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- A young person (up to the age of 25) interested in youth hostelling, want to visit the countryside in the British Isles and might need some help meeting the cost.
- If you are keen to support small youth hostels
- If you are interested in youth hostelling in the Outer Hebrides

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The Gatliff Trust is dedicated to encouraging young people, especially those of limited means, to experience, explore and appreciate the countryside of the British Isles. The Trust focuses on specific themes: small hostels, the Outer Hebrides, the adventure of hostelling and personal exploration of the countryside.

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Gatliff Hebridean Hostel Trust



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SMALL YOUTH HOSTELS

Small youth hostels are central to the Gatliff Trust's vision of its mission. We believe that it is important that a network of hostels exists in remote rural areas, along our coasts and amongst our islands' hills, moors and wildernesses, to provide opportunities for young people to explore the countryside. In a consumerist age the unquantifiable value of engagement with natural beauty is particularly important. Small hostels in remote places are an ideal means of making this possible, especially for people of limited means. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Trust contributes to appeals for the improvement or development of small hostels. Its only stipulation is that these hostels remain part of the voluntary youth hostel or both movement. The Gatliff Trust can not support commercial bunkhouses.

This is important because there are not enough accommodation providers with good quality low priced accommodation in remote places. The Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust's hostels in the Outer Hebrides provide a model of the sort of hostel we have in mind. They allow hostellers to linger a while to get to know an area and provide a free and easy atmosphere where it is easy for hostellers to mingle. There is no TV or wifi to distract hostellers from the opportunity to get to know other hostellers, to pass on tips about travelling in the area or places to visit.

Elenydd Wilderness Hostels Trust

During the period of the last report (2010 to 2012) we agreed to give £5,000 to help with the purchase of the Elenydd Wilderness Hostels Trust's Ty'n Cornel hostel.

In 2007 we gave £5,000 as a Deed of Gift to the then newly formed Elenydd Wilderness Hostels Trust to assist with the purchase of their Dolgoch hostel. During 2011 we learned that the Trust was trying to buy the freehold of Ty'n Cornel hostel. They had two years to raise £150,000. We pledged £5,000. Late in 2012 we were delighted to learn that the appeal had succeeded and early in 2013 we noted that the paperwork relating to our Deed of Gift was lodged with our Treasurer.

The Elenydd is an area in the southern Cambrian Mountains of mid-Wales, between

Llanwrtyd Wells and Tregaron. This is a wild and beautiful place where silence is broken only by a gurgling stream, the bleating of sheep or the call of a bird. It is a wonderful area for outdoor activities like walking and cycling, an ideal place to escape from the pressures of the modern world. It is an area which was close to Herbert Gatliff's heart.

In 1968 Herbert encouraged Tim Porter to visit the Elenydd (Herbert called the area by its English name 'Elenith' as he thought it would be easier to understand) to write a guide to this important area. This was published in 1968 in two parts. One described the southern Elenith and the other the northern Elenith. Herbert said of the area

"The Elenith is an uncompromising wilderness, still mainly treeless upland sheep farms. It is little known and visited but has a distinctive apartness hardly equalled in Britain."

Of the northern Elenydd he said it was "even remoter (than the southern Elenydd) and still quite treeless country crossed by the 'Ancient Road' from the head of the Elan Valley."

Tim Porter's logs formed the basis for a pamphlet published by YHA Wales in 1970. This highlighted the threat to the landscape from the planting of coniferous trees. Though many forests of coniferous trees were planted, over forty years on, they have blended into the landscape and those who know the Elenydd today admit that the threat envisaged back in the late 1960s was not realised.

Ty'n Cornel (OS grid reference SN 75 1535, 1:50,000 Maps 146 and 147) is a 16 bed hostel next to a stony track across the mountains, from which there is little sign of the hostel until you round the final bend. Its full Welsh name is 'Tyddyn yn y Cornel' which means 'Smallholding in the Corner'. (It is also sometimes spelled 'Tyncornel'.) Built in the early nineteenth century, Ty'n Cornel was one of a scattering of farms in the area, many of which are now in ruins. The last family moved out in 1952 and the farmhouse has been a youth hostel since the 1960's. It has been run by volunteer wardens since 1987 and has only had electricity since 2004.

Dolgoch (OS grid reference SN 806 562 1:50,000 map 147) is a 20 bed hostel, a

traditional Welsh farmhouse, which the Elenydd Trust have renovated to provide the comfortable accommodation expected by today's hostellers. Dolgoch has a modern, self-contained annexe for disabled visitors funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Skiddaw House (OS 1:50,000 Map 90: Grid Reference NY288291) 22 beds

Over the period of this report we gave £5,000 to help Skiddaw House meet YHA standards. The building has recently been insulated with sheep fleece, creating a cosy atmosphere, despite the high-altitude location.

Skiddaw House (OS grid reference: NY288291 1:50,000 map) is a 22 bed hostel. Camping is also possible in the hostel grounds. The hostel claims to be the highest hostel in Britain! Skiddaw House, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4QX

Merstham

In the autumn of 2012 we received an approach from Alex Goodey, Strategy Officer, North Downs Way National Trail for seed funding to establish the feasibility of converting a private home and office building in Merstham into a multi-use accommodation facility offering camping, hostel accommodation and a not-for-profit 'hostelry.' The facility, when complete, would welcome "slow travellers on horse, bike or foot and provide youth services to the nearby area." The goal would be to create and support sustainable skills and jobs with two workshops; a sports physio and a bike recycling and hire centre.

Merstham is another area close to Herbert Gatliff's home area of Chipstead and on the edge of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding National Beauty, North Downs Way National Trail and two National Cycle Networks.

A grant was agreed in principle subject to further information about the project being provided.

Through 2013 we continued our investigations and awaited news but, reluctantly, by the end of 2014 we came to the conclusion that the project was not going to happen.

OUTER HEBRIDES

Crofters' Hostels

The Gatliff Trust can appoint up to six GHHT trustees and can also appoint the chairman. Trustees therefore receive reports on the work of the Hostels Trust at every meeting. GHHT Trustees who are not GT Trustees are invited to attend GT meetings.

The Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust runs four hostels in the Outer Hebrides: Berneray, North Uist (OS Grid reference NF932814. 1:50,000 Map 18); Howmore, South Uist (NF 757364. 1:50,000 Map 22); Rhenigidale, Harris (NB 229018. 1: 50,000 Map 14).

	2013	2014	2015
Berneray	1,864	2,146	2,120
Howmore	1,076	1,264	1,236
Rhenigidale	864	885	898
TOTAL	3,804	4,295	4,254

Table 1 Hebridean Hostels Overnight figures 2013 to 2015

2015 was the fifty-fourth year of hostel operation. Since Rhenigidale opened in May 1962 it has recorded 33,138 overnights. Howmore, which opened in April 1966, has recorded 44,426 overnights and Berneray, which opened in April 1977, has recorded 56,482 overnights (134,406 in total). Including now closed hostels (Claddach Balae-share, Garenin and Scarp,) the total for all hostels at the end of 2015 was 171,192 overnights.

The GHHT is not just an accommodation provider. This is enshrined in its objectives. The mission of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust is to help all, but especially young persons of limited means, to a greater knowledge, love of and respect for the islands off the west coast of Scotland, particularly by providing or encouraging the provision of simple accommodation within the Islands.

The GHHT's powers to provide and maintain simple hostel accommodation within the islands are a means to an end. We want the existence of the hostels to encourage especially young people of limited means to visit the islands for holiday, educational or connected purposes. To this end we welcome visiting groups of artists from the University of the Highlands and Islands BA in Fine Art course based at Taigh Chearsabhaigh Museum and Arts Centre Lochmaddy at Berneray and Howmore. It would be wonderful if the hostels were full of art, poetry, music and song!

GHHT is also committed to fostering the conservation and understanding of the natural, vernacular and historic scenery, habitat, flora, fauna, buildings, monuments, culture, language and heritage of the Isles and their inhabitants. GHHT is empowered to encourage (to such extent and in such manner as may be charitable) the improvement of the economic and social welfare of the inhabitants of the Isles and the improvement of communications and other facilities within, over and to the Isles.

Berneray

The Hostels Trust had carried out a great deal of work at Berneray during 2012 which stood the hostel in good stead during 2013. However, during 2013 the hot water system and the high cost of electricity caused concern. The water system was improved and new heaters were installed in the hope that this would cut the electricity bills.

Two work parties led by John Joyce visited the hostel in 2014. In April the walls of both annex dormitories were wire brushed and repainted. The external walls of the hostel and annex were completely repainted with masonry paint.

A new Morso stove was installed and was appreciated by hostellers.

In November the work party took action to deter rodents and repair damage that they had caused. During the previous year the island had seen an 'explosion' in its rodent population. Hostellers were asked not to leave out food on the kitchen work surfaces and clear away all waste promptly to the Council rubbish bins at the north end of the hostel. The Trust took action to ensure the rubbish bins provided by the Council were adequate for the task.

In autumn 2015 the common room and kitchen was improved to make it easier for more hostellers to cook simultaneously. A new tiled floor was installed and looks good. Stainless steel work surfaces and two sinks were installed and a new six burner gas hob cooker with electric ovens and a four burner hob.

We improved road signage to the hostel. The first sign is on the 'Circular Road' in North Uist some seven miles from the hostel. There is also a sign at opposite the ferry terminal. The signs were produced by a local artist.

Hostellers demonstrate, by their entries in the hostel house book that Berneray hostel is a very special place.

In August 2013 Hilary & Thomas "Just popped in for a quick visit - the first since 1996 - when I met my future husband ... All these years later we still cherish our memories of idyllic days spent on Berneray's beaches and dancing at a ceilidh"

A Welsh hosteller wrote, "Thank you for keeping this peaceful & beautiful place for people to enjoy, reflect, commune with nature, socialise, share, have fun, escape modern life. Food for the soul."

Howmore

For some years it has been the goal of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust to improve and upgrade all the facilities at Howmore. This hostel is in a wonderful quiet and historic part of South Uist, close to both the Hebridean Way cycling and walking routes.

To this end an appeal for £47,000 was launched in June 2013 at the GHHT AGM. A specially produced colour appeal leaflet was produced and a special edition of the Hebridean Hostellers' newsletter.

Before 2013 much work had been funded from GHHT funds on the thatched building, the original hostel. The roof had been reconstructed and rethatched. During this work the opportunity was taken to connect the porch roof with the hostel roof thus solving an endemic problem of water leakage. This roof was also thatched vastly improving the appearance of the building. Thanks to this roof it was possible

to install high grade roof insulation and upgrade the facilities in the building.

The appeal sought a further £7,000 to continue this work. This included the creation of a new shower, toilet, wash-room and laundry facilities. This included new plumbing and a water heater; a new electrical connection to the building and a new electrical system.

£30,000 was sought to improve the kitchen and upgrade the common room facilities in the stone barn annexe (Common Room building). This included improving the shower and toilet facilities. It was also necessary to re-roof this building and install high grade roof insulation.

£10,000 was needed to upgrade the lesser stone barn to provide overflow summer accommodation and secure storage for cycles and canoes. This building is smaller than the Common Room building and is not in such good condition.

The response from donors was phenomenal and rapid. By the end of 2013 105 donations had been received totalling £18,601. A high proportion of donors signed Gift Aid declarations which allowed the Trust to collect an additional 25% on their donations from the Inland Revenue at no cost to the donor.

Many donors sent messages with their donations. For example: “We had a wonderful time at Howmore, so it seems only fair to help with the maintenance!” (Anon); “Had a wonderful time there!” (Anon); “A very worthy cause. We visited all of the hostels run by the trust as part of our first Scottish mission in 2011. Thanks!” (Sam Jones); “30 years since I stayed at Howmore but loved it. What hostelling is all about!” (Anon) “Good luck with the appeal. I hope to visit Howmore again soon.” (Anon); “Fantastic hostels.” (Niall Wallace); “Wish I could afford to give you more.” (Anon); “For Howmore – many happy memories of South Uist and hope to return soon” (Bronwen Currie); “Keep up the good work.” (Alistair Cant); “I plan to visit again sometime...” (Anon)

By the end of 2014 the Howmore Fund had topped £32,000 thanks to a steady flow of donations. It is worth noting that Vanessa Johnson of Glasgow ran the 2014 Great Scottish Run 10 Km Glasgow in October for the Howmore Appeal. Her sponsorship raised £367! Fantastic effort.

