small Company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board on 13 June 2025.

Signed on its behalf by:



Les Sturch
Vice Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

S Lightfoot

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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13 June 2025

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:							
Donations, grants and legacies		14,788	32,203	46,991	327,893	27,658	355,551
Subscriptions		14,035	-	14,035	17,229	-	17,229
Total donations and legacies	2a	<u>28,823</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>61,026</u>	<u>345,122</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>372,780</u>
Charitable activities	2b	164	-	164	25,416	12,435	37,851
Other trading activities	2c	6,207	-	6,207	6,144	-	6,144
Investments	2d	12,598	-	12,598	10,895	-	10,895
Other sources	2e	-	-	-	2,157	-	2,157
Total income		<u>47,792</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>79,995</u>	<u>389,734</u>	<u>40,093</u>	<u>429,827</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	28,891	-	28,891	25,128	-	25,128
Charitable activities	3b	145,709	29,999	175,708	147,305	48,569	195,874
Total expenditure		<u>174,600</u>	<u>29,999</u>	<u>204,599</u>	<u>172,433</u>	<u>48,569</u>	<u>221,002</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(126,808)	2,204	(124,604)	217,301	(8,476)	208,825
Transfer between funds	10	(2,052)	2,052	-	(5,983)	5,983	-
Net movement in funds		(128,860)	4,256	(124,604)	211,318	(2,493)	208,825
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		728,868	6,219	735,087	517,550	8,712	526,262
Total funds carried forward		<u>600,008</u>	<u>10,475</u>	<u>610,483</u>	<u>728,868</u>	<u>6,219</u>	<u>735,087</u>

All of the charitable company's operations are classed as continuing.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	5,151	9,173
Total fixed assets		<u>5,151</u>	<u>9,173</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	11,764	15,104
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>596,292</u>	<u>758,290</u>
Total current assets		<u>608,056</u>	<u>773,394</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,724)	(47,480)
Net current assets		<u>605,332</u>	<u>725,914</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		610,483	735,087
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>610,483</u></u>	<u><u>735,087</u></u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		600,008	728,868
Restricted fund income	10	<u>10,475</u>	<u>6,219</u>
Total charity funds	11	<u><u>610,483</u></u>	<u><u>735,087</u></u>

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board on 13 June 2025.

Signed on its behalf by:



Les Sturch
Vice Chair

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1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of receipt of any monies or on receipt of the estate accounts, when the amount due to the organisation can be quantified.

Subscription income for CPRE membership and FOPD membership is treated as a donation and recognised as income on receipt in the year it becomes due.

Income from local government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised where an there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. All expenditure is reported gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is either directly allocated to funds, or apportioned to the applicable funds on a line by line basis, based on staff time and use of office.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Any assets purchased below £500 are written off at the time of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off cost of those assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Equipment - 25%

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are either donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or grant income sought for specified activities.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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(i) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged against net incoming resources are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(l) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have plans in place to address the budgeted deficits by significant fundraising and controlling costs.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
2a Income from donations, grants and legacies						
Donations	13,237	32,203	45,440	10,560	27,658	38,218
Legacies	1,551	-	1,551	317,333	-	317,333
Subscriptions	14,035	-	14,035	17,229	-	17,229
	<u>28,823</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>61,026</u>	<u>345,122</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>372,780</u>
2b Income from charitable activities						
Grant income	-	-	-	25,000	12,435	37,435
Events income	164	-	164	416	-	416
	<u>164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>25,416</u>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>37,851</u>
2c Income from other trading activities						
Merchandising income	2,540	-	2,540	644	-	644
Rental income	3,667	-	3,667	5,500	-	5,500
	<u>6,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,207</u>	<u>6,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,144</u>
2d Investment income						
Bank interest	12,598	-	12,598	10,895	-	10,895
	<u>12,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,598</u>	<u>10,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,895</u>
2e Income from other sources						
Student placements	-	-	-	2,157	-	2,157
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
3a Raising funds						
Fundraising	-	-	-	141	-	141
Staff costs	5,527	-	5,527	5,247	-	5,247
Consultancy	23,184	-	23,184	19,560	-	19,560
Bank charges	180	-	180	180	-	180
	<u>28,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,891</u>	<u>25,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,128</u>

