



### Introduction

by Robert Cheesman, Chairman of Council

**1<sup>st</sup>** April 2010 was a momentous day in the Society's history as that was the day when the South Downs National Park came into being. Shortly afterwards the 27 members of the National Park Authority, several of whom are also members of the Society, met formally for the first time and elected Margaret Paren, who was a Vice Chairman of the Society for 3 years, as their Chair.

Until 1 April 2011 the National Park Authority are operating in shadow mode. This is to enable them to formulate policies, recruit staff and set up processes before they become operational on that date. The Society has had a number of meetings with both members and staff of the Authority to put forward its ideas including a wish list of projects that could be undertaken by them at an early date. In that way it has acted as a critical friend and, although not every decision has been welcome, the Society has been generally satisfied with the progress the Authority is making.

During the year the Society was delighted to become a full member of the Council for National Parks and be regarded by them as the National Park Society for the South Downs. It was also honoured to be asked to host the conference of National Park Societies in 2012.

The Society's strategic plan was reviewed during the year and amended to put more emphasis on its National Park work. However all its traditional activities continue and are being extended to encompass the whole of the National Park, which includes a significant part of East Hampshire in addition to the Western Weald of Sussex.

All of this work should increase the Society's public profile and I am grateful to the members and staff who are either undertaking it or ensuring that the Society functions smoothly.

### Vision & Aims

As the National Park Society our purpose is to conserve and enhance for the public benefit the beauty and amenities both in and within the vicinity of the South Downs National Park.

#### ACHIEVING NATIONAL PARK PURPOSES

To build up a good relationship with National Park Authority members and officers so as to try to ensure that we have a successful National Park.

#### PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

To influence the policies, strategies and actions of the National Park Authority and other public bodies in order to conserve and enhance sustainably the beauty, amenity and tranquillity of the South Downs.

#### ACCESS

To protect and enhance rights of way and access land, on and to the South Downs, for quiet recreational opportunities.

#### EDUCATION AND UNDERSTANDING

To promote opportunities that increase both the members' and the general public's knowledge and commitment to the South Downs.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

To develop and maintain a broad membership of the Society.

#### MANAGEMENT

To ensure the efficient management of the Society by use of systems and processes that are easily understood by staff and volunteers.

### Facts & Figures

828	planning applications reviewed in 2010
97	access matters appraised
245	walking and strolling opportunities for members
11	interesting and varied member events
17	talks presented by the Society to external organizations

## Achieving National Park Purposes

*The Society is a strong champion of the National Park and is working to build a good relationship with the NPA, both encouraging them to fulfil their objectives, whilst monitoring their performance.*

The regular meetings which have taken place with Margaret Paren and senior members of the National Park Authority's staff have endeavoured to influence their thinking while they set up policies and processes during the shadow year. In particular there has been discussion over the detailed arrangements for the delegation of development management functions to the local authorities, something the Society supports. The Society has also suggested that the National Park Authority should assemble baseline data from which its success can be measured in due course and provided a wish list of projects that should be done as soon as it becomes operational on 1 April 2011. Although the Society aims to be a critical but constructive friend of the National Park Authority there will be times when it does not agree with the decisions the Authority takes. One of these was its selection of Midhurst as the Authority's Headquarters on the grounds that it has no railway station and travelling to it by public transport from Brighton and

East Sussex is time consuming and difficult. Another was its reluctance to seek to take over the work which the South Downs Joint Committee had done on rights of way in Sussex for many years, a function which will now revert to the Highway Authorities. On the other hand the Society has assisted the National Park Authority by lobbying Government

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over the financial settlement whilst it has developed relationships with Members of Parliament as part of its political engagement strategy.

Throughout the year the Society has worked on planning and hosting the 2012 conference of National Park Societies. This will take place from 31 August to 2 September at Brighton University.

The Society plays a leading part in the South Downs Network which is a grouping of environmental organisations concerned with the South Downs. At present the Society provides the Secretariat albeit charging the Network for the costs involved. The National Park Authority envisage the Network becoming the conduit through which they formally consult the environmental sector on issues such as the Management Plan they have to prepare by 2014. For

this reason alone it is clearly important that the Society should play its part in helping the Network decide a line on issues of common concern whilst at the same time preserving its own independence and credibility. Within the Network the Society has played a major role in urging the National Park Authority to adopt appropriate policies, practices and standards on matters such as rights of way and park management as well as planning. ●

## Planning & Land Management

*Our Planning and Conservation Committee, and its network of Society members across the Downs, continues to grow in strength and numbers.*

Over the past year or two the Society has extended its activities into the Western Weald area of the National Park and, during 2010, right across the town of Lewes. Subsequently the first Hampshire "District Officer", as our planning volunteers are known, has been appointed. This means that the Society will increase its capacity to influence the development of planning policies and the process by which planning applications are determined.

