



## Annual Report 2010-2011

The fund had income of £9267.77 (£2632.69 in 2009-10) in the period. This includes, from Bowland Experience Ltd, £1,320.03 donations and £6,920.00 for purchase of Tramper The balance was miscellaneous donations.

Expenses were £3178.30 (£84 in 2009-10). Of this, £6,920.00 was to pay for the Tramper and £750 was grants. BTEF was able to buy the Tramper free of VAT because it was a charity providing equipment for disabled use (see below).

The Fund had £3,426.06 in cash at the end of the period. There was also £5,190 in Fixed Assets, representing the value of the Tramper after the first year's depreciation. The Fund has £9942.89 in Retained Income.

Two grants totalling £750 (£500 in 2009-10) were approved during the year: £500 was towards the construction of a 'totem pole' celebrating the wildlife of the Forest of Bowland in the new village playground at Scorton and £250 towards the AONB/RSPB Primary Schools education project.

The Visitor Pay-Back scheme was implemented by Ribble Valley Inns (only carried out by Three Fishes at Mitton; the Highwayman at Burrow supported a different, more local, cause). This is expected to have raised about £7,000, but this is not included in the 2011 accounts. This money is being used to fund the development of new trails and underwrite insurance and maintenance costs for the Tramper scheme operated by Bowland Experience Ltd.

HMRC has recognised the company as a charitable institution. This means that corporation tax is not paid and that Gift Aid can be claimed back on donations. In certain circumstances, the company is exempt from paying VAT on purchases.

The Trustees spent a total of 30.5 hours (23 in 2009-10) and travelled 438 miles (249) attending Trustees and AONB meetings on behalf of the Fund.