

**THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 MARCH 2015**

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# THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

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**THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**Directors and trustees**

David Reynolds  
Professor Caroline Tisdall  
Sally Merison  
Charles Wilson  
Nick Bannister

**Secretary**

Ben Dowdeswell

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**Charity Number**

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**Company Number**

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## THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The company is limited by guarantee and is a charity registered in England and Wales. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustees, initially for three years, and renewable by resolution of the trustees for one further term of three years. It is the trustees' intention to appoint new trustees to represent skills and interests that fully cover the scope of the Foundation's activities.

All trustees receive relevant company documentation as part of the induction programme and are kept up to date with policy news through board and trustee meetings.

The charity has a board of four trustees all of whom are members. The board meets five times a year and is chaired by the chairman of the charity. Relevant papers are circulated before each meeting and minutes taken.

The trustees are responsible for the Charity's risk management and internal control systems. The continuing economic uncertainty remains a risk to its fundraising capabilities and as a result financial plans and policies are constantly reviewed and updated.

#### **Objectives and activities**

- To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by supporting access and conservation projects and programmes that protect features of wildlife flora and fauna in the British countryside generally and responsible and sustainable use of these environments.
- To promote agriculture for the public benefit.
- To educate the public in subjects pertaining to the conservation, protection, and enjoyment of the countryside.
- The promotion of sustainable development for the benefit of the public by the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources; conducting or commissioning research and publishing the results of such research.
- 'Sustainable development' means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the future aims and objectives.

#### **Review of the year**

The charitable activities of The Countryside Alliance Foundation continue to make encouraging progress. Its flagship project Fishing for Schools continues to grow with the introduction of new instructors in Yorkshire and Cornwall during the year. Open Days at Sutton Bingham in September and Sport Fish in October have provided a platform to promote Fishing for Schools ahead of a successful awards ceremony attended by nearly thirty schools at the House of Lords in late October. Falconry for Schools has expanded its activities and attracted interest and participation from several new participants.

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The trustees note that delivering hugely influential schemes such as these would not be possible without the unstinting and loyal support of all our generous donors and supporters.

#### **Financial Review, Reserves Policy & Future Plans**

The Foundation made a small surplus of £2,411 for the year ended 31st March 2015 and continues to make progress in improving the balance sheet. Although fund raising activities decreased from 2014 we were grateful to receive the support of runners in and donations for the London Marathon in 2014 and also to receive the proceeds of a charity golf tournament. Further events are planned in 2015. Net liabilities have increased to £222,763 at 31st March 2015. The balance sheet is still underpinned by a £200,000 loan and unrestricted reserves remain in deficit at £(251,963). Looking ahead the Foundation hopes to expand its activities supported by further planned fundraising. The Foundation will continue to seek additional funding to enable the Falconry for Schools programme to deliver to more schools.

#### **Directors**

The Directors in office during the period were as follows:

Jeremy Quin (Chairman)	(resigned 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2015)
David Reynolds	
Professor Caroline Tisdall	
Sally Merison	
Charles Wilson	(appointed 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2015)
Nick Bannister	(appointed 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015)
Tara Douglas-Home	(appointed 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015)
Richard Fry	(appointed 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2015)

#### **Auditors**

Saffery Champness have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors to the Foundation.

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

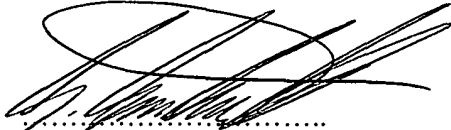
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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm that, in the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when this report is approved, so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The directors have prepared this report in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board



Ben Dowdeswell  
Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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We have audited the financial statements of The Countryside Alliance Foundation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 set out on pages 7 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Emphasis of matter – Going Concern**

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1b) to the financial statements concerning the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The company has total net incoming resources of £2,411 this year. The company's liabilities exceeded its total assets by £222,763 and it had net current liabilities of £222,763. Following the year end the loan from a director was renegotiated, £100,000 of the loan of £200,000 is now repayable on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 1b) to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

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**Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.



