



# **North Craven Heritage Trust Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

**for the period**

**1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011**

## **Trustees**

Ethne Bannister	President
Michael Southworth	Chairman
Giles Bowring	Treasurer
John Asher	Secretary
Maureen Ellis	
Rita Hudson	
David Johnson	
Kenneth Pearce	
Mary Slater	
Michael Slater	
Sarah Smith	

## **Examiner of the Accounts**

Haworths Limited, Chartered Accountants  
The Old Tannery, Eastgate, Accrington BB56PW

## **Structure, governance & management of the Trust**

The Trust is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution as amended in October 2005.

Trustees are elected by the membership for terms of three years. The Trustees may co-opt further members to the management committee who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity. Meetings of Trustees are normally held four times in each year.

Officers are Trustees and are elected annually by the membership.

## **Objectives and activities of the Trust**

The Trust is established in the administrative area of the former Settle Rural District Council to:

1. Encourage high standards of planning and architecture, and,
2. Stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area, and,
3. Encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

North Craven Heritage Trust Chairman: Michael Southworth Secretary: John Asher Treasurer: Giles Bowring  
Charity Commission Registration No: 504029

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In furtherance of these objectives the Trustees have borne in mind and sought to follow the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit. When considering planning applications the Trustees seek to ensure that the Trust's concerns to conserve and protect seek to guide rather than to prevent appropriate change and development. Policies regarding planning are to be posted publicly on our website and public feedback encouraged. Similarly, policies regarding grants for research and historic places of worship are accessible on the website. Activities are spread across the whole of the area rather than just concentrating on the larger centres of population. Subscriptions are maintained as low as possible with reduced rates for joint and senior members. Entry fees for non-members are kept low.

The main activities of the Trust in pursuance of its objectives are lectures, walks, publication of the annual *Journal* and other literature; supporting surveys and research; scrutinising planning applications; and raising funds & providing grants towards restoration of historic places of worship.

## Membership

Memberships currently number 243 which, taking joint memberships into consideration, gives a total of 352 members. This compares with 372 last year and 397 in 2009. This drop is despite 22 new members joining this year.

## Chairman's Report

I would like to thank all the members of the committee who have worked hard during the year to deliver another successful programme of events. I also wish to record our gratitude to all those members of the Trust who give of their time to distribute the *Journal*, put up posters of events, obtain advertising revenue for the *Journal*, lead walks and maintain the Trust website. Without their voluntary efforts the costs of running the Trust would be significantly higher.

During the year, so far, we have enjoyed another excellent programme of 5 walks (with one more to come in December at Lawkland Hall), 3 lectures (with one more on 8th November) and a Summer Outing around Penrith, all of which have been well supported. The *Journal* was, once again, a flagship production and our thanks are due to the Editorial team of Mike Slater and Maureen Ellis who do such a professional job for us.

Next year will be a swan-song Summer Outing under the guidance of David Johnson. It will be the 10th successive year that he has run this event and he is going to be a hard act to follow.

As you will recall, we held a new musical event this year on 1st July at Coniston Hall by kind permission of our President, Ethne Bannister. We were blessed with a fine summer evening and about 80 people were entertained by two very talented young singers. The event was very successful from a financial point of view, raising some £679 for Trust funds. However it was not particularly well supported by our members and your committee are now pondering what, if anything, we should do for next year. You will recall that this event replaced our annual New Year Recital where it had become very difficult to raise any money at all.

During the year our new website went live and we are very grateful to David Holdsworth and Frank Woodhams for all the work that they have put into this, and continue to put in. In combination with the 'new look' website we have also 'refreshed' our publicity material, some of which you can see on the display boards here tonight.

We have made substantial grants (£4,400 in total) during the year, from the Historic Churches Fund, to the Parochial Church Councils of Thornton in Lonsdale, Burton in Lonsdale, Clapham and Stainforth.

We have also spent considerable time examining planning applications and raising objections where we felt it was appropriate. The burden of this work has been undertaken by Ken Pearce, with help from Sarah Smith. This is a very time consuming and important task and our thanks are especially due to Ken for what he does in this regard. We are adding a section to the website from which you can see the record of what we have been doing.

Finally I would like to mention that two of our committee are not seeking re-election this year. David Johnson who has served for twelve years and has been a tower of strength, supporting the committee and the Trust in innumerable ways; and Rita Hudson who has diligently coordinated our lecture programme for the past three years. We are very grateful for all their efforts.

In anticipation of David's retirement we have transferred our archive material to The Folly, who have agreed to store them for us. Many of you may know that the Trust which runs The Folly and our Trust both originated as The Settle Civic Society, but subsequently split and went their separate ways. Your committee believes that there is merit in the two trusts working in collaboration and this is one small step in that direction.

