

**BITTERN COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY  
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company  
Company Information  
For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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<b>Directors</b>	Mrs Ann Kitchen Mrs Valerie Stevens Dr Sarah Hymas Mr Peter Haine Mrs Caroline Howard Mr Stephen Porter
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr Peter Haine
<b>Company Number</b>	06363720
<b>Registered Office</b>	The Old Station Building Station Road Arnside Carnforth Cumbria LA5 0HG
<b>Accountants</b>	Accounts Matters Limited 3-2-1 Storey House White Cross Lancaster Lancashire LA1 4XQ

**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Company No. 06363720**  
**Directors' Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025.

### **Principal Activity**

A summary of the company's principal activities is as follows:

Our Business Plan for 2022-2026 highlighted 3 categories we are addressing:

1. Protect and Restore Nature,
2. Build a waste free world and,
3. Fix our Climate.

These three are all interconnected and working towards one of the aims will have benefits for the other two. In order to enable everyone to take their part in protecting and restoring Nature, people need to know about and enjoy the Flora and Fauna of our area. The Wildlife Atlases continue to facilitate this.

The Sustainable Schools' Project (2022-2024) has left a lasting legacy and we will be building on this in our Climate and Nature Project (2023-2026) over the next two years. We have £2,596 left from the initial grant and an additional £3,500 was given in 2025 to work with the ASNL unit and our local schools and community organisations such as Sustainable Arnside with an emphasis on Climate and Nature. Work is well underway on the Arnside/Silverdale National Landscape Nature Recovery Strategy.

Some of our shareholders are working with the ASNL team and other volunteers to bring this about. One of the projects is a five year initiative to study the flora of the ASNL in a more scientific manner. We are hosting this on our website.

Financially we remain on a sound footing and we have managed to further our aims. We always welcome suggestions from our shareholders as to further possible initiatives. The Company continues to maintain a website hosted by A2A Advertising Ltd. The website enables anyone to download resources on Nature and Energy Saving for free.

### **Company policy on disabled employees**

The company has no employees but encourages voluntary participation from all persons interested in its activities, regardless of age and ability.

### **Directors**

The Company is served by a Board of Directors whose members are drawn from representatives of conservation organisations and local volunteers. There have been 3 changes in the Board in the Year with Ken Kitchen resigning as a Secretary on 7th May 2025 and Peter Haine being co-opted as a Director on 14th March 2025 and elected at the 2025 AGM. Peter has also taken over the role of Secretary from Ken Kitchen. Sarah Hymas was co-opted to the board on 16th Sept 2025. Fiona Allan, David Askew, Robin Horner, Caroline Howard, Ann Kitchen, Malcolm Stevens and Valerie Stevens served as directors for the whole year.

As at 30th Sept 2025 the board comprised nine directors with one vacancy.

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mrs Ann Kitchen

Mrs Valerie Stevens

Dr Sarah Hymas           Appointed 16/09/2025

Mr Peter Haine           Appointed 14/03/2025

Mrs Caroline Howard

Mr Robin Horner       Resigned 14/11/2025

Ms Fiona Allan         Resigned 14/11/2025

Mr David Askew        Resigned 14/11/2025

Prof Malcolm Stevens Resigned 23/10/2025

Mr Stephen Porter     Appointed 27/11/2025

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

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**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Directors' Report (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities - continued**

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Mrs Ann Kitchen

Director

20th January 2026

**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Accountant's Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company for the year ended 30 September 2025 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.cimaglobal.com>.

This report is made solely to the directors of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the directors of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants as detailed at <http://www.cimaglobal.com>. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and its director for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company . You consider that Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company . For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Christine Harwood

13th March 2026

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**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>		693	1,080
Cost of sales		-	(674 )
		693	406
Administrative expenses		(848 )	(697 )
Other operating income		7,404	5,751
Other operating expenses		(7,404 )	(5,751 )
		(155 )	(291 )
<b>OPERATING LOSS AND LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		(155 )	(291 )

The notes on page 8 form part of these financial statements.

**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 30 September 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		13,053		17,102	
		13,053		17,102	
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	<b>4</b>	(6,096 )		(10,000 )	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>			6,957		7,102
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			6,957		7,102
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			6,957		7,102
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	<b>5</b>		12,020		12,010
Profit and Loss Account			(5,063 )		(4,908 )
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>			6,957		7,102

For the year ending 30 September 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

on behalf of the board



Mrs Ann Kitchen  
 Director  
 20th January 2026

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**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

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	<b>Share Capital</b>	<b>Profit and Loss Account</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
As at 1 October 2023	12,010	(4,617 )	7,393
Loss for the year and total comprehensive income	-	(291 )	(291)
As at 30 September 2024 and 1 October 2024	12,010	(4,908 )	7,102
Loss for the year and total comprehensive income	-	(155 )	(155)
Arising on shares issued during the period	10	-	10
As at 30 September 2025	12,020	(5,063 )	6,957

**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. General Information**

Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 06363720 . The registered office is The Old Station Building, Station Road Arnside, Carnforth, Cumbria, LA5 0HG.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A Small Entities "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

**2.2. Turnover**

Turnover represents the total amount of donations and grants received plus the total invoice value of sales made during the year. The total turnover of the company has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

**3. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

**4. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	6,096	10,000
	6,096	10,000

**5. Share Capital**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotted, Called up and fully paid	12,020	12,010
	12,020	12,010

**6. Grants received**

With permission from the grantee, The Arnside/Silverdale National Landscape Partnership, the Grant of £12,000 received for the Climate and Nature Programme specified in an Agreement between The Company and the Arnside/Silverdale National Landscape Partnership has been split into the three years of its currency with £2,000 for 2023/24 and £7,403.69 for 2024/25 and £2,596.31 for 2025/6. The AONB Partnership has been advised the Company has adopted this procedure which is shown as Deferred Income in the Company's accounts. The Partnership has given a further £3,500, deferred to 2025/6.

**Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company**  
**Trading Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>				
Sales		529		606
FIT		164		474
		693		1,080
<b>COST OF SALES</b>				
Printing, postage and stationery	-		674	
	-			(674 )
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		693		406
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>				
Insurance	547		415	
Advertising and legal fees	221		202	
Sundry expenses	80		80	
		(848 )		(697 )
<b>Other Operating Income</b>				
Grants and subsidies received	7,404		5,751	
	7,404		5,751	
		7,404		5,751
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>				
Project expenses	7,404		5,751	
	7,404		5,751	
		(7,404)		(5,751)
<b>OPERATING LOSS AND LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		(155 )		(291 )