During 2013 work was started on the Common Room building. The new kitchen was constructed and largely fitted out but some work was carried over into the new year. The floor was tiled and the building has been given a new door. The kitchen was, however, left perfectly safe and serviceable.

The bigger kitchen has two cookers and a much larger work space which should make it easier for several hostellers to use the kitchen at once. The work was completed in 2014 in time for the Easter Holidays. Two stainless steel shelves were fitted on the central wall for kitchen equipment. Clear plastic storage boxes were also supplied.

The new shower and toilet look splendid and have greatly increased the comfort and amenity of the shared sleeping accommodation.

A new washroom/ toilet was completed during 2015. This has a shared central stud wall with new shower room which is covered with 12mm moisture proof plaster board. It contains a wash hand basin with hot and cold water, mirror and shaver light fitted on this central wall. (Hot water is supplied from the in-line water heater in kitchen.) Two other walls have been cleared back to original stone work for a natural effect. A new toilet has been installed. The washroom and toilet floors have been newly tiled.

Outside a new hard standing for waste bins was created to improve the hostel environs, protect the Council bins from the wind and give an uninterrupted view from the hostel to the ruined church. A permanent washing line was created using two galvanised posts

The outbuilding was cleared and organised. This is kept locked because it is being used as temporary storage for materials and tools.

During the spring of 2015 the outside of the thatched building was bleached and one coat of paint applied to the kitchen. Since the weather was good, painting took priority. There was still snagging to be sorted in the common room and kitchen. A breakfast bar was now in place. The crockery was now on stainless steel shelves and all was more hygienic and very practical.

The corrugated metal roof of the Common Room block began to show its age, springing a number of leaks. It was decided to replace it with a new, lighter, material. We also replaced the five roof lights with new units. This work was carried out in the spring of 2016.

In 2015 Gatliff Trustees agreed to provide a 'topping off' grant of £4,000. This allowed the GHHT to declare the Howmore Appeal closed. We take this opportunity to thank all our donors, members and supporters for their generosity.

All this effort was rewarded during 2015 when Howmore was awarded Two Stars by Visit Scotland.

Rhenigidale

In autumn 2013, hostel was given publicity in the programme *Chi mi'n Tir, From Harris with Love*. Our warden Kate was one of the 'stars' and, of course, her work as hostel warden was featured.

Later that autumn Visit Scotland upgraded the hostel to Two Stars. In awarding Two Star status Visit Scotland said, "Due to the recent investment and improvements the hostel now merits a Two Star award... At the time of this visit all expectations for this award were met." Subject to normal wear and tear they would continue to be met throughout the coming year. The report went on to note "There is new easy seating in the lounge. The toilet and shower room were repainted at the start of the season and the paintwork is wearing well. There are now blackout blinds over the Velux windows and two of the windows have also had the 'blown' glass replaced. The mattresses have been renewed with some better ones. Both of the bedrooms have been decorated this year. The paintwork looks excellent and some framed pictures have been added. The kitchen has been completed and the worktops look very practical and should be hard wearing. A new drying room has been added this year."

Earlier in the year the drains were remade with new brick work and blockages were removed. At the end of the year it was agreed to replace the skewers. We hope that this will help resolve the issue of occasional damp in the kitchen.

Hostellers responded positively in the house book. Ruth Gilbert said, "Had an

amazing week on the islands. Stayed in Howmore and Rhenigidale hostels. Loved every minute. The hostels were just what I'd hoped for, had everything I needed and the company was great. Would recommend to anyone going there. Hope to be back." Other hostellers said, "Thank you very much for the most amazing place. It has got a very special feel and atmosphere." "Simply the best hostel in Scotland with a very good and hard-working Kate."

During 2014 the roof of the hostel was, at long last, fixed by locally based contractors. Thankfully this has been a big help in resolve the recurrent damp problem in the hostel kitchen.

However, the rendering on the building needed attention and this was finally carried out in the early part of 2016

Tim Langley, our warden Kate's husband, repaired the front guttering damaged in the 2013 winter storms.

During 2014 a new electric cooker and fridge were fitted in kitchen. Also the kitchen fluorescent light was replaced.

The plinth on which the common room Morso stove sits was repaired. It appears to have been damaged by hostellers chopping wood. Yet again GHHT appealed to hostellers to chop wood outside the hostel.

Also in 2014 the whole shower room was deep cleaned and refreshed. In November outside sensor lights were fitted to improve illumination on the steps from the road. One light is angled down from the top. The other is fitted on a newly erected post to illuminate the steps from the bottom. Improvements were made to the outhouse toilet/washroom. A local resident, new to the village, was helping Kate with odd jobs. He also given us some fence posts to keep our footpath secure.

Hostel Condition Report

Trustees were pleased to note that Meg Richards, a former GHHT Trustee, had agreed to take up the role of 'GHHT housekeeper' again. She would take responsibility for the soft furnishings, kitchen equipment and 'housekeeping' at the hostels.

In May/June 2015 Meg has spent two weeks in the hostels to oversee the installation of new bunk beds, mattresses, new tables and chairs at all the hostels.

Visit to the hostels by GHHT/GT Trustees

In 2015 a group of ten GHHT/GT Trustees and volunteers spent a week of fine September weather in the Hebrides on a fact finding visit to the hostels.. They stayed at each of the the hostels and held both formal and informal discussions with the wardens.

THE FUTURE OF THE SMALL HOSTEL IN THE BRITISH ISLES

In November 2014 we hosted a discussion on the future of the small hostel with guests Marilyn Barrack, (chair of the Elenydd Wilderness Hostels Trust), Bill Sellers (Skiddaw House Foundation) and Chris Meeks (Puttenham Eco Camping Barn).

