THE VERDERERS OF THE NEW FOREST HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

Reference AG00350016 "The HLS Scheme"

Statement of Accounts for the year ended

28 February 2011



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Scheme details

Scheme name: The Verderers of the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship Scheme

Number: AG00350016

For the year to 28 February 2011

Board

Voting Members

Verderers of the New Forest

New Forest National Park Authority

Forestry Commission

Non-voting Members

Natural England Hants & IOW Commoners Defence Association

The Verderers of the New Forest have entered into an agreement with Natural England to carry out environmental land management and capital works of the New Forest.

The objectives of the HLS Scheme will be implemented by a partnership of the Verderers of the New Forest, The New Forest National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission.

Financial Review

The Scheme has an excess of income per expenditure for the year of £58,012. The Scheme's assets and liabilities are reflected in the balance sheet on page 3.

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 28 February 2011

Income	2011 £
Income from Natural England – annual entitlement Income from Natural England – capital entitlement Other income – contributions from 3 rd parties	1,558,902 74,168 43,455
Total income	1,676,525
Less: Income deferred	(99,120)
Net Income	1,577,405
Expenditure incurred before 28/02/2011 Forestry Commission managed HLS project expenditure New Forest National Park Authority managed HLS project expenditure Verderers managed HLS project expenditure	441,289 77,420 936,894
Total project costs	1,455,603
Admin costs - HLS Independent Accountant's Fee	62,405 2,500
Total administrative costs	64,905
Excess of Income over Expenditure in the Year	56,897

Balance Sheet As at 28 February 2011

	Note	2011 £
Current assets		
Accrued income from Natural England		836,005
Cash at bank and in hand		276,031
		1,112,036
Current liabilities		4
Accruals		2,500
Deferred income		99,120
Due to Verderers Grazing Scheme		207,493
Due to New Forest National Park Authority		343,36
Due to Forestry Commission		402,661
		1,055,139
Net scheme assets		56,897
Represented by:		C
Unspent funds		56,897

The notes on page 4 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board of the Verderers of the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship Scheme

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Official Verderer

Notes to the account for the year ended 28 February 2011

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Income from Natural England is recognised in the year to which the Scheme relates. Grants received after the year end that relate to the scheme year are reflected in Income as Accrued Income. Any income (allocated from the year's grant) that relates to project expenditure incurred after the year end is included in creditors as Deferred income. Any unallocated income is carried forward in accumulated fund. Any other income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and is recognised in the period the costs incurred by the project partners. Any costs not reimbursed to the partners in the year are accrued and included in creditors and accruals.

2 Related parties

The Verderers of the New Forest, New Forest National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission are partners to the Scheme. Each partner manages a number of projects and is reimbursed by the Scheme for the expenditure incurred. Amounts paid or payable to the parties were as follows:

	£
Forestry Commission	441,289
New Forest National Park Authority	386,820
Verderers of the New Forest	627,494

The amounts payable included in the above are separately disclosed on the balance sheet.