

THE TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 520295
SCHEME DATED 28TH JULY 1922

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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Scheme Date 28th July 1922

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Trust Details:

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THE TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUST

The report of the Trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Trustee presents its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

Name of the Charity: The Townsfield Charitable Trust

Registration No. 520295

Address of principal office: 50 Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5JS

Names of Trustees on date report approved:

Keswick Town Council

Councillors:

Louise Dunn

Steve Harwood

Chris Houghton

Claire Houghton

Denstone Kemp

Sally Lansbury

Benita Laphorn

Jean Murray

Rob Nelson

Tim Parsons

Adam Paxon

Lorraine Taylor

Nature of governing document and how charity constituted

The Townsfield is held on trust by the Trustee of Fitz Park.

Methods adopted for recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

In 1974 Keswick Town Council was conveyed the Parks on trust for the people of Keswick. It is therefore a given that once democratically elected as a Town Councillor, the duty of trustee of the Parks forms part of that role. The recruitment process is, therefore, according to the Local Government Act 1972; Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended by the Representation of the People Act 1985, and the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986, amended 1999.

The Trust has adopted a training strategy which includes a statement of commitment to training of all current and future Trust members and staff and takes the form of a planned process of identifying training needs, planning and organising appropriate forms of training.

Objects of Charity as set out in Governing Document

To provide and maintain Townsfield for the public as a recreation ground for use of the inhabitants of, and visitors to, the town of Keswick.

Summary of main activities undertaken in relation to objects

The main activities carried out by the Trust during 2023/2024 were grass cutting, hedge trimming and tree work which were undertaken to maintain the area for recreation and leisure use. Access has been improved to the area, new double gates installed, and planting undertaken.

Public Benefit Statement

In establishing the public benefit of the Charity's activities, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

During the year, the Trust provided a well-kept open space for informal recreation and leisure in close proximity to the town centre. Grass cutting and hedge trimming was necessary to maintain the area which was available for use by the inhabitants of, and visitors to, the town of Keswick and neighbourhood.

Achievements and Performance

The expenditure of £2,816 incurred throughout the year was spent on grass cutting, tree work and wages and has been met by means of a grant from Keswick Town Council. Other income was received via dividend and bank interest of £13.

The traditional Ram Fayre took place on the Thursday 23rd May 2024.

Financial Review

The Trust has no free reserves.

A surplus of £13 was made.

This report was approved by the board of the Trust on 11th July 2024.

Councillor Jean Murray
Trust Chair

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
THE TOWNSFIELD - REGISTERED CHARITY NO 520295
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st March 2024

2022/2023		2023/2024
	REVENUE ACCOUNT	
£	INCOME	£
800	Grant from Keswick Town Council - Wages	800
0	Grant from Keswick Town Council - Tree Work	2003
13	Dividend Received	12
0	Wall Repair Income	0
0	Bank Interest	1
813	TOTAL INCOME	2816
	EXPENDITURE	
800	Wages	800
0	Tree Work	2003
0	Repairs to Wall	0
800	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2803
13	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	13

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

2022/2023	*INVESTMENT AT COST	2023/2024
Units		Units
20	Common Investment Fund (0004032627)	20
193	Common Investment Fund (0004032628)	193
213		213

* Bid Value at 31st March 2023 - £305.98

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