At the Elenydd there is a positive picture of increasing bednights, a good financial position and a well-functioning Trust overseeing a membership of 370. Working parties help to look after the hostels. The focus now is to attract more young people as most members are over 50. Groups can struggle with the limited number of dormitories but there are still a reasonable number of group bookings, usually at weekends. Insurance is more affordable because there is code access to the hostel.

Skiddaw House is very remote (at 1500 feet; on the Cumbria Way; 3 miles to the nearest road; no mains electricity) so it could be difficult to find another warden to replace Martin Webster who retires in 2016. He and his partner run the hostel as a private business. The Foundation is now more hopeful about the future after acquiring some new trustees.

Puttenham Camping barn is located on the North Downs Way between Farnham and Guildford. Being in a more accessible location (2 miles from a train station) most visitors arrive by foot, bicycle or public transport. Along with a number of other camping barns Puttenham has struggled to work with the YHA over its booking system requirements.

With much common ground and facing similar challenges, there was agreement that our organisations can do much to support each other in the future.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

The work of the Ramblers Association

In April 2013 we received a presentation from Benedict Southworth, CEO of The Ramblers about their work with young people.

Benedict started by noting that the day of our meeting was the 80th anniversary of the mass trespass of Kinder – in those times young people were activists!

The countryside is all around us but it can prove surprisingly difficult to get people out there. The days of a mother letting the children go out in the morning not to see them again until teatime are gone. The Ramblers alone doesn't have the answer – no one organisation can bring about change. We all have to search to find ways to create an ongoing habit or pattern of engagement with the countryside.

The Ramblers considers three groups (or stages of development) of young people. Firstly the under 10s, often engaged through work with families, secondly teenagers when adolescence hits and lastly young adults 17 or 18 when they can re-engage again. It is interesting that in the scouts there are more new girl scouts than boys, though it can often be girls who stop participating when they become teenagers.

The Ramblers can help to ensure that the infrastructure is in place, such as ways to get out to locations and short accessible walks. But to engage with the youngest group you can often have more success if you don't call it walking, terms like geocaching or adventure trails have more appeal. But it's also important to remember the importance of "utility" walking – walking to get somewhere. The Ramblers has been working with the National Trust to produce guides, quizzes, short walks and activities across the NT properties in Wales. The plan is to roll this out across England too.

The teenage group often do engage with the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Ramblers are working with the Duke of Edinburgh Award to include more community engagement that links with walking. At the Gold Award level they would create young champions who would reach out to other young people. They might lead walks with the local community. The emphasis is on developing skills, linking with tourism so that as well as helping participants complete their UCAS university admission form it also gives practical experience to improve job prospects.

There is a thriving outdoor industry (PGL etc) and a number of initiatives going on. For example, the Outdoor Industries Association is launching the Britain On Foot website, The Ramblers have a Get Walking Week in May and the National Trust have their “50 things to do before you’re ...”. The Ramblers are also linking up with the YHA to create Ramblers Routes from hostels throughout England and Wales. Ramblers Routes are high quality routes (double-checked) with online facilities to report any issues.

The current situation in the UK is economic gloom and there is the issue of affordability of public transport so organisations such as the Ramblers need to help and encourage people to get out there. Whereas in the past the group represented walkers, it now works more on getting people to walk. Some young people are scared to go beyond urban areas and don’t always comprehend that they have the right to walk there. Local authorities can be torn between the cost of footpath maintenance and reducing budgets, but also wanting to get people out walking to promote healthy lifestyles.

THE WORK OF SUSTRANS

In April 2015 we received a presentation from Rupert Crossbee about the work of Sustrans. Sustrans, which is based in Bristol, began life as Cyclebag. It was founded in 1977 by John Grimshaw and others, as a charity encouraging people to look at different ways of travelling. It quickly took on the wider brief of sustainable transport encouraging cycling and walking. John retired as the Chief Executive Officer five years ago and is now an adviser on cycling.

Their vision is to create a world in which people choose to travel in ways which benefit the environment and their health. The principal policy areas it looks to impact on are health, climate change and energy security.

The National Cycle Network has been growing in the 20 years of its existence. In 1995 it consisted of 500 miles, in 2000 it had grown to 10,700 miles and now in 2015 it covers 14,500 miles. One third of this is dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists. It could be considered a catalyst for the growth in cycling in this country. In 2015 Sustrans is working with Scottish Natural Heritage to include a route (entirely on road) through the Outer Hebrides.

Much of the network makes use of old railway paths such as the Bristol and Bath path. The route is well used by cyclists and walkers. There is a focus on routes around schools in order to embed walking and cycling as a mode of transport from an early age and encourage behavioural change. Sustrans works with both primary and secondary schools on this. It is also trying to create public spaces that people want to use. Particularly in urban areas it is about developing people-friendly spaces. From 2012 to 2013 there was a 7% increase in usage of the National Cycle Network. Of all the journeys made, 25% were to or from work (also an increase). In total roughly 750 million journeys were made by nearly 6 million people in 2013. The organisation has a research and monitoring unit producing data through surveys and counters.

The network is also of real benefit for mobility device users. Sustrans is working on a personalised travel planning project using surveys and follow up support for families and individuals face to face. They are also working with employers and universities as part of this project.

Sustrans has 40,000 supporters providing core funding of £3 to £3.5 million. Other funding is for specific projects by national or local government, corporate supporters, trusts, foundations and others. For example the National Cycle Network was made possible as a result of £43.5 million of a lottery grant. Sustrans can also be commissioned by either a local authority or the National Trust or Forestry Commission and acts as a consultant to carry out a specific projects. There are 45,000 Sustrans volunteers across the country. Rangers look after paths, monitor signage and promote Sustrans at a variety of events.