2009 showed an increase from 79 to 118 in the number of development proposals on which the Society submitted comments; 2010 continued that upward trend with 131 responses, an increase of 10%. There is of course a much larger number of applications which were considered but on which the need to object or make representations was not felt.

The Society's newly established Policy/Strategy Group has submitted comments on a wide range of evolving planning policies and policy documents to local councils and other statutory agencies. In 2010 this has included the work now underway within the four relevant highway authorities – Hampshire, Brighton and Hove, West and East Sussex – to revise and update their Local Transport Plans. The Policy/Strategy Group has a core membership of chair and vice-chair of the Planning and Conservation Committee, but co-opts for each piece of work members with particular expertise or local interest.

With the arrival of a new government the Society learned that the regional level of the planning framework is to be abolished – in this case, the "South East Plan" with its top-down targets for housing and mineral production. And at the year end the Society is now appraising the implications of government's legislative proposals to favour "localism" and the "Big Society".

As previously mentioned, the National Park Authority has, during its formative year, been negotiating with the constituent local planning authorities a "scheme of delegation" for development control – this to enable the Park Authority to focus its efforts and resources on strategic issues and key development proposals while the local councils continue to

handle the majority of applications, with the National Park Authority seeking to “add value” through specialist expertise, additional resources and overview. The Society has played a key role amongst environmental stakeholder groups in seeking the best possible arrangements within this scheme.

The Society drew on the detailed knowledge and enthusiasm of its membership this year in putting together a “wish list” of priority conservation schemes, eyesores and gaps in the footpath network which it wished the National Park Authority to take on as early and (relatively) easy “wins”. And the members were not slow in coming forward, producing a lengthy list of possible projects. In September the “top ten” were submitted to the National Park Authority who recognised the value of these ideas. They asked the Society to consider whether it, or other bodies, might be prepared to take a lead in implementing some of the projects with possible financial support from the Authority.

The Society continues to resist threats from proposed sand, gravel and oil extraction across the National Park – the price paid for the inclusion within the Park of extensive tracts of non-chalk landscape in the Weald of Hampshire and West Sussex, but an opportunity to fight to conserve this precious countryside. Concerned local residents have highlighted new threats and the Society is working with them to scrutinise any planning “justification”, ensuring the best possible environmental case is made in response.

Last year’s review made mention of a refusal of planning permission by Wealden Council for a development of over 500 houses, a primary school, shops and associated infrastructure on a site at the western end of Polegate – adjoining the National Park and highly visible from it. This refusal was the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State and a public inquiry was arranged for January 2011 for the appeal to be heard by an independent planning inspector. The Society joined forces for the inquiry with CPRE Sussex, the Folkington Estate (owner of listed Wootton Manor, greatly affected by the proposal), the Campaign for Better Transport and Sussex Wildlife Trust. With the visual impact on the Downs being a key concern with this proposal, the Society decided to make a financial contribution to the joint costs of deploying an expert landscape witness. On the same side as the Society at the inquiry, but operating as separate entities, are Wealden Council, Natural England, the National Park Authority and local residents and parish councils. The outcome, and implications, of the inquiry will be reported in the next annual review and via the pages of *The Downsman*.

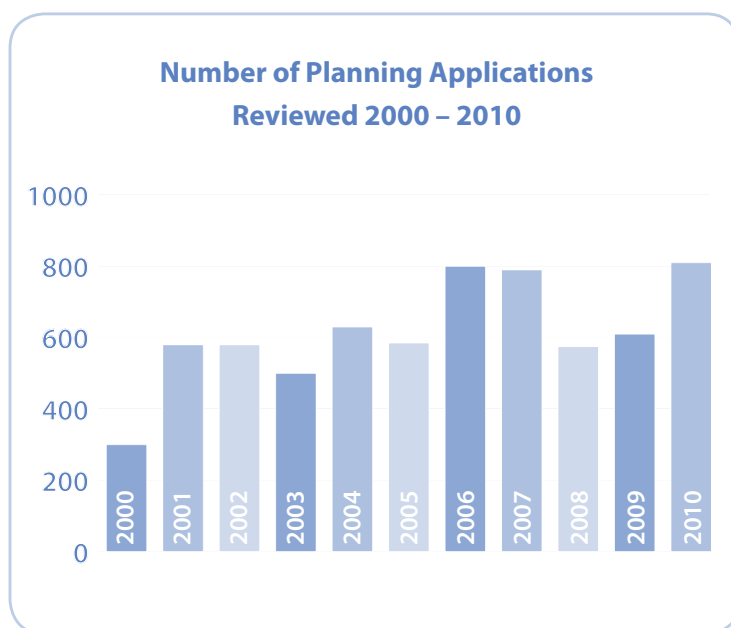
Things have also moved on at the Cuckmere estuary – at least in terms of policy making if not in action on the ground. Last year the Society reported that it would be playing its part in seeking the best practical package of landscape, access and wildlife measures in any future flood risk management. This has been done and, by the end of the year, the community forum had carried out its identification and evaluation of management options to share with the wider public and the

