

**NORTHERN FELLS RURAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT GROUP
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2010**

Charity Number 1093814

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group

Charity number 1093814

Company registration number 4504085

Registered office Millhouse Village Hall
Millhouse
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Trustees Mr M Threlkeld (Chairman)
Mrs L Smith (Vice-Chairman)
Mr D Kent (Treasurer)
Dr J Cox
Mr D Bruin
Dr M Elderkin (Retired 31 March 2010)
Mr G Gash
Mr L Gleed
Mr F Shaw
Mr A Tyson
Mr D Ward
Mr K Bridges
Mr W Smith
Mrs C Johnson
Mrs J Bush (Appointed 1 October 2009)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2010.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr M Threlkeld (Chairman)
Mrs L Smith (Vice-Chairman)
Mr D Kent (Treasurer)
Dr J Cox
Mr D Bruin
Dr M Elderkin
Mr G Gash
Mr L Gleed
Mr F Shaw
Mr A Tyson
Mr D Ward
Mr K Bridges
Mr W Smith
Mrs C Johnson
Mrs J Bush

Mrs J Bush was appointed as a trustee on 1 October 2009.
Dr M Elderkin retired as a trustee on 31 March 2010.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Legal status

The charity was incorporated on the 06 August 2002 and began its charitable activities on that date.

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 06 August 2002 and amended 11 January 2007.

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ORGANISATION

The management of the group is entrusted to the committee, which consists of the officers, namely Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer and up to twelve other members plus co-opted members. The committee meets no less than four times per year.

All officers and committee members are members of the group. Each of the Parish Councils of the seven parishes of Ireby with Uldale, Boltons, Westward & Rosley, Sebergham & Welton, Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby and Mungrisdale nominate a committee member at the Annual General Meeting who serve for the following year. Other officers and committee members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee has powers to do all things necessary and desirable in pursuit of the objects of the group.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Membership

There are currently 170 individual members of the Northern Fells Group and 85 family members. Membership costs £5 per annum or £15 for a family (reviewed annually) and is open to anyone living within the Northern Fells Area or wishing to support the aims of the Northern Fells Group.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects as set out in the governing document

The Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group promotes and undertakes (either alone or on behalf of or in association with other bodies, organisations and individuals) charitable activities of any kind for the benefit and welfare of the inhabitants, communities and organisations in the parishes of Ireby with Uldale, Boltons, Westward & Rosley, Sebergham & Welton, Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby and Mungrisdale in the county of Cumbria and elsewhere.

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The group runs the following services:

- Core administration, research, development and fundraising;
- The Lend a Hand Group provides neighbourly support to people who are ill or less able, and their carers;
- The Benefits Awareness and Advice Scheme assists the elderly, those with disabilities and families on low income;
- Youth Initiative runs a range of activities including cycling, music, arts and sport as well as networking with local, county and national youth schemes;
- The Minibus service provides a flexible, accessible door to door booking service for people of any age without their own transport, and group hire;
- The Village Agent project links people to our services and outside organisations with four agents distributed throughout the parishes
- In addition we organise parish based lunch clubs, drop-in sessions and Tai-Chi for older people.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who partake of the services provided within the seven parishes that make up the Northern Fells Group.

Core Service

The Group has continued to increase membership and to maintain fundraising and trading activities. During the year the group co-ordinator has attended funding fairs, lunch groups promoting the group and applied for and obtained grants. Concentration on grant funding and fundraising in general are now principal aims of the Group Co-ordinator given the importance of this activity.

The Mosedale Meeting House Coffee Shop was open again at weekends from July to September and is run entirely by over 60 volunteers; we also display work from local Artists who very kindly donate a percentage of sales to the group. We continue to sell our popular cards and mugs and are in the process of running a photographic competition throughout the parishes for a 2011 calendar. We organised an Art & Craft Exhibition at Rosley for Easter 09 and there was a Dinner/Dance organised in May 09.

