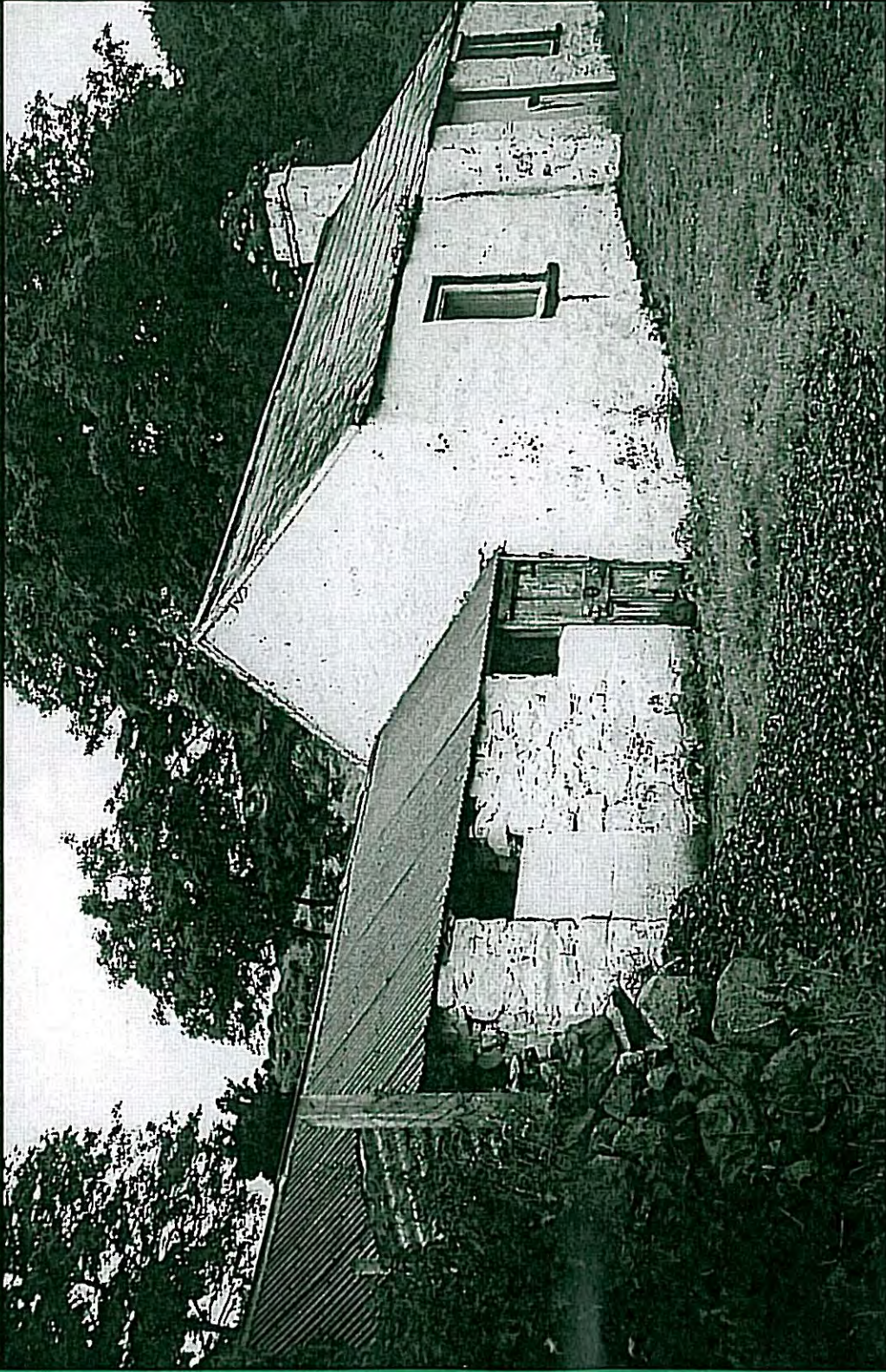




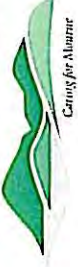
## MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST



## Annual Report & Accounts

APRIL 2002 - MARCH 2003

MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST



## Company INFORMATION

### Directors

Dr A Mitchell Chair  
Ms I Hood Vice-Chair  
Mr H O'Neill Company Secretary  
Mr J Saunders Treasurer  
Mr G Douglas  
Mr W Burns  
Mr S Doyle  
Mr W Martin  
Mr P Kelly  
Ms A Diver (resigned Dec. 2002)  
Mr J McGrillen (co-opted Dec. 2002)

Mrs I Adair

Mr D Patterson

Mr B Davey

Mrs R Chestnutt

Mr R Annett

Ms M Killen

Mr J Hanna

Mr S McCarthy

Mr M Cole (resigned Dec. 2002)

Mrs J O'Hare (co-opted Dec. 2002)

