

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC200827 (Scotland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC029475

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2014
FOR**

THE SOUTHERN UPLANDS PARTNERSHIP

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

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**CONVENOR'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014**

At the 2013 AGM, the Board welcomed some new members and said farewell to some old friends. We welcomed Andy McNab, a retired planner and environmental consultant, to the Board and we were pleased that both Mike Fraser and Ann Fraser agreed to stand for a second term. They all bring unique skills and experience to the Partnership. Adair Anderson has been a great source of expertise and drive to the Board over the last 6 years and we are very pleased that he has agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer for the time being. The Board have met regularly over the 12 months and there have been some lively discussions. We feel positive about the months ahead even though it continues to be hard going for organisations such as ours. I hope you will agree that the Partnership continues to play an important role and that you will want to remain involved in some way.

John Thomson
Partnership Convenor

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2014. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC200827 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC029475

Registered office

Studio 2
Lindean Mill
Galashiels
TD1 3PE

Trustees

C A Anderson	- resigned 4.7.13
C H Ballance	
M W Fraser	
A B Fraser	
V R Wood-Gee	
J A Thomson	
J P Thomas	
R H Smith	
L A Fitzpatrick	
A S Crichton	
A J McNab	- appointed 4.7.13

Company Secretary

J & H Mitchell, W.S.

Independent examiner

Alister Biggar
Chartered Accountant
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Solicitors

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Treasurer

C A Anderson

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Honorary President

Mrs B. M. Kelly, CBE

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The company, which is a recognised charity in Scotland, is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 19th October 1999.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

Method of appointment or election of directors

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

The Directors of the company during the period are shown on page 2. New Directors are elected annually at the AGM by a process of nomination.

The Directors meet on a regular basis to review and administer the operations of the Partnership. A project manager is delegated to administer the daily operational matters and to supervise the Partnership's employees.

Company formation/development

- The Directors have met in July 2013, October 2013 and March 2014.
- During the year the Working Group met approximately six weekly.
- The website (www.sup.org.uk) has been updated and enhanced.
- Project grant applications were made to a number of bodies.
- Claims were submitted to SNH and other funders efficiently and on time.
- We held our 12th AGM which was attended by various members.

Related parties

R H Smith (Trustee) holds a position with Scottish Borders Council. During the year 2012/13 Scottish Borders Council provided grants of £3,000. There are no such payments made in the current year..

During the financial year 2013/14, £4,980 was paid to V R Wood-Gee (Trustee) for consultancy work undertaken on a project managed by the Southern Uplands Partnership (2013, Nil). This payment was not for services provided by V R Wood-Gee as a Trustee.

A S Crichton (Trustee) received rent from The Southern Uplands Partnership amounting to £3,780 for costs relating to the DGERC project. These premises are owned by A S Crichton. (2013, £3,780).

Expenses were paid to J A Thomson (Trustee) amounting to £99 for reimbursement of travel costs relating to Clyde Habitat Forum.

Risk management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Southern Uplands Partnership has now been going for 14 years. Much has changed over that time, but our remit and objectives have remained the same. Our charitable objects are:

(a) to promote and advance education of the public about working and living sustainably in the Southern Uplands of Scotland (being generally the hills stretching from coast to coast across Southern Scotland, the northern boundary of which is the Central Lowlands of Scotland, and the southern boundary of which is the border between Scotland and England), either independently and/or in association with Local Authorities, voluntary organisations and local residents; and

(b) to guide and encourage the integration of environmental, social and economic land use policies, the sustainable use and management of land and water and other relevant activities in the Southern Uplands of Scotland so that they are compatible with considerations of the environment and local communities; and

(c) to promote, protect and conserve the biodiversity of the Southern Uplands of Scotland for the benefit of society.

Activities for achieving objectives

The Partnership has continued to play an important role in debates on the future of land use in South Scotland, specifically discussions on woodland expansion, The Scottish Land Use Strategy and SRDP reform. We have also played a role in a number of local initiatives relating to tourism, renewable energy, access and conservation. We have continued to produce regular e-newsletters and maintain the website.