range of statutory and landowning bodies which will ultimately make the decisions on the future of the estuary. This will be a continuing debate!

During 2010 the Society has piloted a more integrated approach to its planning, conservation and access work. Both in Hampshire and in Lewes District various members active in these fields met to explore the possibility of establishing area based teams. Although the merits of these subject-based get-togethers were clear, there was some reluctance amongst members to take on any additional roles in leading or co-ordinating the efforts of these “teams”. Having received this feedback, Council decided to keep the standing committees for Planning and Conservation, and Access and Rights of Way, and seek to achieve enhanced integration by other means. The committees are now considering how best to reflect the changing context of their work, the advent of the National Park Authority, the spread into Hampshire, the Western Weald and Lewes town, and the financial pressures facing the Society which have necessitated a 10% reduction in staffing levels.

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Challenging but exciting times. The opportunity for the Society to help to conserve and enhance the unique Downs landscape has never been greater. The Society is fortunate in continuing to attract enthusiastic and able volunteers to undertake this work. Members don’t need to wait for a DO vacancy to appear in *The Downsman* or an e-newsletter: any expression of interest will be warmly welcomed and taken up. ●



## Access

*The Access & Rights of Way Committee met four times during 2010, giving support to 38 Area Access Officers (AAOs) covering 114 parishes.*

2010 started for the Access & Rights of Way (A&RoW) Committee with the news that West and East Sussex County Councils were proposing to take back the maintenance of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) when the National Park Authority became operational in April 2011. This maintenance had been carried on by the South Downs Joint Committee (SDJC) on behalf of the County Councils for 18 years and, with the help of volunteers, had ensured a very high standard so that rights of way were open and easy to use on the Sussex part of the South Downs. The Society felt the County Councils would not be able to provide this same high standard of maintenance and lobbied hard on this matter. It is now confirmed that the maintenance of all PRoW will be carried out by the County Councils. The Society will now concentrate its efforts to ensure this is to the highest possible standard so that easy access to the Downs can be enjoyed.

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The annual meeting for the Area Access Officers and others was held in Chichester in October. Six representatives from Hants, West and East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Councils and the SDJC and National Park Authority were invited to the morning session to explain how they intended to work with volunteers in the South Downs National Park.

During the year three stalwarts resigned from the Committee: Brenda Mann, Patrick Haworth and Peter Harris. The Society extends its thanks to them. Graham Ault and Robert Self have joined the Committee strengthening our knowledge in the west of the Downs.

Work continued on the 'Open Access' project led by Ben Perkins and maps can be now found on the Society web-site.

Members of the committee continue to attend Local Access Forums and the WSCC Users Group Forum.

The members of Council and the A-&RoW Committee, along with staff member Sally Gilbert, have again provided the Committee Chairman, Dave Brookshaw, with excellent support for which he is extremely grateful. ●

## Education and Understanding

*The Society's mission to create and promote opportunities that increase both members' and the general public's knowledge and commitment to the South Downs continues.*

### South Downs Society Fund

The Fund has continued to finance those projects it committed to since its formation in 2007. The following assignments were completed during 2010:

- The Weald and Downland Museum at Singleton benefitted from a grant of almost £5,000 to enable the restoration of a wheeled contractors living van. The van, which would have been used by men working on the South Downs in the 1860s, was in serious disrepair. Work has now been completed and the van is on display at the museum.
- The clearing of dangerous trees and management of ancient woodland at Kill Devil Copse, West Sussex. An 11 acre part of the copse, owned by 1st Emsworth Scouts, is conveniently situated for walks on the Downs. Due to its dangerous condition the area had to be closed. With the assistance of a £2,000 grant from the Society the copse has now been made safe and the Scouts are able to use it again for summer camps, hikes, wide games and other activities.
- The Sustainability Centre at East Meon in Hampshire received a £5,000 grant to assist in the development of their outdoor educational programmes for young people. The learning outcomes included understanding environmental issues; land stewardship; and practical craft and land management skills.
- The provision of gates and signs for a new footpath between Southease and Rodmell benefitted from a £1,000 grant.

