

**The Arnside/Silverdale  
AONB Landscape Trust**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**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       | 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          |                     |

### 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: Michael Holmes

## Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents: Constitution 1986.  
Amended at the AGMs in 1989, 1991, 1997, 2012, 2013, and 2014  
The Trust has procedures for the induction and training of Trustees.  
The Trust is member of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB 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 using Zoom

## 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.

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.

This report covers the financial year 2022/2023 and highlights the major financial events over year. I have to report a surplus on the General Fund of £5,171.95.

The Reserves account benefitted by the receipt of long awaited Grant monies from the Mid Tier agreement. Despite an excess of expenditure over budget it meant a surplus of £8,000 for the year.

In conjunction with the Reserves sub-Committee the financing of the Reserves Group will alter from 1 April 2023. All future expenditure for capital works under any of the various Agreements entered into by the Trust or any assets purchased for work on the Reserves, will be paid against the Coldwell Project account. Some reimbursement will come when the grants are received. All day-to-day expenditure will be paid for through the ordinary Bank current account. This will enable a more realistic picture of the Trust's activities during the year.

We continue to be grateful to Lisa Whistlecroft for running the Trust internet shop where we achieved sales of £1043 for the Trust calendar organised by Steve Benner, £460 for sale of Geotrails, a new venture into selling coloured versions of the Richard Daly map realised £166 and the sale of 3 Len Smith books on Kendal's Port during the year leaves us with only 456 to sell.

The 2022 payment from the Rural Payments Agency under the Stewardship Agreement was received and distributed to the landowners. We await the acceptance by RPA of an accurate submission for the 2023 payment to be made. This agreement is being extended for a further five years.

£3945 was paid away for projects agreed by the Arnside AONB Partnership Grants Fund which the Trust administers financially. Both the Trust and the AONB Unit contribute £2,500 annually to the fund and the balance available at the end of the financial year was £11,300.84.

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. The Coldwell Project account is the backup for land reserves expenditure, and traditionally the Trust has maintained a balance at the Cumberland Building Society for future land purchases or other capital asset requirements.

Ray Anslow    Treasurer    June 2023

Chairmans Report 2022-3 of The Covid Years. It is good to be able to attend things and meet in person. We have had several events where members have been able to get together including the Autumn Lecture and Jacobs Join at Yealand Village Hall, The Spring Lecture at Arnside Educational Institute and hosting the Northern Hedge Laying Competition on Coldwell Parrock.

In 2022 we worked more closely with the AONB as it was their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and shared Events with them. – and intend to continue this in many respects.

As it was their anniversary year the AONB hosted the national conference of AONBs and the Landscape Trust had the pleasure in contributing to this with regard to hosting visits to our reserves and attending their events – culminating in their Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Leighton Hall.

Members and Trustees have continued to contribute to a range of meetings and liaisons with like-minded organisations in this AONB and we intend to continue and strengthen such collaborations.

We are very grateful to everyone who volunteers to help the functions of the Trust and we hope that everyone does get enjoyment from it. We have volunteers who work as teams and as individuals on the Reserves and keep them in good heart. They carry out all sorts of jobs, in all weathers. We have people who contribute their enthusiasm and expertise to survey, count, advise and teach. We have volunteers who carry out administration functions – Trust Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Keer to Kent Editor, Communications Officer and Trustees

At this point I would particularly like to record a tribute to Bob Pickup who has served the Trust by managing our Reserves and as a Trustee over many years. It is impossible to quantify contribution he has made in that time.

It is thanks to all their varied contributions that the Trust remains healthy and strong, but we are very aware that we would welcome more volunteers either to take on regular or occasional involvement . This would enable us to expand and diversify our events programme.

Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

ARNSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

|   | £                | £               | £             | £               | £                | £               | 2022/2023        | 2021/2022        |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | General          | Desig-<br>nated | NW            | AONB/LT         | LT ELS           | ELS             | £                | £                |
|   | Purposes         | Funds           | CP a/c        | Prtp Grant      | & EWGS           | Agreement       | Total            | Total            |
|   | Fund             | Funds           |               | Fund            | Agreements       |                 | Funds            | Funds            |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                               |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| <u>Grants and donations</u>                   |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Membership subscriptions                      | 10,604.00        |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 10,604.00        | 10,937.00        |
| Subscription Prepayments 2021/2022            | 1,402.00         |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 1,402.00         | 1,792.00         |
| Donations                                     | 1,635.75         |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 1,635.75         | 1,925.16         |
| Donations Prepayments 2021/2022               | 330.00           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 330.00           | 515.00           |
| Events Income & Donations                     | 216.95           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 216.95           | 113.42           |
| Reserves Donations                            |                  |                 | 211.18        |                 |                  |                 | 211.18           | 189.58           |
| Reserves Income                               |                  |                 |               |                 | 300.00           |                 | 300.00           |                  |
| Computer Donations                            | 0.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 0.00             | 13.32            |
| Grants  | 0.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Gift Aid                                      | 2,180.86         |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 2,180.86         | 2,570.42         |
| Gift Aid - Coldwell Project a/c               |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Rent  | 0.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 0.00             | 50.00            |
| <u>Designated Funds</u>                       |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| AONB Partnership Grant Fund                   |                  |                 |               | 5,000.00        |                  |                 | 5,000.00         | 5,000.00         |
| Designated/Restricted funds (Steele & others) |                  | 721.13          |               |                 |                  |                 | 721.13           | 918.11           |
| <u>Other Income</u>                           |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Keer to Kent sales                            | 454.90           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 454.90           | 378.35           |
| Keer to Kent adverts                          | 474.00           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 474.00           | 667.50           |
| Events fees                                   | 0.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 0.00             |                  |
| <u>Trading activities</u>                     |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Postage & Packing Received                    | 141.50           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 141.50           | 166.48           |
| Fees paid                                     | -19.75           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | -19.75           | -29.07           |
| TK Book                                       | 8.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 8.00             | 41.00            |
| BA Book                                       | 0.00             |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 0.00             | 11.00            |
| LS Book                                       | 21.00            |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 21.00            | 56.00            |
| Limekilns                                     | 12.00            |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 12.00            |                  |
| Geotrails                                     | 459.75           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 459.75           | 864.00           |
| Calendars                                     | 1,043.00         |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 1,043.00         | 1,083.00         |
| Maps  | 166.00           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 166.00           |                  |
| Tick Cards                                    | 64.30            |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 64.30            | 126.40           |
| Sales and Commissions                         | 31.50            |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 31.50            | 45.50            |
| <u>RPA Grants</u>                             |                  |                 |               |                 |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| HLS & FiPL Receipts                           |                  |                 |               |                 | 2,000.15         | 9,914.00        | 11,914.15        | 5,295.69         |
| MTA Receipts                                  |                  |                 |               |                 | 10,258.99        |                 | 10,258.99        | 0.00             |
| FiPL Grants                                   |                  |                 |               |                 | 820.00           |                 | 820.00           | 0.00             |
| <u>Interest received (Building Society)</u>   | 1,282.67         |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 1,282.67         | 518.80           |
| less Prepayments                              | -1,732.00        |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | -1,732.00        | -4,807.00        |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>                              | <b>18,776.43</b> | <b>721.13</b>   | <b>211.18</b> | <b>5,000.00</b> | <b>13,379.14</b> | <b>9,914.00</b> | <b>48,001.88</b> | <b>28,441.66</b> |
| Legacy Received                               | 154.96           |                 |               |                 |                  |                 | 154.96           | 11,078.83        |
|   | <b>18,931.39</b> | <b>721.13</b>   | <b>211.18</b> | <b>5,000.00</b> | <b>13,379.14</b> | <b>9,914.00</b> | <b>48,156.84</b> | <b>39,520.49</b> |

Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

**ARNSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB LANDSCAPE TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

|   | £                           | £                        | £             | £                             | £  | £                | 2022/2023<br>£    | 2021/2022<br>£    |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | General<br>Purposes<br>Fund | Desig-<br>nated<br>Funds | NW<br>CP a/c  | AONB/LT<br>Prtp Grant<br>Fund | LT ELS<br>& EWGS<br>Agreements<br>(Reserves) | ELS<br>Agreement | Total<br>Payments | Total<br>Payments |
| <u>Management and administration</u>                    |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  |                   |                   |
| Printing, stationery and postage                        | 167.40                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 167.40            | 319.91            |
| Course & Conference fees and Subscriptions              | 123.00                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 123.00            | 118.00            |
| Insurance   | 882.61                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 882.61            | 818.49            |
| Sundries  | 0.00                        |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Repairs & Replacements                                  | 773.96                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 773.96            | 0.00              |
| Computer costs  | 731.52                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 731.52            | 749.86            |
| Designated funds  |                             | 958.16                   |               |                               |  |                  | 958.16            | 812.47            |
| Sales items purchased,                                  | 802.35                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 802.35            | 1,370.46          |
| Sales costs for Postage and packaging, net              | 97.15                       |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 97.15             | 113.20            |
| Payments to Third Parties for Sales                     |                             | 0.00                     |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              |                   |
| <u>Governance Costs</u>                                 |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  |                   |                   |
| Costs of AGM, AGM printing                              | 0.00                        |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 50.00             |
| Hire of rooms for AGM + Trustee mtgs                    | 125.00                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 125.00            | 556.00            |
| Independent Examiners Fee                               | 100.00                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 100.00            | 100.00            |
| <u>General charitable expenditure</u>                   |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  |                   |                   |
| Production Costs - Keer to Kent                         | 5,950.02                    |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 5,950.02          | 5,654.02          |
| Postage - Keer to Kent                                  | 1,234.43                    |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 1,234.43          | 1,252.75          |
| Site management   |                             |                          |               |                               | 5,059.43                                     |                  | 5,059.43          | 3,256.40          |
| Grants & Donations                                      | 0.00                        |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Reserves capital expenditur                             |                             |                          | 934.47        |                               |  |                  | 934.47            |                   |
| AONB Partnership Grant Fund                             | 2,500.00                    |                          |               | 3,945.00                      |  |                  | 6,445.00          | 5,552.28          |
| <u>Promotions and capital expenditure</u>               |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  |                   |                   |
| Events costs  | 270.00                      |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 270.00            | 50.00             |
| Cost of Sales   |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <u>Costs of Fundraising</u>                             |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  |                   |                   |
| Entry Level and Higher Level Stewardship Agreement exp. |                             |                          |               |                               |  | 3,857.90         | 3,857.90          | 3,863.38          |
| MTA expenditure   |                             |                          |               |                               | 29.08  |                  | 29.08             | 8,621.01          |
| Legal fees and disbursements                            | 0.00                        |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 1,761.08          |
| <b>SUB-TOTALS</b>                                       | <b>13,757.44</b>            | <b>958.16</b>            | <b>934.47</b> | <b>3,945.00</b>               | <b>5,088.51</b>                              | <b>3,857.90</b>  | <b>28,541.48</b>  | <b>35,019.31</b>  |
| Land purchase (Boundary Copse)                          |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              | 16,000.00         |
| Legal fees  |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              |                   |
| Inter account transfer                                  |                             |                          |               |                               |  |                  | 0.00              |                   |
|   | <b>13,757.44</b>            | <b>958.16</b>            | <b>934.47</b> | <b>3,945.00</b>               | <b>5,088.51</b>                              | <b>3,857.90</b>  | <b>28,541.48</b>  | <b>51,019.31</b>  |