Volunteers

The company is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2013 to 2014 has been another busy year. Our turnover is up, we have successfully completed a number of projects and we have contributed to a range of initiatives and consultations. However, it has also been a year of frustration. We put significant effort into nurturing the idea of the Biosphere, applying and getting UNESCO approval and delivering the Building Opportunity in the Biosphere project only to see it go into hibernation for a whole year while the partners worked to agree a funding package. We are delighted that it has now restarted. We have recruited three project staff and they started work in April. Chimwemwe Chagunda is Business and development Officer, Stephanie Miles is Natural Heritage Officer and Nic Coombey has rejoined the project as Communities and Education Officer. It is excellent news that funding for three years has now been secured and the three project staff are now working hard to regain the momentum that has inevitably been lost.

Our efforts to promote community-scale renewable energy have also continued to be frustrated by the fact that the Borders Energy Agency (which we helped to set-up) has not been able to attract any funding. The BEA is currently hibernating in the hope that circumstances change. It seems to be widely agreed that the need for such an agency is still great.

The economic climate has made securing new funding harder than ever and it is unfortunate that this has coincided with a year-long break between LEADER funding programmes. Our core function (making strategic links, promoting integration, and developing new projects) has never been easy to resource, and we were hit again this year when so many budgets were cut. Whereas previously we have had an SNH grant that helped cover the cost of these objectives, every pound they are able to give is now tied to a specific project. This puts us in an uncomfortable position and one that we need to resolve if we are to continue. The Board has spent much time discussing options and we are now exploring avenues that may bear fruit.

Two new areas of work have assisted us during the year. One was "Capacity for Change" - a D&G LEADER project which needed six months support. We tendered for and won this work and Ed Forrest delivered it, working with a number of communities and with a very tight timescale. That work was completed earlier this year, but it may lead to further work in due course. Back in June 2013 Pip was invited to join the Land Reform Review Group which had been set-up to explore a wide range of issues around land reform in Scotland. Since then he has been spending at least two days a week on this task. The work required getting to grips with all the issues around land reform and supporting the other four members of the Group to formulate proposals and recommendations. The funding from both these work-streams has helped towards core costs.

The other main area of work this year has been the continuing development of Wild Seasons. Since the end of the LEADER-funded project back in December, we have had to maintain momentum with SNH funding alone. SNH has been keen to support the extension of the initiative across into the Borders and this work is now progressing well. We have worked with SNH staff to produce an "Explore for a Day - Scottish Borders" leaflet which is now out. We have also run the first of three familiarisation trips. These aim to develop a greater awareness amongst local tourism businesses of what natural heritage activity visitors can enjoy in the area. The first trip took a group people who run small businesses around the Tweed Valley - calling in at Traquair House to visit the ancient yews; a walk in Glenkinnon Burn Wood; fantastic local food in Peebles and then into Glentress for a zip-wire ride across the valley. Participants also had a chance to network and the overall response was very positive. The next trip will be in June and will concentrate on the Berwickshire coast.

In D&G the LEADER funded Wild Seasons project ended in December, with Iain Wilson submitting a final report. The project made great strides over the year - with the website significantly upgraded to include tweets, pinterest and facebook page links as well as a searchable events database. A number of familiarisation trips and training events were run across D&G, including a popular course on "Guiding Skills". Iain also developed a number of self-guided itineraries show-casing the range of wildlife attractions in the region. Have a look at the website: www.wildseasons.co.uk.

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Charitable activities

The LEADER-funded Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys project also came to an end in March. This project was widely praised for its success on a number of fronts, and the Community Development Company that has been established has now been awarded two further years funding to allow it to take on a project development worker, so the initiative continues to thrive. Julie Nock who was the guiding light behind the three year project has since been helping us with the Wild Seasons work.

