

**The Arnside/Silverdale  
AONB Landscape Trust**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

**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

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Trustees:	Date of election	Date of re-election	Date of resignation
Fiona Allen (Chairman)	01/06/2013	16/07/2021	
Ray Anslow (Treasurer)	07/06/2013	16/07/2021	
Steve Benner	08/06/2018	08/06/2021	
Roger Cartwright	08/06/2018	08/06/2021	
Richard Daly	16/07/2019	16/07/2022	
Gary Marsh	12/06/2015	08/06/2021	
Colin Peacock (Vice-Chairman)	01/06/2012	08/06/2021	
Robert Pickup	08/06/2018	08/06/2021	
Michael Warren (Secretary)	01/06/2012	16/07/2021	

### 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: Caroline Milne

## Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents: Constitution 1986.

Amended at the AGMs in 1989, 1991, 1997, 2012, 2013, and 2014

### Trustees/Management Committee

The Trustees/Management Committee met four times during the 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.

### Payments to Trustees

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

### Serious Incidents

No serious incidents occurred during the year.

**Treasurer's Report.**

This report covers the two financial years 2019/2020, and 2020/2021 and highlights the major financial events over each period, rather than a description of the set-up of the Trust finances which has been the pattern previously.

**2019/2020**

The main movement of funds related to repayment of the loans from various benefactors for the purchase of Coldwell Bank. Although an Appeal Fund had been set up it was necessary to use the Trust financial Reserves to effect clearance of the indebtedness. We are grateful to those who donated to the Appeal which forms the basis of the Coldwell Project bank account.

An amount was received under the Rural Payments Agency Higher Level Scheme which began in November 2003. This is accounted for in the section for Reserves in the accounts.

The Trust continued collaboration with the AONB Partnership Grant Fund which paid out £3,227 in assistance to Brian Smith, Julia Siers and the Westmoreland Red Squirrel Society.

This was the first year the Trust produced a calendar which was a great success. It was also the beginning of the 'Trust shop' and my thanks go to Steve Benner for setting it up on the computer, and Lisa Whistlecroft who has overseen the administration of the sales.

**2020/2021**

This was the year the increase in membership subscriptions increased, the first for 30 years. The accounts show the difference this has made which has ensured the continued viability of the Trust despite the increase in costs.

The Direct Debit scheme was implemented and has been a great success. We are grateful to everyone who has agreed to use this system and would ask those who have not participated to consider doing so. It helps the Trust a great deal in administrative costs and ensures the correct amount of subs is paid each year.

The Trust was grateful to receive a legacy from the estate of the late Edmund F Wright of £79,500. This was split between the Trusts account with Cumberland Building Society, £60,000, which is our back-up fund and is set aside for future capital expenditure, and £19,000 paid into the Coldwell Project account as the financial Reserve for expenditure on the Reserves in future. We now have sufficient funds to meet the needs of looking after our Reserves for at least 10 years.

Only one grant of £2,500 was paid out by the Partnership Grant Fund and that was to the Arnside Sailing Club. It therefore left an end of year balance in a Designated account of £8,298.

Obviously during the year there was very little income or membership increase due to the lack of events. The Shop continues to be a vital source of income with the purchase of new items, such as tick cards, and the second year of the Trust calendar.

It would be remiss of me not to express the Trust's gratitude to Gill Rimington for allowing the Trust to sell the surplus stock of books written by the late Peter Standing with the proceeds going to Trust funds, as well as allowing us to take over the reprinting of Geotrails.

I would like to acknowledge the help and guidance of Peter Bates who was the Trust's Independent Examiner for eight years who died in 2020.

I am pleased to say that Caroline Milne has taken on this role as from the 2020/2021 year.

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Chairmans Annual Report 2020-2021