Mrs C O'Boyle

Mrs J Whatmough

Mr D Thompson

### Secretary

Mr H O'Neill

Company Number

NI 32946

Charity Number

XR 23015

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### Auditors

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### Bankers

Bank of Ireland Ltd

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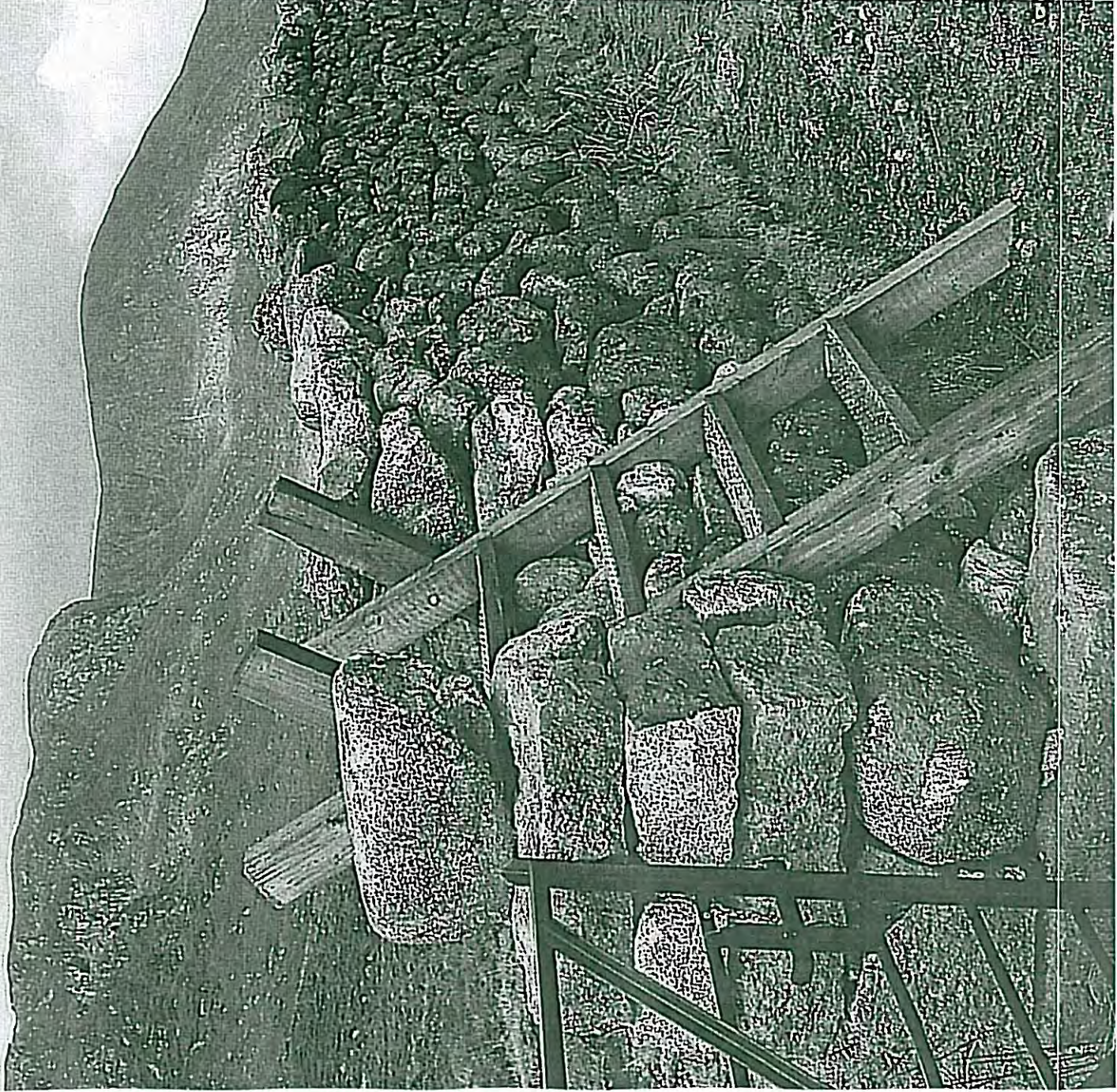
Kilkeel, Co Down BT34 4BH

### Solicitors

McBurney & Co

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# Chairman's Report

I am delighted to report on another very full year for the Mourne Heritage Trust in its management role. The Trust continues to deliver for Mourne and its communities in a wide variety of ways.

In my last Annual Report, dealing with the period from April 2001 - March 2002, I dealt, almost exclusively with the proposal for a National Park (Celtic Model) for the Mourne and Slieve Croob Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and this year, I'm afraid, I'm going to do the same again.

I was delighted when Dermot Nesbitt MLA, the Minister for the Environment in Northern Ireland announced, at our Annual General Meeting on 25 September 2002, that if an appropriate management authority could be agreed with the local community, the Mourne and Slieve Croob area would become Northern Ireland's first National Park. This announcement was further substantiated by Angela Smith MP, the Westminster Minister for the Environment for Northern Ireland in the Statement of Policy 'Shared Horizons'. This proposes the establishment of a Steering Group 'to take forward the research and consultation needed to underpin the designation'. The Steering Group would comprise of representatives from a range of public and voluntary bodies and also representatives from the local community, landowners and private sector interests.

While we should be pleased that some progress is being made, the Mourne Heritage Trust would be concerned that it has been somewhat slower than anticipated and that, as yet, no additional financial resources have been provided to drive the process forward. I would stress that speed is of the essence. By the year 2006 funding from Europe will all but have ceased and available investment into the Mourne area will have reduced dramatically. The Mourne Heritage Trust has been bringing approximately £1.5 million per annum into the Area but this will, in the main, not be available post 2006. A National Park would attract at least this amount of investment from the exchequer and this would maintain the present levels of

investment in the area. However, this means that the National Park must be 'up and running' by the Autumn of 2006 if we are to have a continuing economic regeneration in the area and not an economic vacuum. It is therefore a concern that there is presently no structured programme with deadlines in place to keep the National Park process 'up to speed'.



I am hopeful that by our next Annual Report we can be more definite about progress as it is our opinion that the sustainability of our indigenous communities depends upon meeting the above deadline. I would like to quote from the study commissioned by Environment and Heritage Service from Europarc consulting: - 'National Parks if properly established and resourced, could undoubtedly create opportunities for a more holistic and integrated approach to landscape management, economic development and social gain'. And I also quote from 'Shared Horizons' - 'National Park status, would not only provide economic benefits to the local community through increased tourism, but would also require considerable increases in management resources, thus generating further new jobs and services'. The recognition that a considerable increase in management resources is required only confirms the pressures that the Board and Staff of the Mourne Heritage Trust are working under at present. My sincere thanks, to both of them, for their commitment and efforts through the year. Also, our sincere thanks to our Core Funders for their financial support and 'faith in us'. We aim to continue to deliver what is required in an appropriate way.

Dr A.W. Mitchell, MBE, Chairman, Mourne Heritage Trust

## The Dilapidated House

The battered chimney has been hacked off in a fearsome storm and when it was falling, ear-splittingly, it took two dozen wind-battered slates with it. In the grass gutters lies putrid old water, dripping softly down the antiqued walls.

The fractured walls were once beautiful modern concrete, but now they are as grey as granny and as aged as well. Windows are like gaping tunnels, and the door is hanging on one weak, limp hinge.