## Arnside and Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust

### TOTAL PAYMENTS

### NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

|   |                   |               |                  |                  |                  |                 |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2023 | 5,173.95          | -237.03       | -723.29          | 1,055.00         | 8,290.63         | 6,056.10        | 19,105.36         | -8,998.82         |
| CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2022 | 95,299.19         | 848.47        | 23,851.70        | 10,245.84        | 4,040.74         | 0.00            | 134,285.94        | 143,284.76        |
|   | <b>100,473.14</b> | <b>611.44</b> | <b>23,128.41</b> | <b>11,300.84</b> | <b>12,331.37</b> | <b>6,056.10</b> | <b>153,901.30</b> | <b>134,285.94</b> |

### Represented by:

|                             |                   |               |                  |                  |                  |                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Petty cash                  | 40.35             |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | 40.35             | 24.85             |
| Santander current account   | 1,980.31          |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | 1,980.31          | 251.31            |
| Nat West current account    | 24,269.32         | 611.44        |                  | 11,300.84        | 12,331.37        | 6,056.10        | 54,569.07         | 40,332.59         |
| Nat West CP account         |                   |               | 23,128.41        |                  |                  |                 | 23,128.41         | 23,851.70         |
| Cumberland Building Society | 75,915.16         |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | 75,915.16         | 74,632.49         |
| Debtors                     | 0.00              |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Prepayments                 | 0.00              |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | 0.00              | -2,500.00         |
| Prepayments - Subscriptions | -1,402.00         |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | -1,402.00         | -1,792.00         |
| Prepayments - Donations     | -330.00           |               |                  |                  |                  |                 | -330.00           | -515.00           |
|                             | <b>100,473.14</b> | <b>611.44</b> | <b>23,128.41</b> | <b>11,300.84</b> | <b>12,331.37</b> | <b>6,056.10</b> | <b>153,901.30</b> | <b>134,285.94</b> |

|  | PURCHASE COST     | ESTIMATED VALUE   |            |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| FIXED ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2021 | £                 | £                 |            |
| Land - Coldwell Parrock 5 acres purchased 2000/01    | 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 2013/14     | 41,334.00         | 41,334.00         | Cost price |
| Land - Warton Mires 8.75 acres purchased 2018        | 70,000.00         | 52,000.00         | Valn 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 (Primary School)      | 1,319.00          | 0.00              |            |
| Mac computer   | 1,034.00          | 0.00              |            |
| Reserves equipment                                   | 7,330.00          | 3,020.00          | Estimate   |
|  | <b>278,051.00</b> | <b>239,591.00</b> |            |

### BOOK STOCKS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Stock holding - Terry Keefe's books 65 @ £2 per copy      | 130.00          |
| Stock holding - Barry Ayre's books 93 @ £2 per copy       | 186.00          |
| Stock holding - Leonard Smith's Book 478 @ £2.65 per copy | 1,233.70        |
|   | <b>1,549.70</b> |

### FIXED ASSETS OWNED BY THE CHARITY

|  |          |      |
|--|----------|------|
| Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company | 1,020.00 | 0.00 |
|--|----------|------|

### DEBTORS

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Amounts due for Advertising in Keer to Kent and subscriptions. | 0.00 |
|--|------|

### Approved by the Trustees

F A Allan (Chairman LT)

F A Allan

Date

10 May 2023

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**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**

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

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**702624**

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 MARCH 2023**.

**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:**

**C/M Holmes**

**Date:**

**27/4/23**

**Name:**

**CHARLES JOHN MICHAEL HOLMES**

**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.