The Co-ordinator has attended various meetings during the year with other groups such as Cumbria Community Transport Forum, Fells & Dales Leader LAG, Age Concern, Action with Communities in Cumbria, Neighbourhood Forums and with local representatives from our Local Authorities. This ensures that we do keep the needs of our rural communities on the agenda of other organisations and Government. The co-ordinator has also kept in touch with our many grant providers to report progress and discuss our needs for the future. The Northern Rock Foundation, Allerdale Local Committee - Social Care and Hilmarnan Trust have supported the Lend a Hand Group. Allerdale Local Committee - Surestart and The Joyce Wilkinson Trust made it possible for last Easter and Summer youth activities. The seven Parish Councils in the group's area, Heskett Newmarket Brewery, the Caldbeck Surgery Charitable Trust all continue to support our Minibus Service along with Cumbria County Council Community Transport. Fells & Dales RDPE, Allerdale and Eden Neighbourhood Forums and Cumbria C.H.U.M.S have supported the new Village Agent Project which commenced 1st February 2010.

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We are extremely grateful for their support and express our thanks to all.

It would not be possible to offer our services without the work of our wonderful volunteers; the trustees and co-ordinators express their sincere thanks for their dedication and continuous support.

The Lend a Hand Group and Benefits Awareness

From 1st April, 2009 to 31st March 2010 the Lend a Hand volunteers made a total of 266 visits, of which 34 were by the handymen, 211 were by the personal/domestic/Red Cross volunteers and 21 were for medical loans. In addition 438 visits were made for prescription deliveries. Of the 40 individuals helped over the year, 4 live in Boltons, 6 in Ireby/Uldale, 10 in Caldbeck, 4 in Castle Sowerby, 5 in Westward/Rosley, 5 in Sebergham/Welton and 6 in Mungrisdale parishes.

The handymen's tasks included hedge trimming, shelf repairs, mending a leaking cistern, pressure washing, emptying and moving large garden containers and putting up a trellis.

The personal/domestic/Red Cross volunteers made hospital and home from hospital visits, accompanied people to hospital appointments and on other outings, helped clear up after burst pipes during cold weather, made snacks and attended to the needs of housebound patients when carers were unable to get through the snow to them, relieved carers and made visits for personal care e.g.fingernail and toenail trimming, as well as social visiting. Volunteers from both strands joined forces to clear up after builders for a disabled couple, to help pack and move books and shelving and to walk dogs, whose owner was recovering from surgery on a foot.

From April, it was decided by the volunteers to begin a trial period of prescription deliveries to the housebound and those who had difficulty getting to Caldbeck surgery when prescriptions were to be issued for one month's supply only. The group set up and operated a service which proved so successful that the surgery decided to extend it to all who wished to take advantage of it. The volunteers felt that they could not cope with such large numbers and that valuable time should not be devoted to delivering to able-bodied people, perfectly able to collect their own prescriptions. It was amicably agreed with the surgery that they would take on an employee to take over the service, which Lend a Hand had run for a year.

The medical loan service, run in partnership with the Red Cross has been kept busy, with wheelchairs, commodes and walking frames being the most borrowed items. The loan equipment is serviced regularly by the Red Cross. The co-ordinator attended a British Red Cross Health and Safety update meeting and in June gave a presentation about the Northern Fells Lend a Hand group to Red Cross staff and volunteers. She regularly attends the R.C. volunteer forums, often with some of the LAH volunteers.

The weekly Tai Chi exercise class for the over-60's, with teacher Lesley Relph, continues to be well-supported with an average attendance of 14.

Lend a Hand volunteers continue to help with the popular weekly drop-in coffee morning at Millhouse, where the home-baking and friendly atmosphere is much appreciated by all and which is a useful point of contact for those who have need of our assistance. They also help at the monthly lunch groups in the various parishes and, during the summer months, at the Mosedale Meeting House coffee shop, helping to raise funds for the Northern Fells Group.

In addition to the group's usual activities, referrals have been made to other appropriate services and, of course to the very successful Benefits Awareness Service. We have liaised with social workers and carers, Social Services, the Meals on Wheels service, MIND and Age Concern and have attended

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various groups and meetings to supply information about the Northern Fells Group services and raise issues on behalf of the community with other service representatives.

In March, 10 volunteers attended First Aid and Life Support refresher training sessions and have received certificates from the Red Cross.

The group has 18 volunteers and is currently reviewing and renewing CRB checks, with enhanced disclosures.

No request for help has ever been turned down and the volunteers continue to adapt to meet the changing needs of the local community.

The Benefits Awareness Scheme (and help with forms) is part of the Lend a Hand Group's activities.