Timothy Gregory (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of

17 December 2015

**Saffery Champness**  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors

Lion House  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary income</b>	<b>1d</b>				
Donations		145,178	-	145,178	115,025
Restricted Donations		-	25,335	25,335	14,532
	<b>9</b>	<u>145,178</u>	<u>25,335</u>	<u>170,513</u>	<u>129,557</u>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fundraising Events		26,727	1,914	28,641	101,812
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>171,905</u>	<u>27,249</u>	<u>199,154</u>	<u>231,369</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>	<b>1f</b>				
Costs of generating voluntary income		(35,715)	-	(35,715)	(13,566)
Fundraising costs		(14,660)	-	(14,660)	(39,366)
		<u>(50,375)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,375)</u>	<u>(52,932)</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>1g</b>				
Fishing for Schools		(56,668)	(51,348)	(108,016)	(79,357)
Food & Farming/Outdoor Education		(460)	-	(460)	(160)
Falconry for Schools		(3,278)	(3,100)	(6,378)	(15,705)
Other including expenditure on campaigning		(9,696)	-	(9,696)	(20,087)
Countryside Investigators		(2,400)	-	(2,400)	-
		<u>(72,502)</u>	<u>(54,448)</u>	<u>(126,950)</u>	<u>(115,309)</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2</b>	(19,418)	-	(19,418)	(38,023)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>(142,295)</u>	<u>(54,448)</u>	<u>(196,743)</u>	<u>(206,264)</u>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<b>29,610</b>	<b>(27,199)</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>25,105</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		(281,573)	56,399	(225,174)	(250,279)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>(251,963)</u>	<u>29,200</u>	<u>(222,763)</u>	<u>(225,174)</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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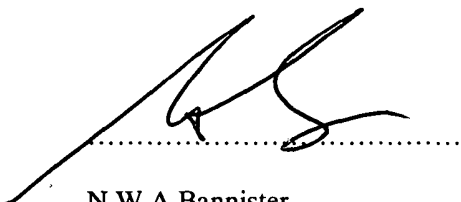
**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2015**

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	3,379	18,093
Prepayments		676	923
Cash at bank and in hand		93,914	81,536
		<u>97,969</u>	<u>100,552</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	5	320,732	125,726
		<u>(222,763)</u>	<u>(25,174)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			
<b>Loans due after one year</b>			
		-	200,000
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		(251,963)	(281,573)
Restricted funds	8	29,200	56,399
		<u>(222,763)</u>	<u>(25,174)</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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

Approved by the board on <sup>16 December 2015</sup>~~insert date~~ and signed on its behalf by:



N W A Bannister  
Director

Company number - 05669451

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

#### b) Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. Based on a review of expected income and cash flows over the forthcoming year the board is satisfied that the going concern basis is a suitable basis on which to draw up the accounts.

£103,628 is owed to Countryside Alliance on the basis that this will be repaid as and when The Foundation is in a position to meet that liability. The Alliance is in a position to continue this support in the future.

Following the year end the loan from a director was renegotiated, £100,000 of the loan of £200,000 is now repayable on 31st Dec 2015

#### c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

#### d) Incoming resources

These are accounted for on a receivable basis.

#### e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure on grants is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant and this is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier.

#### f) Costs of generating funds

This includes those services directly attributable to the costs of generating funds plus an appropriate proportion of overheads.

#### g) Charitable Activities

This includes those items incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries

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### h) Governance costs

This includes those items attributable to the governance of the charity which relate to general running costs.

### 2 Governance costs

	2015 £	2014 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,000	8,200
Legal and professional fees	5,250	1,800
Staff costs	-	16,963
Sundry	2,928	2,742
Loan Interest	6,240	8,318
	<u>19,418</u>	<u>38,023</u>

### 3 Taxation

No provision for taxation is required as the company is a Registered Charity.

### 4 Debtors

Gift Aid recoverable	3,379	8,093
Donations	-	10,000
	<u>3,379</u>	<u>18,093</u>

### 5 Creditors

Due to Countryside Alliance	103,628	105,296
Loan amounts due within one year	200,000	-
Other creditors and accruals	17,104	20,430
	<u>320,732</u>	<u>125,726</u>

Included in creditors is an amount of £103,628 (2014: £105,296) payable to Countryside Alliance. Countryside Alliance agreed in 2009 to lend to the Foundation £300,251 on the basis that this will be repaid as and when the Foundation is in a position to meet that liability. The loan attracts interest at 2.5% above base rate. Interest to 31 March 2015 has been waived.

The Foundation received an unsecured loan of £200,000 in 2010, of which £100,000 is currently repayable on 31 December 2015. The loan attracts compound interest at 3% above base rate.

### 6 Related party disclosure

Loans to the company (note 6) include amounts lent by the directors totalling £200,000 (2014: £200,000). Interest paid to directors on their loans during the accounting period ending 31 March 2015 was £5,148 (2014: £18,132).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**7 Company limited by guarantee**

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

**8 Voluntary income**

**Restricted Funds**

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

	At 1 April 2014	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2015
Norah Jones	29,199	-	29,199	-	-
Edith Winifred Hall Trust	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
The Fishmongers Co	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Ernest Cook Trust	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
Cripps LLC	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Other	7,200	10,249	15,249	-	2,200
	<u>56,399</u>	<u>27,249</u>	<u>54,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,200</u>

**Unrestricted general donations**

	2015 £	2014 £
Patrons	33,666	45,666
General donations	100,808	55,421
Legacies	5,000	6,245
Gift Aid on general donations	5,704	8,093
Other	-	-
	<u>145,178</u>	<u>115,425</u>