Inside the floor once had lovely, aged Victorian tiles but now they have been taken for someone else's home. The ceiling was white plaster, and the sleeping rafters were painted to look like the ruff, but the paint, peeled off by age, leaving the roof grey.

Stunning Edwardian furniture, with beautiful, majestic carvings and ornate mirrors, once graced this house. Once lively bedrooms are now dead.

The bathroom has a Victorian feel with a sash window and a brilliant sink, but someone has taken the bath for himself or herself.

This house is dilapidated but could be spared with some, courageously hard work. Somebody has to repair it.

by Paul Jennings (P6)  
Magheramayo Primary School, Castlewelling

Overall winner of Northern Ireland School Poetry Competition as part of 'Gutters Day' (see page 6)

# Chief Executive's Report



I am delighted to report on another busy and successful year for the Mourne Heritage Trust. This year, in addition to delivering a wide range of on-going services as part of our funding agreements with central and local government, we have developed a number of initiatives and priorities as set out in our second three year Operational Plan.

The completion of a number of visitor amenity and access projects during the year has added greatly to the quality of visitor infrastructure in the Mourne and Slieve Croob area, and represents a very visible record of the work of the Trust with its partners. However, as the number of facilities increases so too does the workload of our Countryside Service in maintaining this infrastructure. The need to maintain a quality service in this area is something we will need to plan for in the near future, as providing a quality visitor experience will be essential to the future of Mourne.

The Trust's Built Heritage activities have continued to grow throughout the year. All the funding has now been secured for the £1.5 million 'Mourne Homesteads' programme. This innovative project consisting of refurbishment of 8 traditional cottages, a traditional skills training programme and travelling exhibition is about to get underway. This is an important pilot programme not just for Mourne, but for the future of traditional houses in the island of Ireland, and we are grateful to the many funders and partners, including the property owners, who are working with us on this programme.

The Mourne Natural Resource Rural Tourism Initiative, has represented a considerable area of work for the Trust throughout the year. This has seen the development of Countryside Recreation Strategy and a Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Action Programme for the Mourne and Slieve Croob areas.

With the appointment of a dedicated staff team to take forward the strategy and the launch of the programme on 27 March 2003, we look forward to delivering a strategic investment for the development of tourism in a sensitive and responsible way.

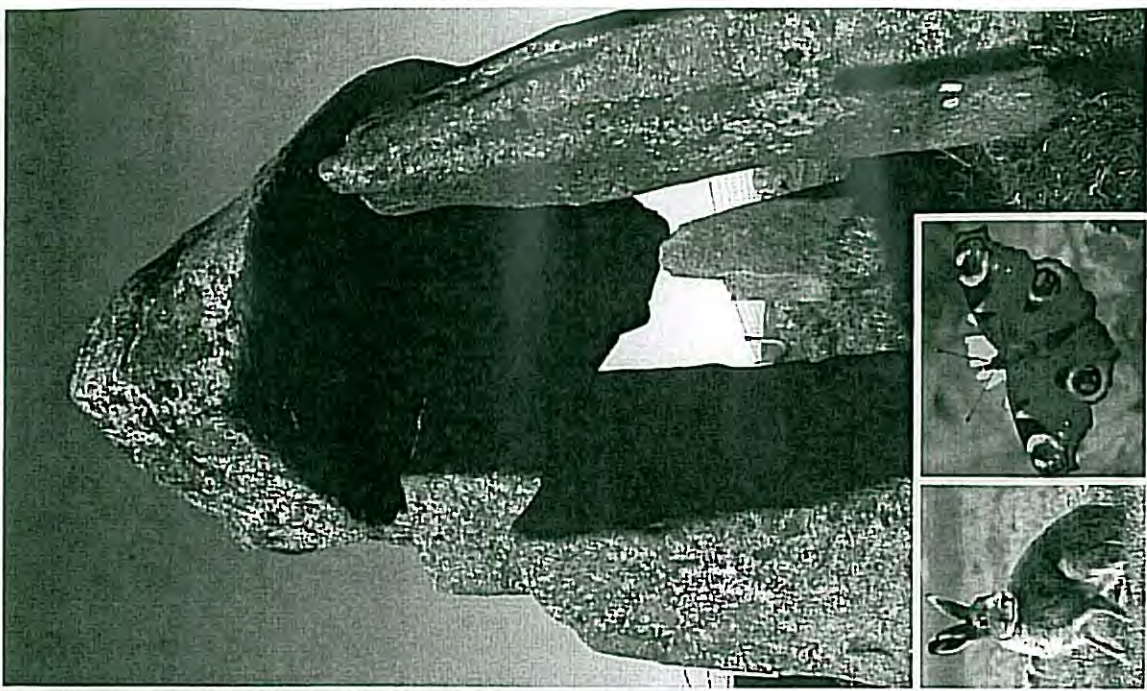
I would like to thank the government agencies and in particular our local government and community partners who formed a strategic alliance to develop the Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Mourne and, in doing so, attracting just under £3 million investment to the area.

Partnership and co-operation continue to be at the centre of everything that the Mourne Heritage Trust does. On behalf of the Board and staff of the Trust I would like to thank our partners for their continued support in our important role of 'Caring for Mourne'.

As we move closer to a National Park in Mourne, the role and function of the Mourne Heritage Trust will be subject to review. This will start in the next few months when the Trust begins to review its current Three Year Operational Plan that will expire in March 2004.

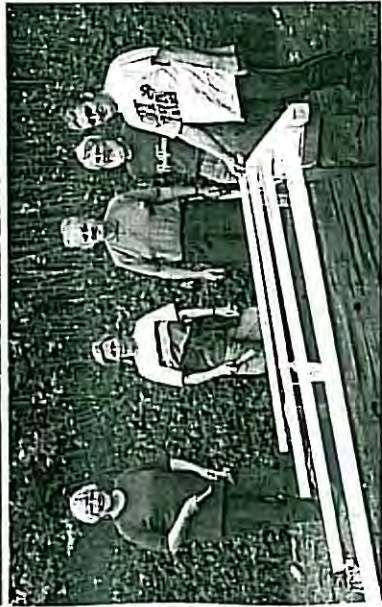
As with any organisation the Mourne Heritage Trust and its services are dependent on the people within the Trust. I would therefore like to thank both the Board and Staff of Mourne Heritage Trust for their hard work and support throughout the year.