The number of residents using the Benefits Awareness service increased to 48 this year, the most of any year since the service started in 2002. Of the 48 people contacting the service, 24 were aged over 75 years and 3 were parents with children under 16 years of age. 29 people were assisted with claim forms, some with two or more claim forms, and 19 were given other information, referred to other agencies or assisted with letters or telephone calls to sort out a variety of concerns. There were over 80 home visits to the 48 clients during the year.

£58,110.23p per annum in benefits was awarded to the 29 residents who were helped with benefit claims between the beginning of April 2009 and the end of March 2010. Of the above total £38,180.50p per annum was awarded to people over 75 years of age.

Information and assistance was given with a wide variety of concerns and referrals made to a number of different organisations. Benefit claims included disability benefits such as disability living allowance and attendance allowance, sickness and incapacity benefits, working tax credit, child tax credit, pension credit, council tax benefit, bereavement benefits and employment support allowance. People also wanted help with stopping unsolicited mail, with housing information and applications, blue badges for disabled drivers and passengers, bus pass applications, careline alarms and other aids for increasing independence in the home when disability complicates life, and information about social care, home care, meals on wheels and help available for carers. Some of the referrals made were to our own Northern Fells services - the Minibus, the Lend a Hand Group, Lunch Groups and the Drop In at Millhouse. Others were to the District Nurses, to Age Concern, to Social Services, to the Careline Alarm services, to voluntary and hospital car services, and to the NHS Dentist applications database.

Assistance was given with the Northern Fells Newsletter in Autumn 2009

Assistance was given with setting up the new Village Agents Project and I am looking forward to working closely with the four village agents over the coming year.

The Benefits Awareness service has continued to be advertised from time to time in the parish newsletters, and is advertised in the Northern Fells Services and Organisations booklet. The local GPs and the District and Practice Nurses refer patients to the service. The annual Newsletter lets people know about the service, and word of mouth is one of the most valuable ways in which people find out about the help offered.

Grant Funding for the Lend A Hand came from Northern Rock Foundation and Cumbria County Council Local Committee for Allerdale Grant - Social Care, together with the Hilmarnan Trust.

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The Minibus continued its much appreciated, flexible, accessible door to door booking service for people of any age without their own transport and also group outings.

The service has twenty four voluntary drivers providing a 6 day a week service. Three new drivers joined us over the year and took the places of drivers who had retired or moved away. The passengers often express their gratitude to the drivers for their friendly assistance (and their patience when appointments over run!).

The minibus is established as a flexible booking service for people without their own transport and for those who need the disabled access. It also helps people during temporary periods of illness or disability and can take carers out to give them a break. The minibus takes people to both medically related appointments and social visits to friends, village activities, shopping etc. It brings teenagers home from school when they stay on for sport or musical activities and miss the school bus. It takes older people to lunch groups and the drop-in coffee morning at Millhouse. The service takes passengers out of the area to appointments or to public service connections for longer journeys.

The minibus has also been used to take young people to some of the Youth Activities organised by the Northern Fells Group in the Easter and Summer holidays.

In this accounting year the minibus carried 2,600 passengers travelling between 15,000 and 16,000 miles (miles with passengers on board). There was a quiet patch in January when the snow and ice kept the minibus idle at its base but otherwise every other month has been busy with the minibus out and about every day.

The current minibus is five years old now and is ready for replacement. We have been fortunate in being awarded a generous grant from Cumbria County Council to add to the money we have been saving for a new minibus. The final funding has been achieved through a very successful Auction of Goods and Promises in February which raised £5,000 and we are grateful to Caldbeck Young Farmers who donated £1000 (raised at their Christmas Ball) to the Northern Fells Minibus Replacement Appeal. The Trustees also want to thank Margaret and Richard Brough who with a wonderful team (including the Young Farmers again who acted as waiters and waitresses) gave £1000 to the Appeal from the Dinner and Cabaret with 'West End Lights' they organised on 30th January. The new minibus is ordered and will be on the road in June 2010.

Youth Initiative

The Youth activity holiday programmes continue to be very popular and the number of children enjoying them is increasing. During the Easter and Summer Holidays of 2009/10 our youth initiative has continued to thrive culminating in 120 children taking approximately 240 places in the 18 organised events. This year we introduced bread-making, a day at Hawse End outdoor activity centre, street & contemporary dance, a "day with your dog", felt pictures & jewellery, mod roc sculpting and a toddlers fun morning.