Room to Grow is a project that has grown from the Ecoschools initiative and which seeks to encourage children to work with the rest of their community to grow food. Linked to schools, the health agenda, inter-generational learning and social enterprise, it is an excellent idea and we hope it may attract funding later this year.

Scottish Borders Council has developed three themed festivals, on nature, walking and cultural heritage. All of them are feeling the effects of economic cut backs, with marketing budgets cut and staff time squeezed. We were invited to help fund-raise for the Walking Festival and we are now in discussions with the Council on how the three events might be delivered in future. The developing Wild Seasons project may offer a way forward.

We have been approached for help with a range of other projects as well. Ranging from butterfly reserves to new bridges, and from possible red kite reintroduction to the development of community renewable energy schemes. It seems clear that there is a demand for the skills and experience the SUP represents. We just need to find more ways of making money from the service we provide.

Investment policy and performance

Cash deposits are reviewed regularly to ensure that a suitable rate of return is earned.

Factors relevant to achieve objectives

As outlined above, core (or project development funding) remains a major issue for us. Meetings with representatives of our main partners have continued throughout the year to look at ways of maintaining support for the work we do in the region and cross-border.

The recession has hit many of the grant funders who support projects as the income from trusts has dropped.

Project funding has therefore been much harder to secure and a number of potential projects have not proceeded as a result.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Unrestricted Funds

The Board's strategy on the financing of the Partnership is that Core Funding be sought from partners and used to fund core management and administration costs. These include costs not directly incurred in the management of current projects, and cover the significant proportion of the Project Manager's costs involved in discussions on potential projects which may not crystallise, and in research for funding sources for both potential and delivered projects.

While these costs tend to increase, it is inevitable in the current climate that our partners have had to review, and in most cases, reduce their Core Funding grants. Alternative Core Funding sources have been researched, but in the meantime the Directors have agreed to draw on the Partnership's unrestricted reserves. During the past year, these drawings totalled £29,014, and these reserves amounted to £53,553 at 31st March 2014.

The Directors continue to monitor this funding shortfall situation closely. The Board have approved this interim policy in the hope that ongoing negotiations with key partners and other funding sources will generate more core support and we remain hopeful that additional funding will be forthcoming in due course.

Restricted Funds.

The funding for all projects is fully guaranteed before they start. However, much of this funding can only be claimed retrospectively, and there is sometimes a significant lag between grants being due and grants being received on certain projects. This results in some projects appearing in these accounts to be in deficit.

Principal funding sources

The partnership considers each application on its relative merits and in conjunction with the objectives of the Partnership. Projects are only adopted in the context of prior funding availability to ensure that the Partnership is not placed in a restricted financial position.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We continue to work closely with other NGOs in South Scotland such as the Solway Firth Partnership, Borders Forest Trust and Tweed Forum. We are currently working with the latter and with the Crichton Carbon Centre to support applications to the SNH Peatland Action restoration fund. This work is being undertaken by Emily Taylor covering D&G and Maggie Magee with Tweed Forum in the Scottish Borders.

We are also watching the development of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme with interest as it seems there will be a need for facilitation to support collaborative applications, where our experience in the uplands should be beneficial.

Finally, we have been working with a number of partners on developing potential new projects. In many ways this is where we have most significant strengths, but it is also where we increasingly lack funding support. Discovering Dumfries & Galloway is an archaeological project being developed with Glasgow University. We have been aware for years that we do not make enough of the archaeology of the Southern Uplands, and this would be a way of helping local people better understand and celebrate the past that lies under their feet.