**Tony Gates, Chief Executive, Mourne Heritage Trust**



Legannammy Dolmen, Irish Hare and Peacock Butterfly. (photos courtesy of EHS)

# Natural Environment Enhancement and Protection



Top: Area Ranger addressing participants at a 'Come and See' visit  
 Middle: Volunteers at Silent Valley tree nursery.  
 Bottom: Bluebell wood, Rostrevor.

## COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

This service is provided by a team of two Countryside Officers. The team was assisted on a seasonal basis by workers under the work-track programme.

The team continues to deliver on a wide range of countryside access, maintenance and visitor management initiatives in accordance with detailed Service Level Agreements with the Trust's core funding agencies.

*Achieved in 2002/03 - Progress Report May 03 Part A*

- Weekly litter runs and maintenance visits carried out for 16 car parks and visitor amenity sites.
- Maintenance checks and essential repairs were undertaken for 55 stiles.
- 13 new stiles installed.
- Three rounds of maintenance work were completed to 40 public footpaths (35kms).
- Inspection and maintenance undertaken to 51 interpretative panels.
- 13 new interpretative panels were installed.
- Maintenance of signage on 7 cycle routes.
- Involvement of 13 environmental, school and conservation volunteer projects.

## RANGER SERVICE

The Trust employed only one full-time Ranger during the year. This represents a limited resource to cover the whole AONB. Nevertheless the Ranger continued to deliver a range of important services, acting as the Trust's eyes and ears in the AONB, and overseeing the Mourne Conservation Volunteers (MCV) programme and farmer liaison and exchange programmes.

*Achieved in 2002/03*

- Environmental awareness activities undertaken with 20 schools.

- Ongoing management and supervision of the MCV programme.

- 89 enquiries and incidents investigated and resolutions sought.
- 53 farmers involved in farmer liaison activities.

## MOURNE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Project funding for the Mourne Conservation Volunteers ended at 31 March 2002. MCV activities continued, however, throughout the year. In November 2002 funding of £5,000 was secured from the lottery 'Awards for All' programme to help establish a Volunteer Ranger Programme. Meetings of the Mourne Conservation Volunteers Committee were suspended from October 2002 and, following a review with volunteers, it was agreed that the role of the Committee should be replaced with regular meetings with senior officers of MHT.

*Achieved in 2002/2003*

- 22 practical volunteer projects completed involving 24 key volunteers.
- 25 new volunteers and 13 Volunteer Ranger Guardians of Green Space recruited.
- 11 long-term unemployed volunteers recruited.

## MOURNE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PROGRAMME

Following the establishment of a Natural Heritage Sub-Group in February 2002, the Trust has continued to develop its work in relation to natural heritage activities.

In January 2003 a bid was submitted to Environment and Heritage Service to employ a Biodiversity Officer on a three-year term to oversee the establishment of a Mourne Biodiversity Strategy and Local Biodiversity Action Plans. Project funding was also sought from DoE Water Service, Down, Banbridge and Newry & Mourne District Councils. It is anticipated that the Biodiversity Action Programme will become operational in Autumn 2003.

# Visitor Services and Visitor Management

## LONG DISTANCE WALKING TRAILS

During the year the Trust developed two new long distance walking trails within the AONB.

- The 'Mourne Way' is a 21km route from Newcastle to Rostrevor and will become part of a network of Waymarked Ways.
- The 'Newcastle Challenge Trail' is a 20km circular route offering a unique countryside experience to the many visitors to Newcastle.

## VISITOR AMENITY SITES

This year has seen the successful implementation of eight new and enhanced visitor amenity sites, completed with the support of NITB, EHS and the District Councils, at a total cost of £278,760. Together these projects represent a significant enhancement of visitor infrastructure within the AONB.

Achieved in 2002/03

- Car parking and visitor interpretation at Legananny Dolmen and Binders Cove souterrain in Slieve Croob.
- Upgrading and enhancement of Carrick Little car park, Head Road, Killeel.

- Development of new car parking and visitor facilities at Play Rock, Bannastown Road, Castlewellian; Dolly's Brae, Castlewellan; Happy Valley, Trassey Road and Dundrum Inner Bay.
- Development of an interpretative trail at Dundrum Castle.
- Mourne Interpretative Strategy launched by Minister Dermott Nesbitt in June 2002.

## COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION STRATEGY

With a growth in Tourism in Northern Ireland predicted in the 'Programme for Government', there is a need for recreation within the countryside to be planned and delivered in a strategic way.

June 2002 saw the completion and adoption of the Mourne Countryside Recreation Strategy and Action Plans. The Strategy is now being delivered by the Trust and its partners, led by the Mourne Countryside Recreation Working Group.

## GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME

Following a review of safety procedures, the numbers of participants on the guided walks programme were limited to 10 on each walk. 8 summer walks were held in 2002 with participation of 44 walkers.

# Built and Cultural Heritage

## MOURNE HOMESTEADS

Whilst the key area of activity has been the ongoing development of the Mourne Homesteads project, the Trust continues to work across a range of built heritage activities in the areas of policy development, education and public awareness.

Achievements in 2002/03

- Stage 2 approval for Mourne Homesteads projects received from Heritage Lottery Fund in September 2002.
- Match funding for Mourne Homesteads approved by Rural Development Council and Co-operation Ireland.
- Heritage Skills Education programme planned and advertised.

- Refurbishment of Rock Cottage developed to tender stage.
- Cross border building skills exhibition initiated with Duchas.
- Planning approval obtained for most properties within the Mourne Homesteads scheme.
- Audit of traditional buildings completed in September 2002.
- Built heritage talks given to six groups with over 250 attendees.
- Conservation Area Conference proceedings published and launched by Dermot Nesbitt, Minister for the Environment in May 2002.
- Planned and co-ordinated implementation of Gutters Day as part of National Maintenance Week, involving 24 of the 26 District Councils in Northern Ireland, in October 2003.