The programme also included tennis, cricket, map reading, hill climbing, taekwondo, adventure cycling (including safety & maintenance training), archery and golf coaching. The children were very enthusiastic about the new activities on the programme and continued to enjoy the other regular events. Ages ranged from 6 -16 and the toddlers from babies to age 5.

Funding for the summer programme (2009) came from the Joyce Wilkinson Trust and the Allerdale Local Committee

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Reverb music group is run by Alison Scott and Alex Green who continue to run weekly sessions during term time for youngsters from 8-18 in Caldbeck. Starting with the April term after Easter we had a four week session with Jilly Jarman on Jazz where Reverb played some jazz standards and they went on to perform these at the Northern Fells Group dinner dance at the Greenhill hotel and again at Caldbeck village hall for another NFG event.

We played again at Ireby music festival, samba drumming with Andy Humpage and organized a 'Children in Need' charity event at which there were some great performances from the children and a considerable sum of money raised.

As well as working on specific ideas we had sessions where children had to decide on an idea to work with which produced some very creative pieces and also gave the older ones a chance to lead the younger ones most beneficial to all.

Village Agent Initiative

Launched on 1st February 2010, Village Agents bridge the Gap between communities in the Northern Fells Area and organisations that are able to offer help or support in providing high quality information. They put people in direct contact with the agencies that are able to provide the service they need in helping them to make informed decisions about their own well being, remain independent in their own homes and to feel more secure, cared for and have a better quality of life.

This exciting initiative is a further string to the Group's bow by helping to build and strengthen communities within the Northern Fells Area.

Finance is being provided by Fells & Dales RDPE, Allerdale and Eden Neighbourhood Forums, Cumbria C.H.U.M.S and Group funds. We have employed a Village Agent Co-ordinator who additionally is Village Agent for Westward & Rosley and 3 further agents will hopefully be employed by April 2010.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity to enable them to guard against shortfall, undertake projects and to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. It is intended to build up the reserves.

Review of the financial position of the charity

The Group has seen a return to a positive net income balance from the activities undertaken this year.

However, the importance of Grant Income remains pivotal to the funding for the Group now and in future years.

Principal financial management policies adopted

A financial report in the form of a profit and loss statement is circulated to the committee prior to each quarterly meeting.

A verbal overview is given by the treasurer of the overall financial position of the group together with details of any major items of income and expenditure that have occurred in the previous 3 months.

Any potential large business / operational expenditure or risk is discussed and agreed by the

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committee prior to any implementation.

An annual review is held with the independent examiner prior to the issue of the financial statements.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The Group has been funded through a mixture of earned income, donations and membership from its local communities. Grants have been awarded from funds supporting rural communities and sustainable development or from those that support care for the elderly and disadvantaged. The Minibus, Lend a Hand (incorporating the Benefit Awareness Scheme), Youth Initiative and Village Agents will continue to provide much needed services to those members of the Northern Fells Community who face exclusion because of ill health, disability, lack of transport or low incomes.

Funders

Northern Rock Foundation
Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales
Cumbria County Council - Community Transport
Cumbria County Council Local Committee for Allerdale Grant - Social Care
Allerdale Local Committee (Surestart Youth Grant)
Cumbria Community Foundation
Caldbeck Surgery Charitable Fund
The Clore Duffield Foundation
Neighbourhood Forums of Allerdale and Eden
Boltons, Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby, Ireby with Uldale, Mungrisdale, Sebergham & Welton and Westward & Rosley Parish Councils Hesketh Newmarket Brewery Fund
Hilmarnan Trust
Fells & Dales RDPE
Cumbrian C.H.U.M.S
Caldbeck Young Farmers
Voluntary Donations

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The trustees plan to continue all services and build a reserve of money to enable the Group to respond with help to identified areas of need.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Andrew Liddle, Chartered accountant, for and on behalf of Saint & Co. has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

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

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

MRS S F CLARKE
Company Secretary

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTHERN FELLS RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2010 set out on pages 13 to 21.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, as amended); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

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 trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; or

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

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NORTHERN FELLS RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP *(continued)***

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Andrew Liddle, Chartered accountant, for and on behalf of Saint & Co.
Independent examiner