My report is quite brief – despite it covering the last two years The Trust did not hold an Annual General Meeting in July 2020 because of the National Pandemic situation. The Management Committee had hoped to hold it later last year, but again the situation was such that it could not happen. It was concluded that the AGM for 2019 should be suspended and merged with the subsequent one. Accordingly this report covers two fairly quiet years. The Trusts work has continued as well as possible and we have continued to communicate with the membership by electronic means. This seems to have worked well. For a long time it was not possible to meet as groups – even small ones, so some volunteers continued to work outdoors individually, then as groups of individuals (keeping quite separate) until they were allowed to meet outdoors. During the whole time the Trust has monitored the national situation and strictly abided by the prevailing regulations. We continue to take sensible precautions where appropriate. During the lockdowns we took the decision to post Keer to Kent rather than the usual hand deliveries. We have now resumed deliveries, but with appropriate precautions. The Trust has maintained a presence on line, thanks to sterling work by members and Trustees. For example, individuals have taken pictures on their walks around the area and we have been able to enjoy those sights by proxy. We now have an on-line shop which is being used regularly. The Management Committee continued to meet regularly via Zoom and much of the business continued as ever – with us all embracing the learning curve of interfacing with the information technology on a more regular basis than we had been used to. We are in the process of revisiting, and if necessary revising, the Trusts Constitution and putting together a portfolio of Policies and Procedures. As each stage is reached they will be on our website and we welcome comments. Once they are adopted they will be available to all via the same medium. Some of the Policies are presented today for the membership to ratify and adopt. Our Reserves are all in good heart and have been visited regularly by members and non-members. We report regularly in Keer to Kent on the work taking place and the regular volunteer team continue to do sterling work. We hope that we will be able to use the Reserves more as time goes on. It was wonderful in the early stages of the pandemic to note what a difference the absence of noise had made to the wildlife – even in our own gardens. I know of some researchers who have taken the opportunity to measure things such as wildflowers, grasses and lichens to see how they have been affected by lower pollution levels - from planes or from traffic perhaps - or from lower or greater footfall. I await publication of some of their results with interest. There has also been an increased interest in the environment when people were confined to their locality and were walking it regularly. People saw the verges, plants and trees etc. in some detail instead of just driving past. I hope this continues. Everyone working in the Trust has done a great job. You will be hearing from the treasurer about our finances – which appear quite healthy, We have continued to liaise with colleagues and partners – again mainly on line – and attended virtual meetings and events. We continue to look for volunteers to help us in all sorts of ways, but there is lots of room for more. As we are able to do more events we will need volunteers for that – for both indoor and outdoor tasks. We also need more people willing to be Trustees. As I speak here I am really preaching to the converted but if you know anyone who may be interested (or any arms you can gently twist) we would be delighted to hear of them As the lockdown eases further and we can meet again there is plenty for us to discuss and debate about the future I want to record my thanks to everyone – who kept calm and carried on, - and kept the show on the road, despite for some periods, not being allowed beyond our own four walls. We knew that our wonderful Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was still out there waiting for us to cherish and enjoy it

Fiona Allan

Chairman

Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

**ARNSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	£	£	£	£	£	£	2020/2021	2019/2020
	General	Designated	NW	AONB/LT	LT ELS	ELS	£	£
	Purposes	Funds	CP a/c	Prtp Grant	& EWGS	Agreement	Total	Total
	Fund			Fund	Agreements		Funds	Funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Grants and donations</u>								
Membership subscriptions	11,379.00						11,379.00	8,950.00
Subscription Prepayments 2021/2022	1,802.00						1,802.00	1,824.00
Donations	2,207.00						2,207.00	2,148.05
Donations Prepayments 2021/2022	400.00						400.00	250.00
Appeal Receipts			0.00				0.00	10,422.15
Appeal Gift Aid			2,540.00				2,540.00	3,637.50
Events Donations	0.00						0.00	148.42
Reserves Donations			1,533.38				1,533.38	603.74
Computer Donations	173.76						173.76	
Grants	0.00						0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	2,290.98						2,290.98	1,969.28
Rent	50.00						50.00	50.00
							0.00	
<u>Designated Funds</u>								
AONB Partnership Grant Fund				7,500.00			7,500.00	5,000.00
Designated/Restricted funds (Steele & others)		62.50					62.50	1,642.16
							0.00	
<u>Other Income</u>								
Keer to Kent sales	177.60						177.60	370.00
Keer to Kent adverts	949.50						949.50	-21.50
Events fees	0.00						0.00	
							0.00	
<u>Trading activities</u>								
Postage & Packing Received	130.50						130.50	28.66
Fees paid	-57.10						-57.10	0.00
TK Book	24.00						24.00	12.00
BA Book	12.00						12.00	16.00
LS Book	114.80						114.80	48.00
Limekilns	0.00						0.00	30.00
Geotrails	773.00						773.00	549.10
Calendars	1,015.65						1,015.65	1,236.50
Miscellaneous Sales and Commissions	22.50						22.50	102.34
Tick Cards	288.35						288.35	
ELS and WIGS Receipts					0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	12,893.11
							0.00	
<u>Interest received (Builking Society deposits)</u>								
	441.26						441.26	211.86
							0.00	
	less Prepayments	-2,202.00		-2,500.00			-4,702.00	-2,074.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>19,992.80</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>4,073.38</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>30,528.68</b>	<b>63,902.79</b>
Legacy received	79,545.18						79,545.18	
Inter account transfer			19,000.00				19,000.00	0.00
	<b>99,537.98</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>23,073.38</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>129,073.86</b>	<b>63,902.79</b>