Top: New car park at Happy Valley, Trassey Road.  
Middle: New interpretative trail at Dundrum Castle.  
Bottom: Traditional Skills course at Narrawater Lime, Warrenpoint.

# Sustainable Tourism

## NATURAL RESOURCE RURAL TOURISM INITIATIVE (NRRTI)

This has represented a significant area of work throughout this year. This programme has involved the development of a Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Mourne and agreement of a Business Plan for the delivery of the Peace II NRRTI Programme with DARD, EHS and NITB as part of the Rural Development Programme. In March 2003 a new sub-group was established to oversee the delivery of the NRRTI programme, taking over from the previous Strategic Partnership Group that had led to the development of the Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Action Plans.

*Achievements in 2002/03*

- Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Action Programme

- completed and submitted to DARD in June 2002.
- Mourne awarded £2,923,853 for NRRTI in August 2002.
- Alterations to Trust Offices to accommodate additional staff completed in December 2002.
- Sustainable Tourism Programme team recruited and started work in January 2003
- Revised Action Programme and Business Plan submitted to DARD in August 2002 and agreed with DARD in March 2003.
- Programme launched on 27 March 2003.
- 182 Expressions of interest received to end March 2003.
- Programme publicity initiated and arrangements put in place for satellite offices in Warrenpoint and Rathfriland.
- NRRTI sub group established and held initial meeting in March 2003.

# Creating Awareness and Promoting Understanding

## COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Trust continues to provide its AONB visitor information services through the Trust Offices in Newcastle. Between May and August 2002 the Trust employed a Tourism student who completed a review of Tourist Information Points within the AONB. The Trust continued to maintain a high public profile throughout the report period through both printed and broadcast media.

*Achievements in 2002/03*

- Continued provision of AONB visitor information services from Trust Offices in Newcastle (approx 1,000 visitors).
- Review of 10 Tourist Information Points completed and recommendations for future servicing adopted and implemented.
- Over 60 MHT/AONB related articles featured in local and regional press and other publications.

## NETWORKING, LIAISON AND CO-ORDINATION

The Trust has continued to work with a wide variety of networks and partnerships and continues to host study visits to the Mourne AONB in order to promote Mourne, to help further understanding and to share best practice.

*Key Outputs Achieved to end March 2003*

- 1 six monthly meeting of Mourne Farmers Liaison Group held in June 2002.
- 5 Officer Working Group meetings of the Mourne / Wicklow Twinning Group held.
- 10 study visits to Mourne AONB held, including a visit by CNCC in August 2002.
- Attendance at three Europarc Executive meetings and one networking meeting.



Top: Minister Ian Pearson with Officials at NRRTI launch, March 2003.  
Middle: The NRRTI team and strategy document.  
Bottom: Information leaflets.

# Mourne National Park

## MOURNE NATIONAL PARK

During the year to 31 March 2003, the Trust continued to lobby the Minister for the Environment, the Northern Ireland Executive, District Councils and various interest groups for Mourne to be designated as a National Park.

In June 2002 the Minister announced a study into the potential for National Parks in Northern Ireland. In July 2002 Mourne Heritage Trust met with Europarc Consulting who were undertaking this study, and at the Trust's AGM on 25th September 2002 the Minister announced the establishment of a Working Group to consider the framework for a National Park in Mourne. This followed a positive report by Europarc,

which concluded that Mourne is the area in Northern Ireland best suited for National Park status.

This announcement was encapsulated in Government policy through the publication of 'Shared Horizons' in February 2003 and the formation in March 2003 of the National Park Working Group, on which Mourne Heritage Trust is represented, with its first meeting scheduled in April 2003.

Mourne Heritage Trust is grateful to the District Councils and other partners who have helped lobby for this outcome. Implementation of the National Park will now require the support of the wider community and adequate resourcing and the Trust shall continue to work with its partners to achieve this.

## Trust Management

### BOARD & SUB-GROUPS

The Board of Trustees met on 11 occasions and the Executive Committee on 6 occasions during the year. The Trust's fifth AGM was held on 25 September 2002 and was attended by 80 people. Sub groups continued to meet regularly throughout this period.

### CORE FUNDING

The Trust received the following core funding for the year 2002-2003.

EHS	£ 104,313
Banbridge D C	£ 16,000
Down D C	£ 26,045
Newry & Mourne D C	£ 24,000
NITB	£ 24,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 194,988</b>

### STAFFING

There were a number of staff changes during this report period.

Three additional officers have been employed for a 4 year period until December 2006 to oversee NRRTI led by Sustainable Tourism Manager (Mrs Camilla Fitzpatrick), Sustainable Tourism Project Officer (Mrs Mandy McAvoy) and Administration/Finance Officer (Mrs Alison Martin).

In February 2003, Mrs Elaine McAlinden joined the Trust as our new Office Manager following the promotion of Mrs Mandy McAvoy.

Following successful funding bids for Mourne Homesteads programmes, the Trust will be employing additional staff to help with the delivery of this programme in the near future. Harriet Devlin will leave the employment of the Trust in June 2003 when her family will re-locate to England.