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MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The Directors of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

J Thomson - Trustee

13th June 2014

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SOUTHERN UPLANDS PARTNERSHIP**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 set out on pages ten to nineteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alister Biggar
Chartered Accountant
JRW
Chartered Accountants
19 Buccleuch Street
Hawick
Roxburghshire
TD9 0HL

13th June 2014

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2014 Total funds £	2013 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	52,140	294,875	347,015	322,919
Activities for generating funds	3	22,678	-	22,678	1,015
Investment income	4	<u>3,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>5,132</u>
Total incoming resources		78,408	294,875	373,283	329,066
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	5	6,000	-	6,000	4,780
Charitable activities					
Direct Costs	6	101,195	249,568	350,763	388,860
Management charges		(11,373)	11,373	-	-
Governance costs	8	<u>3,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>4,495</u>
Total resources expended		<u>99,685</u>	<u>260,941</u>	<u>360,626</u>	<u>398,135</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS					
		(21,277)	33,934	12,657	(69,069)
Gross transfers between funds	17	<u>(7,737)</u>	<u>7,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(29,014)	41,671	12,657	(69,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>82,567</u>	<u>16,115</u>	<u>98,682</u>	<u>167,751</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>53,553</u></u>	<u><u>57,786</u></u>	<u><u>111,339</u></u>	<u><u>98,682</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SOUTHERN UPLANDS PARTNERSHIP (REGISTERED COMPANY NO. SC029475)

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31ST MARCH 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	529	848
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	159,916	85,329
Cash at bank		<u>55,173</u>	<u>41,823</u>
		215,089	127,152
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(104,279)	(29,318)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>110,810</u>	<u>97,834</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		111,339	98,682
NET ASSETS		<u>111,339</u>	<u>98,682</u>
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		53,553	82,567
Restricted funds		<u>57,786</u>	<u>16,115</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>111,339</u>	<u>98,682</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31ST MARCH 2014**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2014.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2014 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13th June 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Thomson - Trustee

M Fraser - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Deferred income arises when the conditions attaching to a grant prevents its immediate recognition.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Management charges are confirmed at an amount set by the funder of each individual project.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Directors named on page 2. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2014 £	2013 £
Donations	13,568	-
Grants	322,133	311,159
Sales & sundry income	<u>11,314</u>	<u>11,760</u>
	<u>347,015</u>	<u>322,919</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
Core Grants	37,335	36,155
Project Grants	<u>284,798</u>	<u>275,004</u>
	<u>322,133</u>	<u>311,159</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2014 £	2013 £
Memberships	575	1,015
Consultancy fees	<u>22,103</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>22,678</u>	<u>1,015</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2014 £	2013 £
Rents received	3,590	3,544
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>1,588</u>
	<u>3,590</u>	<u>5,132</u>

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5. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2014	2013
	£	£
Staff costs	5,250	4,250
Telephone	130	80
Postage and stationery	400	300
Travel	220	150
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,780</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7)	Totals
	£	£
Direct Costs	<u>350,763</u>	<u>350,763</u>

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2014	2013
	£	£
Staff costs	118,055	204,821
Project costs	197,129	156,571
Insurance	653	280
Travel	5,635	6,971
Telephone	1,185	767
Printing and stationery	2,161	1,187
Rent	10,089	10,431
Sundries	464	14
Admin support	6,899	4,438
Other admin costs	3,112	2,365
Payroll fees	660	660
Subcontracting	3,402	-
Exhibitions	1,000	-
Depreciation	319	355
	<u>350,763</u>	<u>388,860</u>

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2014	2013
	£	£
Staff costs	2,303	2,303
Accountancy	1,560	1,560
Legal & professional fees	-	632
	<u>3,863</u>	<u>4,495</u>

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9. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2014	2013
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	319	355
Pension costs	<u>7,721</u>	<u>10,005</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2014 nor for the year ended 31st March 2013.