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18 August 2010

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generating funds: | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | 2 | 2,394 | 10,065 | 12,459 | 3,176 |
| Activities for generating funds | 3 | 12,261 | 1,972 | 14,233 | 6,543 |
| Investment income | 4 | 39 | - | 39 | 710 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 5 | - | 30,125 | 30,125 | 30,523 |
| Other incoming resources | 6 | 2,325 | 6,651 | 8,976 | 8,760 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | <u>17,019</u> | <u>48,813</u> | <u>65,832</u> | <u>49,712</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Costs of generating funds: | | | | | |
| Fundraising: cost of goods sold and other costs | 7 | (3,631) | - | (3,631) | (3,045) |
| Charitable activities | 8/9 | (15,394) | (37,941) | (53,335) | (48,867) |
| Governance costs | 10 | (522) | (1,560) | (2,082) | (1,853) |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | <u>(19,547)</u> | <u>(39,501)</u> | <u>(59,048)</u> | <u>(53,765)</u> |
| NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR/NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR | | | | | |
| | 12 | (2,528) | 9,312 | 6,784 | (4,053) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>17,821</u> | <u>44,926</u> | <u>62,747</u> | <u>66,800</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u>15,293</u> | <u>54,238</u> | <u>69,531</u> | <u>62,747</u> |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2010

| | Note | 2010 £ | £ | 2009 £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 14 | | 1,036 | 5,282 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Debtors | 15 | 14,115 | | 9,846 |
| Cash at bank | | 57,151 | | 54,018 |
| | | 71,266 | | 63,864 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 16 | (2,771) | | (6,399) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | 68,495 | 57,465 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | 69,531 | 62,747 |
| NET ASSETS | | | 69,531 | 62,747 |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 17 | | 54,238 | 44,926 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 18 | | 15,293 | 17,821 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | 69,531 | 62,747 |

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

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

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the
and are signed on their behalf by:

MR D KENT

MR M THRELKELD (Chair)

Company Registration Number: 4504085

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Incoming resources

Income is received by way of grants, service level agreements/contracts and services provided and are included in the statement on financial activities in the period to which they relate. Grant income is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income is deferred when either the donor specifies that the grant must only be used in future periods of account or the funding relates to activities in a future accounting period.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those that 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.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. They include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activities include expenditure undertaken directly for the activities of the charity and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.
- Support costs include central functions that have been allocated to activity cost categories.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items are of a revenue nature if below £250 and are not capitalised up to this level.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Computer equipment | - straight line over four years |
| Motor vehicles | - straight line over five years |

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | | | | |
| Donations | <u>2,394</u> | <u>10,065</u> | <u>12,459</u> | <u>3,176</u> |

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fundraising | <u>12,261</u> | <u>1,972</u> | <u>14,233</u> | <u>6,543</u> |

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank interest receivable | <u>39</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>710</u> |

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5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lloyds TSB Foundation | - | - | 6,000 |
| Cumbria County Council - Allerdale Grant | 5,000 | 5,000 | 1,430 |
| Parish Council Grants | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,419 |
| Caldbeck Surgery Charitable Fund | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Northern Rock Foundation | - | - | 9,026 |
| Cumbria Community Foundation | 4,500 | 4,500 | 200 |
| The Clore Duffield Foundation | (641) | (641) | 7,078 |
| Allerdale & Eden Neighbourhood Forum | 3,400 | 3,400 | - |
| Joyce Wilkinson Trust | - | - | 2,000 |
| Allerdale Borough Council | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Cumbria Fells and Dales RDPE | 951 | 951 | - |
| Cumbria County Council - Community Transport | 9,100 | 9,100 | - |
| Other Grants Received | 1,665 | 1,665 | 870 |
| | <u>30,125</u> | <u>30,125</u> | <u>30,523</u> |

6. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Other income | - | 3,203 | 3,203 | 2,261 |
| Membership Subscriptions | 2,325 | - | 2,325 | 2,456 |
| Minibus Fares | - | 3,448 | 3,448 | 4,043 |
| | <u>2,325</u> | <u>6,651</u> | <u>8,976</u> | <u>8,760</u> |

7. FUNDRAISING: COST OF GOODS SOLD AND OTHER COSTS

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fundraising | 3,631 | 3,631 | 3,045 |
| | <u>3,631</u> | <u>3,631</u> | <u>3,045</u> |