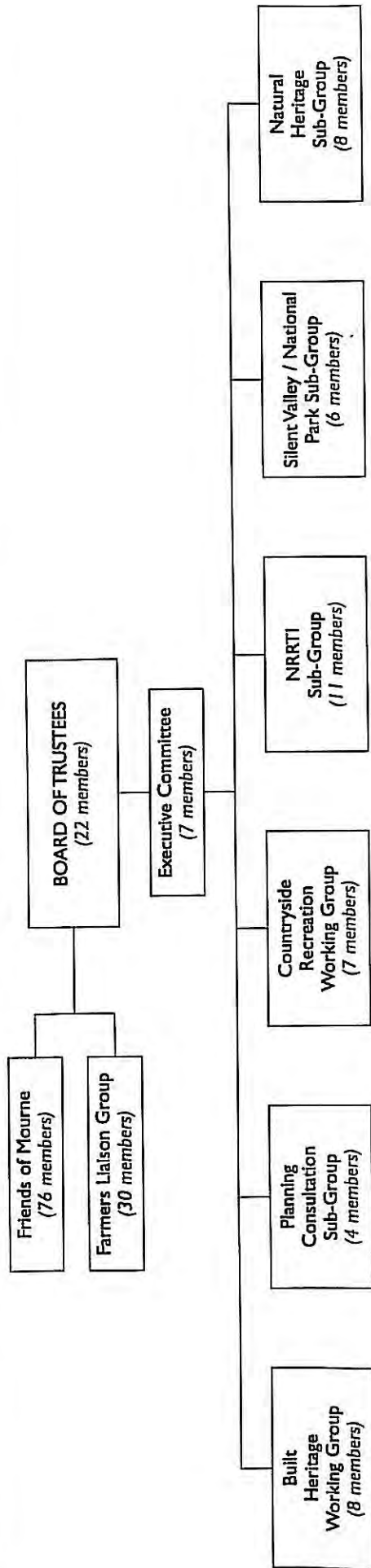
Top: Tree planting at Carrick Little car park. Shared Horizons' booklet.  
Middle: Launch of Volunteer Rangers and Guardians of Green Space.  
Bottom: Site visit to Legananny Dolmen.



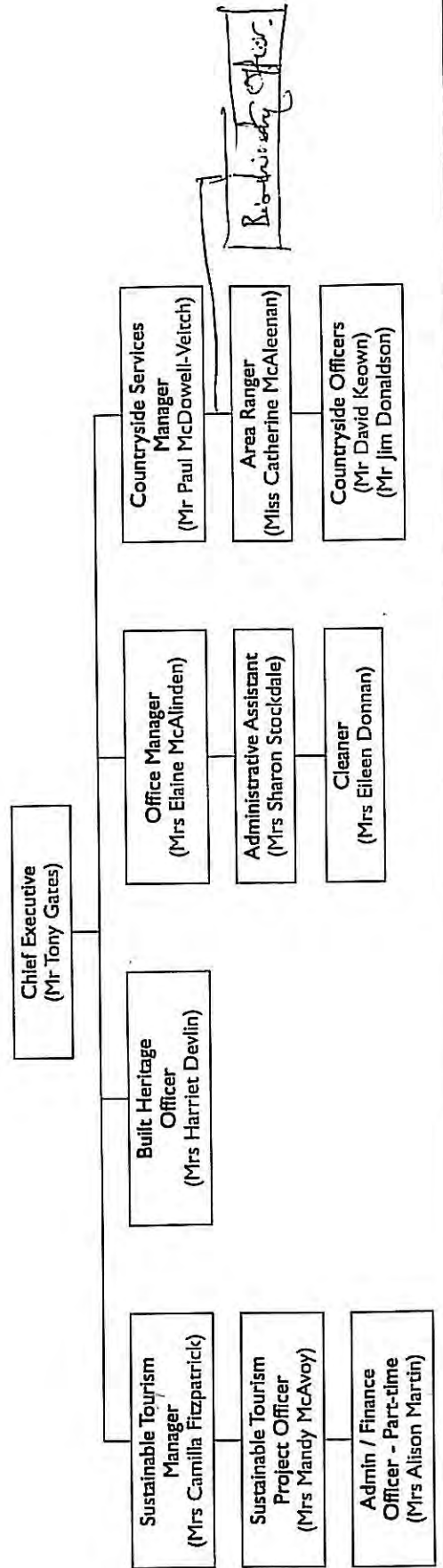
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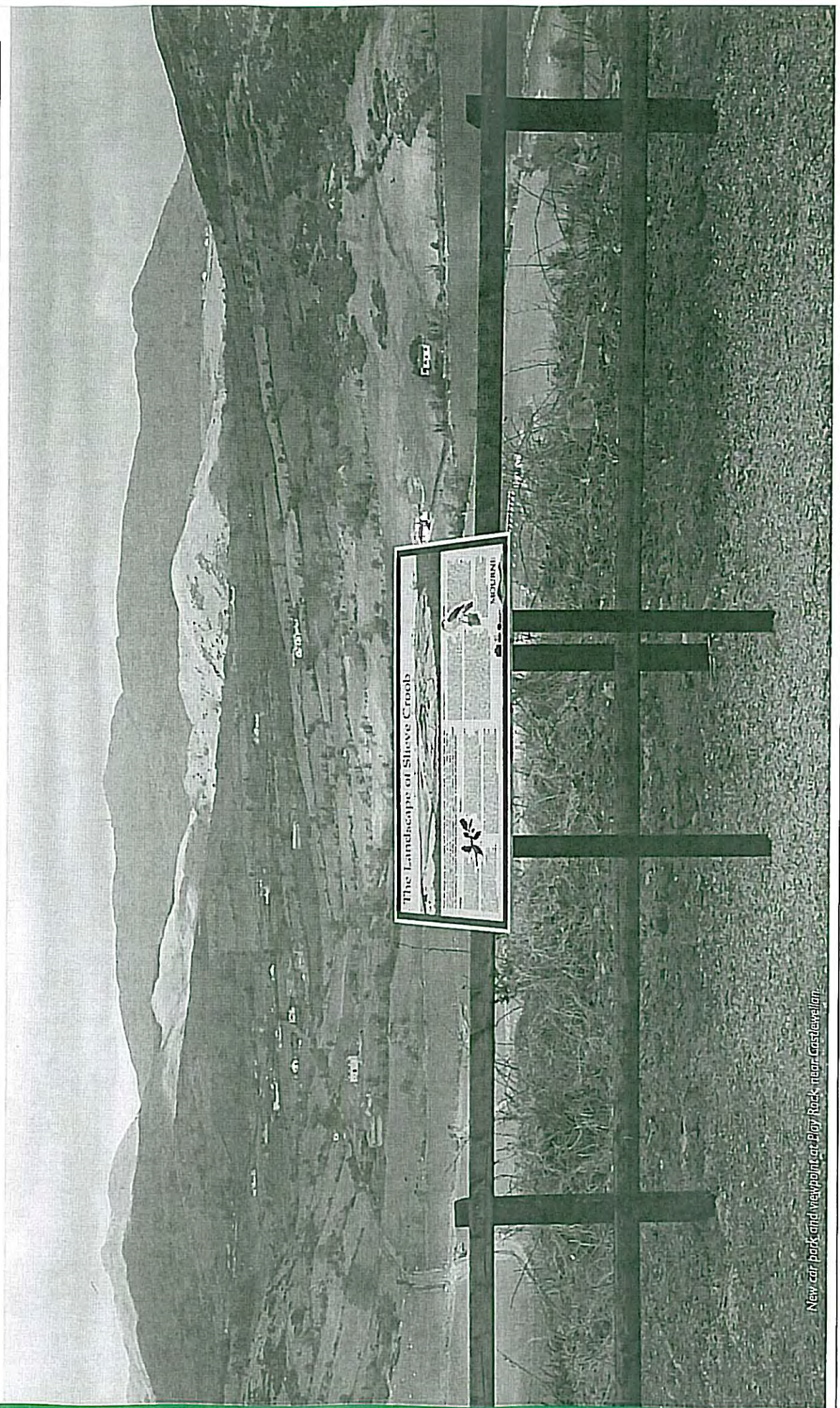
COMPANY AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AT MARCH 2003