The Society will not be making further grants for the foreseeable future due to the emphasis that needs to be placed on reducing the current deficit. ●

### Walks and Strolls Programmes

2010 was a record year, with snow in the first and last months. This led to cancellation of many walks and strolls. Although this was partly responsible for reducing the over-all number of walkers, the summer months actually saw numbers up on last year. In all, 1735 walkers took part in 141 walks covering 1900 miles, an average of just over 12 people and 13 ½ miles per walk. Similar strolls statistics are not available but the impression is that numbers are low of late.

Our leaders continue to offer a comprehensive programme with a full selection of mileages, terrain and area over four counties. We welcomed seven people new to leading, giving a bank of around 85 leaders. They offer strolls ranging from 3 miles, particularly aimed at those of reduced mobility (a recent addition to the programme) to 9 miles for the more

energetic and walks from 10 to 20 miles plus two marathons. With that much choice there is something for all, well worth support for the considerable preparation involved. Thanks to all leaders for this.

Changes to programme schedule were discussed but it will continue to go out quarterly. When polled, this was by far the most popular choice amongst walks and strolls leaders. During the year Peter Harris gave up Strolls co-ordinating and we were happy to welcome Judy Robinson. She is well into the task now.

This year during the Green Travel Week of walks and strolls in September, MPs for the area of each walk were invited and several joined us. In the eight days of walks and strolls all starting from points accessible by public transport some 100 people took part. Initiatives to attract new members have included publicising the Green Travel Week programme and collaborating with the NPA who produced a brochure of Autumn walks available within the National Park. Our taster programme continues to be publicly available on the website.

### Events

The Society aims to offer its members a variety of events each year. Over 200 members participated in the 2010 Events Programme.

<b>January:</b>	Turner & The Masters exhibition at the Tate Modern.
<b>February:</b>	Churches Tour to Withyham, Tudeley and Speldhurst.
<b>March:</b>	Bately Lecture at Plumpton College, given by Ruth Chambers, Head of Policy at CNP, followed by a tour of the college.
<b>April:</b>	Outing to NT property Ham House
<b>May:</b>	Annual General Meeting at Lodge Hill Centre, Pulborough followed by a visit to NT property Petworth.
<b>June:</b>	Visit to Salisbury.
<b>July:</b>	Boat trip on Chichester Harbour.
<b>August:</b>	A tour of Petersfield town and visit to NT property Uppark.
<b>September:</b>	Coach trip to Greenwich A visit to an SDS Fund project – walk and afternoon tea at the Downs Barn, Sompington.
<b>November:</b>	Autumn Lecture at West Blatchington Mill.
<b>December:</b>	Members Christmas Lunch.

### The Downsman

Four issues of our member magazine, The *Downsman*, were again published this year. The Society aims to keep members well informed through the pages of The *Downsman* and 2010 was no exception with articles ranging from World War II rifle ranges on the Downs to the flora and fauna of this very special landscape. Throughout the year there were regular updates on the formation of the National Park Authority and developments relating to planning issues and access in and around the region. The Society is extremely grateful to the small army of volunteers who help to keep costs to a minimum by assisting in the production and distribution process. Special thanks go to Peter Harris and Colin Inman.

### e-newsletter

In order to keep our members as up-to-date as possible with all that is happening, both within the National Park and the Society, a regular e-newsletter is available. 26% of our members have signed up for this newsletter.

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### SDS Website

Members are now able to renew their membership and donate on-line making it even easier to respond to our appeals for funds. Where space has been limited in The *Downsman* we have placed expanded articles on our web site which have been well received. And finally, the previously mentioned Open Access maps can now be downloaded by members, and the general public, from the Society website. ●

## Membership & Marketing

*In June, Council agreed to make the Marketing Projects Group a standing committee and re-named it the Membership & Marketing Committee. Its objective to increase membership as well as the Society's income remains unaltered.*

Throughout the year various initiatives were undertaken to recruit new members to the Society with a special focus on increasing membership in the western part of the region.

Following the success of the previous year's targeted mail drop, this was repeated and 6,000 homes were canvassed. We recruited a total of 66 new members from this exercise.