Rupert spoke of a project in the South West which was currently being supported by Sustans, the Frome Missing Link. Phase 1 cost £120,000, covered 1 kilometre was completed in November 2014. Phase 2 has a budget of £200,000, covers 1.5 kilometres and has a current appeal to raise £20,000. Other current projects in the South West are the Steam Coast Trail in Somerset, east of Minehead where the A39 is not very cycle-friendly, due to be completed in 2016. Sustrans is also working with the National Trust at Killerton, east of Exeter.

During the discussion it was noted that whilst Sustrans was still committed to the National Cycle Network, its rate of growth has slowed. Funding is now more

focused on the more heavily used routes in urban and urban fringe areas.

Sustrans believed that the width of a cycle path for shared use (pedestrians and cyclists) Sustrans was 3 metres though they can be less than that. The minimum is 2 metres.

Sustrans is working with Transport for London on a long term project trying to connect up the capital's quieter roads to create safer cycling routes.

Local authorities have responsibility for much of the National Cycle network but Sustrans is responsible for some routes. The organisation has to work hard to raise funds for ongoing routine spending on clearing paths, mowing verges and resurfacing.

Bristol is now a Cycling City! This goes back to the work of John Grimshaw developing routes through the harbourside to Temple Meads. Access to stations is an important consideration for cycling routes. However, it can be difficult to engage with rail operators in order to encourage more cycle storage on trains.

RESTORING THE RECORD PROJECT: SAVING UNRECORDED HISTORIC RIGHTS OF WAY (OPEN SPACES SOCIETY)

In October 2015 we received a presentation from Phil Wadey, Vice-Chair of the Open Spaces Society.

Phil has been looking into access issues for over 30 years but is now working on a project Restoring the Record trying to record rights of way that are currently unrecorded. The 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act, Section 53, makes clear that unrecorded rights of way will be extinguished by 1st January 2026 unless they are recorded. This only applies to England and Wales; it does not apply to Scotland. Phil illustrated the detail of the work involved with three examples: Hollow Way in Hertfordshire, commonly called Oakridge Lane, used regularly but was unrecorded; Hyde Lane, a restricted byway South of St Albans, leading to a level crossing that has now been recorded; and Coltsfoot Lane, an old road that had disappeared from records, that is currently under application to become a restricted byway and hence get recorded.

It is a huge task to get all of the rights of way recorded. In England a highway should always remain a highway but many routes can mysteriously drop off the map. There is a definitive map of rights of way held by each county council or unitary authority in England and Wales. It is a legal document and a paper copy is held but there is often an online version available.

The project began as a Sport England project working with the British Equestrian Federation and British Horse Society to look at how to speed up recording paths. Phil in Hertfordshire and Sarah Bucks in Somerset attempted to put in 50 applications in one year (on a voluntary basis). From this there developed a systematic research model: a) build a list of routes, b) build the research library and c) make Definitive Map Modification Order applications. The research element can be helped greatly by involving local history groups and other organisations such as Ramblers.

To build evidence of routes to support an application, there are a number of different sources of maps to consult such as the 1910 Inland Revenue valuation maps, tithe maps, river and drainage authority records, turnpike records, farm records and Ordnance Survey object name books. The 1910 Inland Revenue valuation maps are the best starting point and can be accessed through the National Archives.

To roll out their approach, Phil Wadey and Sarah Bucks have written a research guide: *Rights of Way. Restoring the Record*. [ISBN 978-0-9574036-0-4]

The research guide and web site <http://www.restoringtherecord.org.uk/> should help other people to start making applications. One-day training sessions will be run to support the process. Ideally there would be a central register to be able to check who is working on what in a particular area to avoid duplication. At the moment the best way to check this is to ask Open Spaces Society, Ramblers Association and British Horse Society.

ALLOCATIONS

The Trust allocates annual amounts to organisations and causes which it wishes to support. To maintain their real value these are based on the income from a set number of M & G Charifund units (the investment in which our funds are held). We expect organisations to keep in touch with our nominated contact by sending their annual report and accounts. We are also willing to consider one-off appeals for additional funds from these organisations.

This list of organisations we support with allocations was last reviewed in November 2004. This list represents the wishes of Herbert Gatliff but also the trustees' views on the organisations the Trust should support.

The allocations made are listed in Table 2. The number of units of Charifund is listed for each organisation. Allocations paid in 2016 were based on the 2015 Charifund distribution of 69.0p per unit

Allocation	No of Charifund Units	Contact
Herberts Gatliff's connections		
Breinton Church	200	Roger Clifton
Croydon Outdoor Pursuits and Social Events Club (COPSE) formerly Croydon Local YHA Group	200	Diane Nightingale
Friends of the Bodleian	200	Andrea Gilbert
Amenity Groups		
Campaign to Protect Rural England	200	Alan Busson
Council for National Parks	200	Diane Nightingale
Historic Chapels Trust	200	Diane Nightingale
John Muir Trust	200	Roger Clifton
Living Streets	200	Carrie Martin
National Churches Trust	500	Roger Clifton
National Trust	300	Roger Clifton
National Trust for Scotland	200	Alan Busson
Open Spaces Society	300	Peter Clarke
Living Streets	200	Carrie Martin
Ramblers Association	200	Peter Clarke
Scotland's Churches Trust	200	Roger Clifton
Scottish Campaign for National Parks	200	Peter Clarke
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings	200	John Joyce
Woodland Trust	200	Roger Clifton
TOTAL	3800	

Table 2: Allocations 2013 - 2015

OTHER GRANTS

The Gatliff Trust also makes grants to relevant projects and organisations. In the three years under review the Trust made the following grants as set out in Table 3.