STAFF STRUCTURE AT MARCH 2003



# Financial Statements *for the year ended 31 March 2003*



*New car park and viewpoint at Bray Rock near Castlewells.*

# Directors' Report

MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

For the year ended 31 March 2003

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003.

## Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the protection, conservation and enhancement of the environment, historic buildings and cultural heritage of the Mourne and Slieve Croob Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, for the benefit of the general public.

## Results

The results for the year are set out on page 12.

## Fixed assets

The significant changes in fixed assets during the year are explained in note 8 to the financial statements.

## Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2002.

A Mitchell, Chair	S Doyle	R Chestnut	I Hanna	M Killen
I Hood, Vice Chair	W Martin	J Whatmough	C O Boyle	R Annett
H O'Neill, Company Secretary	P Kelly	A Diver (resigned Dec 2002)	B Davey	
J Saunders, Treasurer	I Adair	J McGrillen (co-opted Dec 2002)		
G Douglas	D Patterson	M Cole (resigned Dec 2002)		
W Burns	D Thompson	J O'Hare (co-opted Dec 2002)		

## Directors' interests

The company is a company limited by guarantee and so has no share capital.

## Auditors

In accordance with article 393 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, a resolution proposing that M B McGrady & Co be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting on 24th September 2003.

## Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit and loss of the company for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is in appropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. 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.

By Order of the Board



Director

3 September 2003

# Financial Report

AUDITOR'S REPORT  
to the members of  
MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 11 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out on page 13.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for the preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Law and Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities on page 11.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transaction with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

## Basis of opinion

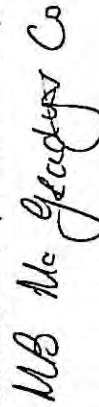
We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

## Going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1 of the Financial Statements concerning the uncertainty as to the continuation of funding for the Company. In view of the significance of this uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention but our opinion is not qualified in this respect

## Opinion

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2003 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.



M B McGrady & Co.

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Rathmore House, 52 St. Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick, Co. Down BT30 6DS.

# Statement of Financial Activities

MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

For the year ended 31 March 2003

# Income and Expenditure Account

MOURNE HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

For the year ended 31 March 2003

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2003	Total 2002
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grants and donations		-	195,118	195,118	188,388
Sales Income		-	368	368	253
Sundry Income		-	687	687	561
Interest		-	45	45	123
Mourne Conservation Friends of Mourne		-	-	-	24,923
Ranger Service		-	760	760	580
Mourne Wall		15,490	-	15,490	10,000
Interpretative Strategy		73,021	-	73,021	10,100
Built Heritage		-	-	-	11,429
Erosion Team		73,674	-	73,674	43,802
		-	-	-	23,829
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>162,185</b>	<b>196,978</b>	<b>359,163</b>	<b>313,988</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Direct charitable expenditure	2.1	119,166	37,303	156,469	116,426
Fund raising and publicity	2.2	13,689	2,557	16,246	10,880
Management and administration of the charity	2.3	32,025	158,084	190,109	191,171
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	2.4	<b>164,880</b>	<b>197,944</b>	<b>362,824</b>	<b>318,477</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>(2,695)</b>	<b>(966)</b>	<b>(3,661)</b>	<b>(4,489)</b>
<b>Balance brought forward at 1 April 2002</b>		<b>30,200</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>30,497</b>	<b>34,986</b>
<b>Balance brought forward at 31 March 2003</b>		<b>27,505</b>	<b>(669)</b>	<b>26,836</b>	<b>30,497</b>

Notes

	Notes	2003	2002
		£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Project and administrative expenses	4	359,118	313,988
		361,184	317,495
<b>Operating surplus</b>	5	<b>(2,066)</b>	<b>(3,507)</b>
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	45	123
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(1,640)	(1,105)
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>	14	<b>(3,661)</b>	<b>(4,489)</b>

The income and expenditure account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

## Balance sheet

Notes	2003	2002
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	66,751	58,686
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	872	715
Debtors	2,559	34,674
Cash at bank and in hand	100	9
	3,531	35,398
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(13,914)	(42,429)
<b>Net current assets</b>	(10,383)	(7,031)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	56,368	51,655
<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>	(17,902)	(9,528)
	38,466	42,127
<b>Capital reserves</b>		
Revaluation reserve	11,630	11,630
General Funds	26,836	30,497
	38,466	42,127

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 3rd September 2003



Dr A Mitchell - Chair  
Director



J Saunders - Treasurer  
Director

## Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1 Accounting policies

### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings.

The company is dependent upon continuing finance being made available by the various government bodies to enable it to continue its charitable activities over future years. The Trustees of the Board believe that continuing finance will be available and that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. However, should continuing finance not be made available, the going concern basis would be inappropriate. This would require adjustments to be made to revalue assets to net realisable values, to provide for further liabilities, which might arise, and to reclassify fixed assets as current assets.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents grants and donations from the government and other bodies, and sundry income from certain activities undertaken by the company.

### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	5% per annum
Plant and machinery	15% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Fixtures, fitting & equipment	15% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis

### 1.4 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### 1.5 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with FRS 17.

### 1.6 Government grants

Grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

2 Note to the Statement of Financial Activities

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2003	Total 2002	
	£	£	£	£	
<b>2.1 Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>					
Staff costs	35,159	26,232	61,391	58,166	
Project expenses	2,138	-	2,138	2,718	
Other costs	81,869	1,071	92,940	55,542	
	<u>119,166</u>	<u>37,303</u>	<u>156,469</u>	<u>116,426</u>	
<b>2.2 Fundraising and Publicity</b>					
Advertising and publications	13,689	-	13,689	978	
Hospitality	-	2,557	2,557	9,902	
	<u>13,689</u>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>16,246</u>	<u>10,880</u>	
<b>2.3 Management and Administration of the Charity</b>					
Staff costs	21,863	104,848	126,711	116,479	
Motor and travel expenses	153	6,469	6,622	16,509	
Professional fees	3,271	1,900	5,171	5,891	
Other costs	6,738	44,867	51,605	52,292	
	<u>32,025</u>	<u>158,084</u>	<u>190,109</u>	<u>191,171</u>	
<b>2.4 Total Resources Expended</b>	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Total 2003	Total 2002
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable projects	61,391	-	95,078	156,469	116,426
Management and administration	126,711	7,970	55,428	190,109	191,171
Fundraising and publicity	-	-	16,246	16,246	10,880
	<u>188,102</u>	<u>7,970</u>	<u>166,752</u>	<u>362,824</u>	<u>318,477</u>
<b>Other Costs</b>	2003	2002			
	£	£			
Premises	7,702	9,025			
Publicity and Fundraising	16,246	10,880			
Telephone and Postage	9,065	8,305			
Miscellaneous	133,739	107,765			
	<u>166,752</u>	<u>135,975</u>			

Miscellaneous costs includes all project and operational costs net of staff costs, depreciation and administrative expenses.

3 Fundamental Accounting Concept

The company is dependent upon continuing finance being made available by the various Government bodies to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The members of the Committee believe that continuing finance will be available and that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. However, should continuing finance not be made available, the going concern basis would be inappropriate. This would require adjustments to be made to revalue assets to net realisable values, to provide for further liabilities which might arise and to reclassify fixed assets as current assets.

4 Income

The major source of income is grants received from DOE. Other sources of income include support grants from NITB, Newry & Mourne District Council, Banbridge District Council, Down District Council, Ulster Garden Villages Limited, Community Fund, Pilgrim Trust and Heritage Lottery Fund.

5 Operating surplus / (deficit)

Operating surplus / (deficit) is stated after charging:  
Loss / (profit) on disposal of fixed assets  
Depreciation of tangible assets  
Auditors' remuneration

	2003	2002
	£	£
	-	(1,233)
	7,970	9,090
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,645</u>

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

Bank interest

	2003	2002
	£	£
	45	123

7 Interest payable and similar charges

Bank charges & interest

	2003	2002
	£	£
	1,640	1,105

# Notes to the Financial Statements

8	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings Freehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures & fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
	At 1 April 2002	24,357	12,117	35,700	14,688	86,862
	Additions	-	14,993	1,042	-	16,035
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>At 31 March 2003</b>	<b>24,357</b>	<b>27,110</b>	<b>36,742</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>102,897</b>
	<b>Depreciation</b>					
	At 1 April 2002	2,523	5,747	13,705	6,201	28,176
	On disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	Charge for the year	1,177	1,140	3,531	2,122	7,970
	<b>At 31 March 2003</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>6,887</b>	<b>17,236</b>	<b>8,323</b>	<b>36,146</b>
	<b>Net book value</b>					
	At 31 March 2003	20,657	20,223	19,506	6,365	66,751
	At 31 March 2002	21,834	6,370	21,995	8,487	58,686
9	<b>Stocks</b>				2003	2002
	Finished goods and goods for resale				£	£
					872	715
10	<b>Debtors</b>				2003	2002
	Other debtors				£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income				2,559	2,359
					2,559	34,674
11	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				2003	2002
	Bank loans and overdrafts				£	£
	Trade creditors				4,565	26,102
	Taxes and social security costs				3,311	14,682
	Accruals and deferred income				4,338	-
					1,700	1,645
					(13,914)	42,429
12	<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>				2003	2002
	Balance at 1 April 2002				£	£
	Grants received during the year				9,528	10,089
	Amortisation in the year				(687)	(561)
	Balance at 31 March 2003				17,902	9,528

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13	Pension costs	Revaluation reserve	Income and expenditure account
		£	£
	The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £14,201 (2002 - £15,621)		
14	<b>Statement of movements on funds</b>		
	Balance at 1 April 2002	11,630	30,497
	Retained surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	(43,661)
	<b>Balance at 31 March 2003</b>	<b>11,630</b>	<b>26,836</b>
15	<b>Reconciliation of movements on funds</b>		
	Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year - Restricted	2003	2002
	Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year - Unrestricted	£	£
		(3,661)	(1,145)
			(3,344)
			(4,489)
	Opening funds - Restricted		31,345
	Opening funds - Unrestricted		15,271
			46,616
		42,127	42,127
		38,466	30,200
	Closing funds - Restricted		11,927
	Closing funds - Unrestricted		11,927
			27,505
			10,961
16	<b>Contingent liabilities</b>		
	The company has a liability to refund grant monies received by it should it fail to comply with the relevant conditions as set out in the letter of offer.		
18	<b>Employees</b>		
	<b>Number of employees</b>		
	The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:	2003	2002
	Permanent staff	Number	Number
	DOE seconded staff	10	8
		-	1
		10	9
		2003	2002
	<b>Employment costs</b>	£	£
	Wages and salaries	173,901	156,145
	Other pension costs	14,201	15,621
		188,102	171,766

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