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3b	Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Campaigning costs	1,650	19,230	20,880	-	38,749	38,749
	Boundary walk costs	145	-	145	403	-	403
	Centenary celebration	4,940	6,351	11,291	-	-	-
	Biography costs	9,000	-	9,000	-	-	-
	Other project costs	-	2,137	2,137	6,361	9,738	16,099
	Staff costs (salaries)	86,142	-	86,142	75,304	-	75,304
	Staff costs (consultancy)	1,190	2,281	3,471	18,571	-	18,571
	Other staff costs (including expenses, payroll fees and training)	537	-	537	1,775	-	1,775
	Office costs	7,592	-	7,592	11,112	82	11,194
	Other costs	2,096	-	2,096	1,060	-	1,060
	Premises/utilities	23,738	-	23,738	22,738	-	22,738
	Promotion costs	223	-	223	14	-	14
	Depreciation	4,022	-	4,022	4,022	-	4,022
	Legal and professional fees	3,676	-	3,676	3,712	-	3,712
	Governance costs	758	-	758	2,233	-	2,233
		<u>145,709</u>	<u>29,999</u>	<u>175,708</u>	<u>147,305</u>	<u>48,569</u>	<u>195,874</u>

4 Fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination fee - included within governance costs	<u>741</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Other fees paid to independent examiner's organisation for Other services	243	203
	<u>243</u>	<u>203</u>

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	84,400	74,030
Employer's NI	7,867	7,323
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	4,402	4,198
	<u>91,669</u>	<u>80,551</u>
Split of salaries by activity:		
Raising funds	5,527	5,247
Charitable activities	75,847	65,472
Governance costs (included within staff costs in note 3b)	10,295	9,832
	<u>91,669</u>	<u>80,551</u>
Average number of employees	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.3</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in either year.

6 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year. No trustees were reimbursed travel expenses during the year (2023: 1 trustees reimbursed travel expenses totalling £16). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: Enil).

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £60,252 (2023: £57,671).

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 January 2024	16,090	16,090
As at 31 December 2024	<u>16,090</u>	<u>16,090</u>
Depreciation		
As at 1 January 2024	6,917	6,917
Charge this period	<u>4,022</u>	<u>4,022</u>
As at 31 December 2024	<u>10,939</u>	<u>10,939</u>
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2024	<u>5,151</u>	<u>5,151</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>9,173</u>	<u>9,173</u>

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	6,783	12,865
Tax recoverable on gift aid donations	3,558	786
Prepayments	1,423	1,453
	<u>11,764</u>	<u>15,104</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,602	45,045
Accruals	741	2,070
Other creditors	381	365
	<u>2,724</u>	<u>47,480</u>

10 Restricted funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Challenge Road Building	(6,861)	24,039	(19,230)	2,052	-
Green Belt	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
Haythornthwaite Wood	10,876	-	(4,418)	-	6,458
Centenary celebrations	-	6,351	(6,351)	-	-
Centenary Tree fund	-	1,813	-	-	1,813
	<u>6,219</u>	<u>32,203</u>	<u>(29,999)</u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>10,475</u>

Challenge Road Building: Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work in challenging the policy of road building. The transfer of £2,052 represents the charity's final contribution appeal after all match funding donations had been received.

Green Belt: Member and public appeal for funds to assist our work to protect green belt in the Branch area.

Haythornthwaite Wood: Money raised to improve the wood.

Centenary celebrations: Donations received towards the Centenary celebrations.

Centenary Tree fund: Donations received towards the Centenary milestone celebration, to plant 100 trees in the beautiful moorlands that surround Sheffield

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11 Restricted funds - continued

Prior year comparison

	<i>Balance b/fwd</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance c/fwd</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Challenge Road Building</i>	4,497	20,888	(37,749)	5,503	(6,861)
<i>Green Belt</i>	2,204	-	-	-	2,204
<i>CEV Projects</i>	2,011	-	(2,011)	-	-
<i>Haythornthwaite Wood</i>	-	18,685	(7,809)	-	10,876
<i>4th Reservoir Opposition Appeal</i>	-	520	(1,000)	480	-
	8,712	40,093	(48,569)	5,983	6,219

11 Split of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,151	-	5,151	9,173	-	9,173
Net current assets	594,857	10,475	605,332	719,695	6,219	725,914
	600,008	10,475	610,483	728,868	6,219	735,087

12 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charity was committed to making the following payments under operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating lease payments:		
Within 1 year	11,679	11,468
Within 2 to 5 years	90	451
	11,769	11,919

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions, other than those included in note 6.

14 Contingent asset

The charity was notified of a legacy due them in December 2021. The first distribution of £400,000 was received in February 2022 and the second distribution of £310,326 was received in April 2023. A final distribution is due when the estate accounts have been finalised - in accordance with the accounting policy, no provision for the remaining distribution has been made in the 2024 accounts.