Organisation/Project	Amount	Year of Grant
Age UK In memory of Liz Gatliff	£50	2013
Borders Forest Trust Restoring estates to provide sustainable habitats.	£750	2015
Buglife Providing wildlife pathways to allow insects to move across the landscape.	£400	2015
Children's Country Holidays Fund (now CCHF All About Kids). To support one child on a residential activity and respite break	£408	2015
Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade To assist one participant at the annual summer camp	£300	2013
Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade To assist one participant at the annual summer camp	£300	2014
Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade To assist one participant at the annual summer camp	£350	2015
Council for National Parks	£1,000	2015
Council for the Protection of Rural England	£1,000	2015
Gordon Rural Action Outreach project to help people in rural areas of Aberdeenshire to cope with the new benefit regulations.	£1,000	2013
Historic Chapels Trust	£500	2015
Home-Start Bristol To help it support families in crisis or experiencing difficulties.	£1,000	2015

Organisation/Project	Amount	Year of Grant
Home-Start Bristol To help it support families in crisis or experiencing difficulties.	£1,000	2013
National Churches Trust Save Our Spires appeal.	£500	2015
Open Spaces Society Restoring the Record Project	£1,000	2015
Postellers Contribution towards the purchase of a new or second-hand minibus which would meet the Greater London Low Emissions standards	£2,000	2013
Roses Charitable Trust To assist the Roses Project which delivers challenging, personal development outdoor activity courses for groups of marginalised young people based in Tavool House on Mull.	£700	2013
Scotland's Churches Trust (formerly Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust). Pilgrim Journeys project.	£1,000	2014
Scottish Rights of Way Society Heritage Paths Project publication.	£1,000	2015
Skiddaw House Foundation To allow improvements to the hostel to be used to help it meet YHA standards.	£3,500	2013
Skiddaw House Foundation	£1,500	2014
Sustrans Frome's Missing Link. Project to connect cycle path to Frome, covering two miles.	£500	2015
TOTAL	£19,758	

Table 3: Other grants given 2013 - 2015

GOVERNANCE

Annual General Meeting

In 2013 and 2014 our AGM took place at our Autumn meeting. From 2015 we held our AGM at our Spring meeting

Trustees serve for a three year term. Those who were re-elected are as follows:

2013 AGM: Alan Busson, Andrea Gilbert, John Humphries, John Joyce

2014 AGM: Peter Clarke, Roger Clifton

2015 AGM: Philip Lawson, Carrie Martin, Katherine Martin, Diane Nightingale

New Trustees

No new Trustees were appointed during the three years under review

OFFICERS

Chairman

Peter Clarke served as Chairman throughout

Vice Chariman

Diane Nightingale served as Vice Chairman throughout

Secretary

Carrie Martin served as Secretary throughout

Treasurer

Roger Clifton served as Treasurer throughout

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Robert Dawes FCA served as Independent Examiner throughout

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GATLIFF HEBRIDEAN HOSTELS TRUST

Under the Articles of Association of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust the Gatliff Trust has the power to appoint up to six directors and the chairman. It makes its appointments at its Annual General Meeting. Its appointments to the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust take effect at the GHHT AGM following. Since 2015 our AGM has been held in the spring and the GHHT AGM in the following June or July.

Our appointees were:

For the GHHT AGM in 2013: Peter Clarke (also appointed as Chairman), John Joyce, John Humphries, Philip Lawson.

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For the GHHT AGM in 2015: Peter Clarke (also appointed as Chairman), John Joyce, John Humphries, Philip Lawson.

NOTES OF SADNESS

Sadly we lost three long standing former Trustees within a short space of time in 2013: Robert Wickenden, Malcolm Campbell and Bernard Selwyn. Without their hard work and commitment to the Trust and its work over many years it would not be here today.

Robert Wickenden

Robert died on 11th March 2013 aged 101. Robert was a trustee of the Gatliff Trust from 1965 to 1980. He was one of the enthusiasts Herbert Gatliff recruited in the founding days of the Trust and the hostels. As an electrical engineer he was of considerable practical help at the hostels. He personally installed the first electrical systems at Berneray, Howmore and Rhenigidale.

Malcolm Campbell

Malcolm Campbell died on 15th March 2013, aged 82. He was secretary of the Gatliff Trust for 34 years, from 1964. Malcolm was a professional librarian all his life and ran the prestigious City of London Business Library until his retirement. He was awarded the MBE for this work. He had become a member of the YHA's London Regional Committee and Countryside Committee in the 1950s and, in that capacity, first met Herbert Gatliff.

Bernard Selwyn

Bernard died on 14th May 2013, aged 87. A cyclist, he was a founder Trustee of the Gatliff Trust. He was a diligent and active trustee who rarely missed a meeting. A Surveyor by profession he became the honorary Parliamentary Agent of the Open Spaces Society. He met Herbert Gatliff at Youth Hostels meetings and as a Chartered Surveyor Bernard was an obvious recruit to the cause of the hostels.

Annie MacKillop

Annie died on 19th December 2014. She was the owner of Berneray hostels and with her identical twin sister, Jessie, (who passed away in 2009), had served as warden of the hostel from 1978 to 1996.

Annie was born on Berneray and after leaving school entered domestic service in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley. But after the death of Jessie's husband, Annie moved back to Berneray to live with her sister. Annie and Jessie were assiduous in their hostel duties and, unbeknown to hostellers, could keep an eye on the hostel from their home half a mile away thanks to a pair of binoculars on the living room window sill! Despite their, at times, stern demeanour they often played tricks on hostellers taking advantage of their identical looks. The hostels meant a lot to Annie and she and Jessie were much loved by the hostellers.

During her last years Annie lived in a local residence for old people. Displayed on her door was a picture of the hostel. On the wall above her chair was a picture of Jessie at the time the Macleod Gunnery was rethatched. Jessie has a large smile on her face and a twisted sheath of marram bent round her body. The Berneray Grass Skirt had been invented!

Remembering Frank Martin 1942 – 2011 (Chairman 1977 to 2006)

Trustees agreed to commemorate Frank's outstanding commitment to the hostels by erecting large (size A0) framed bespoke maps at each hostel. The individual maps are bespoke, with the hostel at its centre. Each is accompanied by a tribute to Frank. These were placed in the hostels in early 2016.

TRUSTEE BIOGRAPHIES

Alan Busson

A trustee since 2003.

Alan served as company secretary of the GHHT from 1988 to 1995 and from 2003 to 2008. A supporter of simple hostels and the 'wilderness experience'. He is a keen cyclist and hill walker. Alan Busson is a Chartered Secretary currently working for Gordon Rural Action.