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8. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Minibus | – | 11,720 | 11,720 | 10,383 |
| Lend a Hand | – | 6,889 | 6,889 | 8,254 |
| Village Agents | – | 866 | 866 | – |
| Youth Initiative | – | 6,054 | 6,054 | 6,368 |
| Core | 196 | – | 196 | 48 |
| Minibus Replacement Fund | – | 3,902 | 3,902 | 4,356 |
| Support costs | 15,198 | 8,510 | 23,708 | 19,458 |
| | <u>15,394</u> | <u>37,941</u> | <u>53,335</u> | <u>48,867</u> |

9. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Support costs £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Minibus | 11,720 | 2,890 | 14,610 | 11,037 |
| Lend a Hand | 6,889 | 1,440 | 8,329 | 9,310 |
| Village Agents | 866 | 457 | 1,323 | – |
| Youth Initiative | 6,054 | 3,753 | 9,807 | 7,457 |
| Core | 196 | 15,168 | 15,364 | 16,707 |
| Minibus Replacement Fund | 3,902 | – | 3,902 | 4,356 |
| | <u>29,627</u> | <u>23,708</u> | <u>53,335</u> | <u>48,867</u> |

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2010 £ | Total Funds 2009 £ |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accountancy fees | 522 | 1,560 | 2,082 | 1,853 |

11. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

| | 2010 £ | 2009 £ |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Staff costs | 13,354 | 11,756 |
| Travel | 1,600 | 1,054 |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 3,236 | 1,859 |
| Depreciation | 994 | 1,139 |
| Other costs | 4,515 | 3,550 |
| | <u>23,699</u> | <u>19,358</u> |

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12. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Depreciation | 4,896 | 5,495 |
| Auditors' fees | 2,082 | 1,853 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

13. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Total staff costs were as follows:

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 22,260 | 20,610 |
| Social security costs | 655 | 803 |
| | <u>22,915</u> | <u>21,413</u> |

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses in relation to services provided to the charity.

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | No | No |
| Number of staff | 2 | 2 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2009 - Nil).

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Plant and machinery etc. £ | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| COST | | |
| At 1 April 2009 | | 27,851 |
| Additions | | 650 |
| Disposals | | (1,890) |
| At 31 March 2010 | | <u>26,611</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | | |
| At 1 April 2009 | | 22,569 |
| Charge for the year | | 4,896 |
| On disposals | | (1,890) |
| At 31 March 2010 | | <u>25,575</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | |
| At 31 March 2010 | | <u>1,036</u> |
| At 31 March 2009 | | <u>5,282</u> |
| Capital commitments | | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| | £ | £ |
| Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements | <u>28,000</u> | <u>-</u> |

During the course of the year the trustees have taken the decision to replace the minibus and had authorised the purchase of a new minibus to replace the old one. The new minibus was acquired after the balance sheet date at a cost of £28,000.

15. DEBTORS

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | <u>14,115</u> | <u>9,846</u> |

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16. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| PAYE and social security | 330 | 599 |
| Other creditors | 641 | 4,000 |
| Accruals | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| | <u>2,771</u> | <u>6,399</u> |

Other Creditors as stated above includes deferred income which is deferred and released in future periods.

Movement on Receipts in advance

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Receipts in advance brought forward | 4,000 | 14,239 |
| Released in the year | (4,000) | (14,239) |
| Deferred in the year | 641 | 4,000 |
| Receipts in advance carried forward | <u>641</u> | <u>4,000</u> |

17. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

| | Balance at 1 Apr 2009 | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | Balance at 31 Mar 2010 |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Restricted Funds | <u>44,926</u> | <u>48,813</u> | <u>(39,501)</u> | <u>54,238</u> |

18. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

| | Balance at 1 Apr 2009 | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | Balance at 31 Mar 2010 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General Funds | <u>17,821</u> | <u>17,019</u> | <u>(19,547)</u> | <u>15,293</u> |

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

| | Tangible fixed assets | Net current assets | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Restricted Income Funds: | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 1,036 | 53,202 | 54,238 |
| Unrestricted Income Funds | - | 15,293 | 15,293 |
| Total Funds | <u>1,036</u> | <u>68,495</u> | <u>69,531</u> |

20. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group is a charity limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.