## Financial Review

### NORTH CRAVEN HERITAGE TRUST

(Charity Registration Number : 504029)

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - Year Ended 31st August 2011

#### GENERAL FUND

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Opening Bank Balances				
Skipton Building Society Bonds	6000.00		0.00	
Capital Reserve Account (less Historic Churches Fund)	5248.98		9244.53	
Current Account	838.92	12087.90	743.81	9988.34

#### Receipts

Subscriptions & Donations		2581.40		2799.40
Income Tax refund		480.90		0.00
Christmas Party	586.40		345.50	
- less costs	445.85	140.55	320.00	25.50
Picnic in the Park (2010 New Year Recital)	945.00		475.10	
- less costs	266.00	679.00	470.70	4.40
Other Events		120.00		149.19
Sale of Books & Publications				
- Bentham Books	3.50		13.50	
- Flora of Craven	14.99		0.00	
- Journals	14.00		33.50	
- Settle Town Trail			200.00	
- Frankland Diary	10.00		26.98	
- Long Preston booklet	2.00		6.00	
- Austwick book	628.76			
- less costs	737.50	-108.74		
- Misc. cards/leaflets	1.50	-62.75	0.00	279.98
Document Sales		0.00		0.00
Interest (see Note 1)		1.91		4.45
CDC		200.00		
	<b>Sub-total Net Income</b>	<b>4141.01</b>		<b>3262.92</b>

#### Payments

Journal	1766.40		80.00	
- less advertising revenue	525.00	1241.40	510.00	-430.00
Membership Cards		91.89		89.13
Lectures & Field Days		252.18		184.50
Annual General Meeting		106.67		320.01
Publicity		559.59		0.00
Administration		564.95		434.22
Insurance		245.00		200.00
Subscriptions				
- Ramblers Association	45.00		40.50	
- Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance	25.00	70.00	25.00	65.50
Books/Publications		0.00		0.00
	<b>Sub-total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>3131.68</b>		<b>863.36</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before Donations and Bursaries</b>		<b>1009.33</b>		<b>2399.56</b>

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Donations : - Leeds Choir	-150.00		150.00	
- Settle PCC (Clapham PCC)	0.00	<u>-150.00</u>	150.00	300.00
Bursaries - Lancaster University	0.00		0.00	
- Bradford University	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Historic Churches Fund		4000.00		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure on General Fund</b>		<b>-2840.67</b>		<b>2099.56</b>
Closing Balances @ 31st August, 2011				
Skipton Building Society Bonds	6000.00		6000.00	
Capital Reserve Account (less Historic Churches Fund)	3150.89		5248.98	
Current Account	96.34	9247.23	838.92	12087.90
Assets				
Sundry books and leaflets				not valued
Projection equipment				not valued
Display Boards				not valued
Photocopier				not valued
Loudspeaker System				not valued
Laptop/Projector				not valued

Liabilities Nil

Note 1. Interest for the year was £2.12, of which £1.91 has been allocated to the General Fund and £0.21 to the Historic Churches Fund

Note 2. A claim for Gift Aid was submitted after the year end.

Note 3. The costs of the Journal 2011 (£1655.80) are not included in these accounts

Note 4. No interest has been credited in respect of the Skipton Building Society Bonds

#### **HISTORIC CHURCHES FUND - Year ended 31st August 2011**

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Opening Bank Balance		<u>639.85</u>		<u>639.36</u>
Receipts				
Interest	0.21		0.49	
Donation	0		0.00	
Transfer from General Funds	4000	4000.21	0.00	0.49
Payments				
Grants				
St Oswalds Church, Thornton in Lonsdale	1000.00			
Burton in Lonsdale PCC	400.00			
Clapham PCC	1000.00			0.00
Langcliffe PCC	2000.00			
Total grants		4400.00		
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>		<b><u>240.06</u></b>		<b><u>639.85</u></b>

J M Southworth (Chairman)

G R Bowring (Treasurer)

No funds are in deficit.

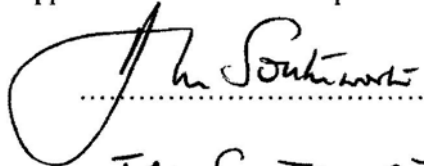
### Reserves Policy

The Trust's reserves policy is to aim to maintain reserves at a minimum of twice the previous two years' gross annual income.

### Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

  
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Name:

J M SOUTHWORTH  
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Position:

CHAIRMAN  
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Date:

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