Peter Clarke

A trustee since 1980. Chairman since 2006.

Peter is a writer researching agricultural smallholdings. Peter first visited the Hebrides in 1973 and subsequently met Herbert Gatliff in 1975 and 1976 to discuss his PhD study of the return of the unemployed to the land.

He was Hebrides Secretary from 1982 to 1988 until the GHHT was founded. Hon Secretary from 2003 to 2006. A trustee of the GHHT since its foundation in 1988. GHHT Chairman from 1991 to 2001, and since 2007. Peter joined the YHA in 1966. He served on the National Executive Committee of the YHA (England and Wales) and its Countryside Committee from 1994 to 1999. He has represented the Gatliff Trust on the National Council of the Scottish Youth Hostels Association from 2008 to 2013. His book *The Outer Hebrides the Timeless Way*, was published in 2006.

Roger Clifton

A trustee since 1968 and Treasurer since 1977.

Roger is a hill walker and cyclist and has been visiting the Hebrides regularly with his family for over forty years. He first came to the notice of Herbert Gatliff in 1962

when he won a prize in a YHA holiday essay competition. He became involved in YHA administration for some years, and after qualifying as a chartered accountant, took over from Herbert as treasurer of the Gatliff Trust. In 1973 he was ordained in the Church of England, and before retirement in 2009 was team rector of a group of parishes in North Wiltshire for many years.

Andrea Gilbert

A trustee since November 2009.

Andrea was introduced to the hostels in the islands on a hitch-hiking and camping trip in 1985 and joined the Hebridean Hostellers a couple of years later. She retained her interest in this magical beautiful place. She studied art history at university, and subsequently became an art librarian. Since 2000 she has been the Librarian and Archivist at the Wallace Collection in London, having previously worked at the Courtauld Institute of Art and the National Art Library (Victoria and Albert Museum). She is a keen cyclist, and also enjoys hill walking.

John Humphries

A trustee since 2007.

John was born in Bristol in 1943, educated at Cotham Grammar School and graduated from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. For most of his working life he taught English at Culford School, Bury St Edmunds, and was a Housemaster there for 21 years. He became the School's Registrar with responsibilities for admissions, marketing and publicity. Following retirement in 2003, he continued writing professionally and became a freelance editor and journalist. He is now the editor of *Scottish Islands Explorer* magazine. John joined the GHHT soon after visiting the hostels in the mid-1980s. These hostels interested him because they were delightfully distinctive - remote and remarkable places that attracted responsive visitors. John became the Editor of Hebridean Hostellers' Newsletter in 2002 and launched the Trusts' web site, www.gatliff.org.uk.

John Joyce

A trustee since 1977.

John is a retired school teacher. After leaving school at sixteen John completed nine

years work mostly in banking and insurance, before going to Aston University where he gained an MSc in Applied Psychology. During this period he developed his interest in cycling, walking in the countryside, exploring the more wild open spaces and mountains, travelling and caving. John started hostelling in the 1960s and was a YHA Regional Committee member where he met Herbert. Herbert encouraged him to get involved with the Gatliff Trust. After graduating John worked for the Virgin group in record exporting and video retailing before settling down to married and family life in the eighties. He organised work parties and renovations at the Hebridean Hostels and served as Chairman of the GHHT at its foundation. After leaving the record business John re-trained as a primary school teacher and has since spent over 20 years in education. He became science co-ordinator at his school and, most recently, a home tutor for the local education authority. In 1994 John and his family spent a year travelling around the world. Throughout his life he has had a fascination for writing, music, art, film, photography and gardening. He runs marathons and does yoga to maintain an active life.

John has been a trustee of the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust from, 1988 to 1994 (Chairman from 1988 to 1991) and since 2008. He is the GHHT's work party & hostel maintenance organiser.

Philip Lawson MBE

A trustee since 2003

Philip is a retired primary school head teacher. A GHHT Trustee since its creation in 1988 and its Hon Treasurer since 2006.

Philip was first elected to the Executive Committee of the Scottish Youth Hostels Association in 1966. He served as National Chairman from 1980 to 2001 and is now the Hon. President. He was President of the European Union Federation of Youth Hostels Associations (EUFED) from 1990 to 2001.

Between 1994 and 2002 he was a member of the Board of the International Youth Hostels Federation, including six years as Vice President. He first visited the Outer Hebrides in 1960. A lifelong hill walker, after service as a board member of the Scottish Rights of Way Society for 30 years before retiring in 2009, he is now a Vice President.

Carrie Martin

A trustee since 2006. Hon Secretary since 2006.

Carrie is the younger daughter of Frank Martin. She is a school teacher. Not surprisingly, she has had a lifelong passion for the Western Isles and has been visiting the GHHT hostels since childhood. During her early career as a maths teacher in London Carrie became a leader with the Postellers YHA Group. She has since led many Posteller trips for young people to different areas of the British countryside. Carrie now lives in Bristol where she enjoys playing the cello with a local orchestra.

Katherine Martin

A trustee in November 2012.

Katherine is a retired secondary school business manager.

She has been involved with the Gatliff Trust since 1971, when she met and married Frank Martin. He introduced her to Herbert Gatliff and the Outer Islands. She often drove Herbert to places and people he wanted to visit, listening to his often maverick views on anything and everything. She and Frank met on a YHA committee, and her YHA career included being chairman of the YHA's South West Region and introducing professional training for wardens.

Katherine enjoys walking and cycling and plays percussion in an orchestra, a contemporary music group and the local pantomime in Hotwells, Bristol. She is a trustee of Home-Start Bristol and involved in the Friends of Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives.

Diane Nightingale MBE

A trustee since 2000. Vice-chairman since 2003.

Diane Nightingale set up the YHA group the Postellers in 1968 and continues to act as its co-ordinator and one of its volunteer leaders.

