



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6th April 2020 to 31st December 2020

Charity name: Ambleside Action for a Future (AAFAF)

Charity registration number: 1188921

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by taking action to mitigate climate change and its effects and by promoting biological diversity.</p> <p>To advance the education of the public in the subject of climate on change and its mitigation and to promote research for the public benefit in all aspects of that subject and to publish the useful results.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>This was a period of forging connections, exploring ways to proceed and laying the ground in order to maximise our chances post lockdown of reducing emissions in Ambleside to net zero by 2030. After we became a CIO there was a great deal of necessary backroom work undertaken to make sure that we complied with organisational requirements such as the Privacy Policy, Safeguarding etc. All groups, with the exception of the lobbying group - whose members worked independently - continued to meet on Zoom monthly. In November we began monthly meetings with other similarly motivated organisations in the County viz Sustainable Keswick and Peninsula Environmental ActionTeam (PEAT). We were represented at the meetings of the</p>

		<p>county-wide Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership. Our closest and strongest working alliance was with Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) and their consultant who is allocated to work with us.</p> <p>The Transport group which first met in early May, established a relationship with The Lake District National Park Partnership Group on Sustainable Transport. The group wrote an open letter, published on the front page of the local paper opening up a conversation between all stakeholders in the area such as the District Council, the Lake District National Park, the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce, the Ambleside Chamber of Trade, and residents. This brought the issue of traffic levels in the National Park to the forefront of the agenda for cutting emissions and brought into sharp focus the idea of an eco-levy on traffic entering the National Park, the proceeds from which would be used to improve public transport. The group also invited our local MP to a meeting and were heartened to find that they had his genuine wholehearted support for the traffic reduction changes they want to bring about.</p> <p>We ran an online workshop in July - Communication or Alienation - to give members of the group the skills and confidence to talk to local people about the climate emergency in line with our aim of educating the public on climate change.</p> <p>First Aid training was undertaken by two members in September so that they could be on hand when we are able to run events involving the public again.</p> <p>The A-Z and Energy sub-groups investigated schemes and funding for renewable community energy with help from our consultant from CAfS. They also approached several businesses with large roof areas which operated in daylight hours with a view to engaging owners in a project to buy solar PV in bulk.</p> <p>The A-Z group also commissioned a group to develop a carbon calculator for our use which will be available for residents and businesses in Ambleside to measure their carbon footprint along with access to advice on how to lower their emissions. This is in line with our objective to mitigate</p>
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		<p>the effects of climate change</p> <p>The Warmer Homes Group made three funding applications to buy an infra-red camera, two of which were successful. The camera will be used to survey residents' homes for heat loss, damp and lack of insulation. In preparation for the surveys they designed a pre-survey questionnaire and went through this with a number of residents over the phone. This proved helpful to people in alerting them to ways in which they could keep their homes warmer, saving energy and money. The full survey programme will start in late autumn 2021. The publicity for this was designed and is ready for the printer.</p> <p>The Growing Group was perhaps most affected by the lockdown during the period having been unable to get together outdoors. Some members conducted a socially-distanced reconnaissance of Ambleside to identify spare available land for planting pollinators or vegetables. They are also planning an event in 2021 post lockdown to give plants away to residents. A tree planting scheme was also being actively considered. Contact was made and advice sought from our local representative of the Woodland Trust.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have followed the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission in its document CC3 - "The Essential Trustee".

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment		Not applicable

	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The entire work of AAFAF is carried out by volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The A-Z sub-group commissioned a group to develop a carbon calculator which will be available for residents and businesses in Ambleside to measure their carbon footprint along with access to advice on how to lower their emissions. This is in line with our objective to mitigate the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Following a Growing and Composting workshop early last year, and the planting of a Community Orchard in the Park, the Growing Group watered and maintained the Orchard throughout the year and has had very positive feedback about the free planted-up window boxes that people took away with them from that workshop. It has been clear that a number of residents have become enthused about growing herbs, vegetables and pollinator friendly flowers as a result of the event. This is in line with our aim to educate people about climate change and also about ways to improve the environment (providing pollinators for insects) and become more resilient in the face of climate breakdown (growing food).</p> <p>It is hard to quantify the achievements of the Lobbying Group members but during the period, many of them wrote on issues concerning the climate such as the continued funding of fossil fuels and the application for a new coal mine in West Cumbria.</p> <p>Again, in line with our role as educators about the climate emergency we used our two Facebook pages, one public and one a private closed group to post and comment on current reliable information about environmental issues and developments which often included an opportunity to sign a petition or a letter on a matter of concern.</p>

		We also began to widen the scope of our website during the period, with links to events and other environmental, scientific and campaigning websites.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	No specific objectives were set.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives were set
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investment objectives were set
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>At the start of the period, when the charity was founded, no funds were held.</p> <p>During the period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - total unrestricted receipts were £1765, most of which were from donations; - in addition there were receipts of £2250 from a grant and a donation towards the Warmer Homes project which will take place during 2021; - total expenditure was £357, all of which was for administrative purposes (website, membership software, Zoom and insurance). <p>At the end of the period, unrestricted reserves of £1408 and restricted funds of £2250 were held. There were no other assets or liabilities.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Reserves are held for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to meet the costs of essential routine items (e.g. insurance, ICT), in the event of a failure to raise sufficient funds to cover them; - a contingency fund for unexpected essential costs; - urgent small projects not anticipated in the annual budget; - a cushion for cash flow, in case of a need to incur planned expenditure before receiving the income to cover it. <p>The target total of reserves is £1800.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£1408</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	90% of funds received during the period were from fundraising. Of these donated funds, £2000 was a grant from the Cumbria Community Foundation and the remaining £1634 was from donations by individuals.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No such policies have been adopted.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees have adopted a risk management policy which identifies potential financial, reputational, legal, operational and environmental risks. With the controls that have been put in place, none of these risks is currently regarded as significant.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission trustee welcome pack.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	AAFAF has 6 formal members who are the charity trustees, and a wider membership of about 110. These members meet in 7 different working groups organised around specific topics or projects, each of which is led by a volunteer coordinator who reports to the trustees. AAFAF works with Cumbria Action for Sustainability, charity number 1123155.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ambleside Action for a Future
Other name the charity uses	AAFAF
Registered charity number	1188921
Charity's principal address	Dillygarth, Loughrigg, Ambleside, LA22 9HF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gillian Kelly	Chair		
2	Caroline Caple	Secretary		
3	Mary Wyburn	Treasurer		
4	Sharon Holt			
5	Steve Lenartowicz			
6	Steve Wyburn			
7	Andrew Murtagh		until 19/10/2020	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None		
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
	None		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable


Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)	Gillian Margaret Kelly	Kathleen Mary Wyburn
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
	Date	19th April 2021	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06/04/20	To	Period end date 31/12/20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,090	250	-	1,330	-
Gift Aid Reclaimed from HMRC	271	-	-	271	-
Cash donations at meetings	34	-	-	34	-
Grant Funding for Warmer Homes CCF	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Charitable money transferred from 'Ambleside Climate Change Forum'	231	-	-	231	-
Compensation from Nat West Bank	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,765	2,250		4,015	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total receipts	1,765	2,250		4,015	
A3 Payments					
Zoom subscription	142	-	-	142	-
Zurich Public liability insurance	89	-	-	89	-
Website Hosting Fee	36	-	-	36	-
Group Spaces subscription	90	-	-	90	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	357			357	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total payments	357			357	
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,408	2,250		3,658	
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end	1,408	2,250		3,658	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		1,444	2,250	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,408	2,250	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	K. M. WYBURN	19/04/2021