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	Fund			Fund	Agreements		Payments	Payments
					(Reserves)			
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Management and administration</u>								
Printing,stationery and postage	160.23						160.23	533.55
Course & Conference fees and Subscriptions	118.12						118.12	115.00
Insurance	695.68						695.68	716.19
Refunds	45.00						45.00	0.00
Repairs & Replacements	0.00						0.00	0.00
Computer costs	785.62						785.62	581.30
Designated funds		1,156.10					1,156.10	1,022.00
<u>Sales</u>								
Sales items purchased,	1,430.90						1,430.90	0.00
Tick Cards [£669.25]							0.00	
Reprints [£277.00]							0.00	
Calendars [£484.65]							0.00	
Sales costs for Postage and packaging	189.35						189.35	0.00
Payments to Third Parties for Sales		68.50					68.50	139.20
<u>Governance Costs</u>								
Costs of AGM, AGM printing	0.00						0.00	90.00
Hire of rooms for AGM + Trustee meetings	0.00						0.00	634.00
Independent Examiners Fee	75.00						75.00	75.00
<u>General charitable expenditure</u>								
Production Costs - Keer to Kent	5,677.02						5,677.02	5,497.00
Postage - Keer to Kent	1,914.48						1,914.48	1,325.29
Site management					1,861.19		1,861.19	2,980.42
Grants & Donations	43.52						43.52	0.00
AONB Partnership Grant Fund	2,500.00						2,500.00	5,726.98
<u>Promotions and capital excpenditure</u>								
Events costs	0.00						0.00	437.99
Storth Geotrail							0.00	259.00
Cost of Sales							0.00	336.42
<u>Costs of Fundraising</u>								
AONB Partnership Grant Fund				2,500.00			2,500.00	
Entry Level and Higher Level Stewardship Agreement exp.						1,400.00	1,400.00	10,028.02
<u>Legal fees and disbursements</u>								
Transferred to Appeal Fund	0.00						0.00	404.16
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>								
Repayment of loan monies							0.00	29,000.00
Legal fees							0.00	
Inter account transfer	19,000.00						19,000.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>32,634.92</b>	<b>1,224.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>1,861.19</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>39,620.71</b>	<b>73,783.41</b>

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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2021	66,903.06	-1,162.10	23,073.38	2,500.00	-1,861.19	0.00	89,453.15	-9,880.62
CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2020	29,177.79	1,904.93	603.74	5,798.12	16,347.03	0.00	53,831.61	63,712.23
	<u>96,080.85</u>	<u>742.83</u>	<u>23,677.12</u>	<u>8,298.12</u>	<u>14,485.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>143,284.76</u>	<u>53,831.61</u>

143,284.76

Represented by:

Petty cash	42.32						42.32	42.32
Santander current account	812.14						812.14	314.08
Nat West current account	25,814.70	742.83		8,298.12	14,485.84	0.00	49,341.49	41,358.04
Nat West CP account			23,677.12				23,677.12	603.74
Cumberland Building Society	74,113.69						74,113.69	13,672.43
Debtors	0.00						0.00	0.00
Prepayments	-2,500.00						-2,500.00	0.00
Prepayments - Subscriptions	-1,802.00						-1,802.00	-1,909.00
Prepayments - Donations	-400.00						-400.00	-250.00
Provisions								0.00
	<u>96,080.85</u>	<u>742.83</u>	<u>23,677.12</u>	<u>8,298.12</u>	<u>14,485.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>143,284.76</u>	<u>53,831.61</u>
	143,284.76						143,284.76	

FIXED ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2021	PURCHASE COST £	ESTIMATED VALUE £
Land - Coldwell Parrock 5 acres purchased 2000/2001	15,044.00	15,044.00
Land - Teddy Heights 5 acres purchased 2003/2004	15,213.00	15,213.00
Land - Coldwell Meadow 4 acres purchased 2013/2014	41,334.00	41,334.00
Land - Warton Mires 8.75 acres	70,000.00	52,000.00
Land - Coldwell Bank 10 acres	109,000.00	100,000.00
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	7,330.00	3,020.00
	<u>262,051.00</u>	<u>223,591.00</u>

BOOK STOCKS

Stock holding - Terry Keefe's books 63 @ £2 per copy	126.00	
Stock holding - Barry Ayre's books 90 @ £2 per copy	180.00	
Stock holding - Leonard Smith's Book 462 @ £2.65 per copy	1,224.30	1,530.30
	<u>1,530.30</u>	<u>1,530.30</u>

FIXED ASSETS OWNED BY THE CHARITY

Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company	1,020.00	NIL
	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>

DEBTORS

	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITIES

Amount agreed to be paid under AONB Partnership Grant Fund scheme subject to completion of stipulated conditions	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Approved by the Trustees

(Chairman LT) ..... F Allan  
Date ..... May 20212



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

THE ARNSIDE/SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

702624

Set out on pages

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 trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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: Caroline A. Milne

Date: 4/6/21

Name: CAROLINE A. MILNE

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

[Large empty box for disclosure details]

Date: 12/11/18

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Name: Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

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