Diane Nightingale met Herbert Gatliff whilst employed by the Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales) where she worked for 33 years. In 1968 he encouraged her

with setting up a voluntary run YHA group, (Postellers), aimed at enabling young people, including the disadvantaged from in and around London to learn about and enjoy the countryside through youth hostelling. The Gatliff Trust gave a grant to help set up the group and has supported it ever since. For this work she was awarded the MBE in 2001. Walking, cycling and independent adventurous travel are amongst her many interests and she has travelled widely. She has a great love of the British countryside including of course, the Outer Hebrides. She is a member of YHA's Southern Regional Council. Diane is involved with local community groups including an environmental action team at her church and the local voluntary youth service as young people have always been very important to her. She was a teacher before working for YHA and more recently served as a school special needs governor. Her husband shares many of her activities including Postellers. They have a grown-up son and daughter.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 can be found on the following pages, together with notes on the Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Reports.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

RECEIPTS	2012		2013
	£		£
Opening balance	2,638		3,673
Investment income	10,352	10,666	
CDF interest	30	13	
Donations	140	1,137	
Allocations not banked	343	-	
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	10,865		11,816
Total receipts	13,503		15,489
PAYMENTS			
Trustees expenses	107	-	
Trustees meetings	562	1,137	
Printing reports etc.	-	-	
Allocations (note 2)	-	4,537	
Grants (note 4)	9,050	8,550	
Grants to GHHT	-	-	
Bank charges	111	120	
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Total payments	9,830		14,344
Balance carried forward	3,673		1,145

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

Capital Account	26,804	26,804	
Revenue Account	3,673	1,145	
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	30,477		27,949
Represented by :			
Investments at cost (note 3)	25,932	25,932	
Bank current account	4,045	1,517	
Charities Deposit Fund	500	500	
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	30,477		27,949

THE GATLIFF TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

1. These accounts are prepared under the historic cost convention.
2. These are annual grants to various charitable bodies based on the income in the previous year from a set number of units of Charifund. These allocations are for 2012 and 2013.
3. These are 16,776 income units of M and G Charifund, held in the name of the trustees for the time being. Their market value at 31.12.13 was £241,433.
4. Grants were made as follows :
Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade 300 ; Age UK 50 ;
Postellers 2,000 ; Roses Charitable Trust 700 ; Homestart Bristol 1,000 ;
Skiddaw House 3,500 ; Gordon Rural Action 1,000

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts ; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met.

R A Dawes FCA

Chartered Accountant

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2013		2014
	£		£
RECEIPTS			
Opening balance	3,673		1,145
Investment income	10,666	11,182	
CDF interest	13	2	
Donations	1,137	3,246	
Allocations not banked	-	-	
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	11,816		14,430
Total receipts	15,489		15,575
PAYMENTS			
Trustees expenses	-	-	
Trustees meetings	1,137	1,304	
Printing reports etc.	-	1,848	
Allocations (note 2)	4,537	2,177	
Grants (note 4)	8,550	2,800	
Purchase of investments	-	1,000	
Bank charges	120	125	
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Total payments	14,344		9,254
Balance carried forward	1,145		6,321
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014			
Capital Account	26,804	27,804	
Revenue Account	1,145	6,321	
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	27,949		34,125
Represented by :			
Investments at cost (note 3)	25,932	26,932	
Bank current account	1,517	5,693	
Charities Deposit Fund	500	1,500	
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	27,949		34,125

THE GATLIFF TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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3. These are 16,843 income units of M and G Charifund, held in the name of the trustees for the time being. Their market value at 31.12.14 was £242,231.
4. Grants were made as follows :
 - Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade 300 ;
 - Scottish Churches Trust 1,000 ; Skiddaw House 1,500

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R A Dawes
Chartered Accountant

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

RECEIPTS	2014 £	2015 £
Opening balance	1,145	6,321
Investment income	11,182	11,654
CDF interest	2	6
Donations	3,246	190
Allocations not banked	-	
	-----	-----
	14,430	11,850
Total receipts	15,575	18,171
PAYMENTS		
Trustees expenses	-	50
Trustees meetings	1,304	1,652
Printing reports etc.	1,848	917
Allocations (note 2)	2,177	2,527
Grants (note 4)	2,800	8,408
Purchase of investments	1,000	2,000
Bank charges	125	200
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Total payments	9,254	15,754
Balance carried forward	6,321	2,417

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

Capital Account	27,804	29,804
Revenue Account	6,321	2,417
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	34,125	32,221
Represented by :		
Investments at cost (note 3)	26,932	28,932
Bank current account	5,693	1,789
Charities Deposit Fund	1,500	1,500
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	34,125	32,221

THE GATLIFF TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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4. Grants were made as follows :
Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade 350 ; Sustrans 500 ; Buglife 400 ;
Homestart Bristol 1,000 ; Borders Forest Park 750 ; Historic Chapels Trust 500 ;
National Churches Trust 500 ; Open Spaces Society 1,000 ; Childrens Holiday Fund 408 ;
Scotways 1,000 ; Council for National Parks 1,000 ; CPRE 1,000

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R A Dawes

Chartered Accountant



Join the Hebridean Hostellers

**Want to support the Hebridean Hostels,
Berneray, Howmore and Rhenigidale?
Want to get involved as a volunteer?**

Then join the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust

Annual membership costs £10 (£7.50 for under 18's). Annual membership runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Full details and a membership application form can be found on our web site at:

www.gatliff.org.uk

or email ghht@gatliff.org.uk.



Berneray



Howmore



Rhenigidale

Simple Hostels in the Outer Hebrides

run by the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust



Reinigeadal (Rhenigidale) Isle of Harris 12 beds OS sheet no 14 NB 229018

A croft house in a remote village in a secluded bay at the foot of Loch Seaforth. Views over the Minch to Skye and NW Scotland

Bearnaraigh (Berneray) Isle of North Uist 20 beds OS sheet no 18 NF 932814

Two thatched cottages on Berneray's eastern beach. Wide views of the Sound of Harris & the hills of South Harris

Tobha Mor (Howmore) Isle of South Uist 16 beds OS sheet no 24 NF 757365

A thatched house amidst ruins of a 13th century church site between bog & machair. Views over South Uist's three highest peaks. (Plus a separate kitchen/common room building & cycle shed.)