Trustees' expenses

Expenses were paid to J A Thomson (Trustee) amounting to £99 for reimbursement of travel costs relating to Clyde Habitat Forum.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2014	2013
	£	£
Wages and salaries	107,400	183,733
Social security costs	10,487	17,636
Other pension costs	<u>7,721</u>	<u>10,005</u>
	<u>125,608</u>	<u>211,374</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2014	2013
Management	1	1
Project staff	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014	<u>10,262</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>10,920</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2013	9,853	219	10,072
Charge for year	<u>102</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>319</u>
At 31st March 2014	<u>9,955</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>10,391</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2014	<u>307</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>529</u>
At 31st March 2013	<u>409</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>848</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade debtors	159,906	41,050
Other debtors	<u>10</u>	<u>44,279</u>
	<u>159,916</u>	<u>85,329</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2014 £	2013 £
Other creditors and accruals	10,279	29,318
Deferred grants	<u>94,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>104,279</u>	<u>29,318</u>

Deferred income relates to grant income received in advance of the formal signing of the memorandum of agreement for the funding which has prevented its immediate recognition.

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15. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Expiring:		
Between one and five years	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,340</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2014 Total funds	2013 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	529	-	529	848
Current assets	56,365	158,724	215,089	127,152
Current liabilities	<u>(3,341)</u>	<u>(100,938)</u>	<u>(104,279)</u>	<u>(29,318)</u>
	<u>53,553</u>	<u>57,786</u>	<u>111,339</u>	<u>98,682</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.13	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.3.14
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
SUP Core Funding	82,567	78,408	(99,685)	(7,737)	53,553
Restricted Funds					
Red Squirrels in South					
Scotland	13,647	2,272	(9,379)	-	6,540
Windfarm Habitat Fund	57,698	-	(34,987)	-	22,711
Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys	(17,715)	13,357	-	4,358	-
Black Grouse Project	4,391	4,267	-	-	8,658
Building Opportunities in the Biosphere	(95,678)	94,307	(84)	3,976	2,521
DGERC	6,244	37,642	(41,262)	4,363	6,987
Bugs in Gardens	6,552	1	(2,190)	(4,363)	-
Natural Heritage Officer	6,222	4,999	(5,968)	(5,253)	-
BOB Ecosystems	13,730	10,690	(20,661)	(3,759)	-
Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys Development	7,023	45,986	(53,277)	268	-
Wild Seasons Project Officer	(4,559)	72,556	(71,108)	3,111	-
Biosphere Special Projects	4,720	1	-	5,036	9,757
Broadband Awareness Events	3,840	-	(3,840)	-	-
North Solway Coastal Trail	2,000	-	(5,015)	-	(3,015)
Future Restricted Projects	8,000	-	(4,161)	-	3,839
Explore for a Day	-	900	(900)	-	-
Finnish Visit 2013	-	2,440	(2,440)	-	-
Peatland Restoration Project	-	1,809	(1,809)	-	-
Biosphere Development	-	-	(212)	-	(212)
BioBlitz	-	1,956	(1,956)	-	-
Ettrick School Project	-	1,692	(1,692)	-	-
	16,115	294,875	(260,941)	7,737	57,786
Total Funds	98,682	373,283	(360,626)	-	111,339

Unrestricted Funds - Funds held for the general core part of the charity which do not hold any restrictions.

Restricted Funds - Relates to all current projects being managed by The Southern Uplands Partnership which are all shown separately due to donor restrictions and monitoring of the progress of each individual project.

Transfer of Funds - represents the contribution to specific projects by The Southern Uplands Partnership as well as for the continuance of similar projects.

18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions paid by the company to the fund and amounted to £7,721 (2013, £10,005) of which £5,129 is a closing creditor.

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19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

R H Smith (Trustee) holds a position with Scottish Borders Council. During the year 2012/13 Scottish Borders Council provided grants of £3,000) There are no such payments made in the current year..

During the financial year 2013/14, £4,980 was paid to V R Wood-Gee (Trustee) for consultancy work undertaken on a project managed by the Southern Uplands Partnership (2013, Nil). This payment was not for services provided by V R Wood-Gee as a Trustee.

A S Crichton (Trustee) received rent from The Southern Uplands Partnership amounting to £3,780 for costs relating to the DGERC project. These premises are owned by A S Crichton. (2013, £3,780).

Expenses were paid to J A Thomson (Trustee) amounting to £99 for reimbursement of travel costs relating to Clyde Habitat Forum.