Royal Mail provide a Door to Door leaflet delivery

service. In the autumn we used this to distribute 13,000 promotional leaflets and postcards to addresses in Hampshire from which we recruited 26 new members. This has proved a most cost effective means of recruitment.

Again, Society members have been instrumental in encouraging others to join by distributing leaflets or inviting friends to walks and events.

A programme of talks about the Society and the National Park was presented to 17 organisations across the region.

### Member Retention

During 2010 membership fell by 2%. Feedback from leaving members indicated a reluctance to renew membership during the current financial climate.

Two more "Tea with the Chairman" events were organised for our members. As well as providing an opportunity to present the Society and its work, tours of Amberley Village and Liss were included.

A programme of telephoning new members within the first three months of joining to encourage their participation in events, walks and strolls has been well received.

### Legacies and In-Memoriam Gifts

Legacies are a valuable source of income to the Society. We are extremely grateful to the late Marjorie Derby for her bequest of £29,000. Several much appreciated In-Memoriam gifts were also received.

### Corporate Donations

**Waitrose**  **WILEY**

Thanks go to both Waitrose and John Wiley & Sons who have this year donated to the Society.

### Appeals to Members

The Society launched two appeals to members – Spring and Autumn. Members generously donated £11,299 to these appeals.

### Gift Aid Declarations

67% of our members have now completed Gift Aid declarations. After careful analysis, in 2010 the Society were able to claim backdated Gift Aid from the past six years totaling £15,478.

### Merchandising

Members supported the Society by purchasing both Christmas Cards and packs of notecards – all showing scenes of the South Downs. Sales of £2,363 were made realizing a profit of £1,125 for the Society. ●

## Management

*This section of the Society's strategic plan focuses on the effective co-ordination and support of our staff and volunteers and the efficient management of the Society's finances.*

During 2010 the Society's Council agreed a risk management strategy which established systems to mitigate identified risks. It takes out appropriate insurance policies. Separately it is considering a health and safety policy for volunteers working on the Society's behalf.

Work has started on identifying the skills gaps in members of the Society's Council so that suitable people can be encouraged to offer themselves for election. ●

## How you can help

Our commitment to conserving the South Downs is stronger than ever, but our financial reserves are not.

In order for us to continue our essential work for the benefit of generations yet to come, we need additional funding.

Please consider making a donation to our funds, either now, or perhaps through your will or an "in memoriam" gift.

You can donate on-line today [www.southdownssociety.org.uk](http://www.southdownssociety.org.uk) or should you wish to discuss other forms of giving please contact Jane Major on 01798 875073 email [jane.major@southdownssociety.org.uk](mailto:jane.major@southdownssociety.org.uk)

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## Finance – some Facts & Figures

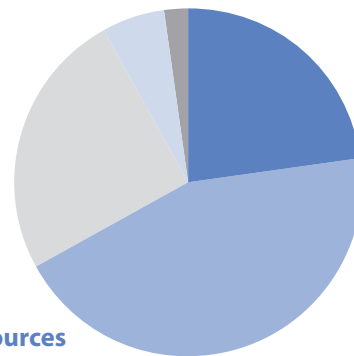
### SOUTH DOWNS SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	30,918	-	30,918	29,763
Donations	29,252	-	29,252	10,290
Legacies	29,185	-	29,185	6,017
Incoming resources from operating activities in the furtherance of the charities objectives - walks, visits, lectures and meetings				
	7,321	-	7,321	7,615
Incoming resources from the operating activities for generating funds				
Sales of publications and other goods	2,808	-	2,808	1,291
Investment income	33,121	-	33,121	39,420
Interest receivable	233	-	233	86
Sundries	585	-	585	2,514
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>133,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,423</b>	<b>96,996</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Charitable expenditure	58,246	3,141	61,387	80,901
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	132,647	699	133,346	129,924
Grants in furtherance of the charity's objectives	(8,810)	-	(8,810)	21,788
Governance costs	2,412	-	2,412	3,918
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>184,495</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>188,335</b>	<b>236,531</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>	<b>(51,073)</b>	<b>(3,840)</b>	<b>(54,913)</b>	<b>(139,536)</b>
Transfers between funds				
	9,027	(9,027)	-	-
<b>Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>	<b>(42,046)</b>	<b>(12,867)</b>	<b>(54,913)</b>	<b>(139,536)</b>
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets	39,793	-	39,793	118,304
<b>Net movement in fund</b>	<b>(2,253)</b>	<b>(12,867)</b>	<b>(15,120)</b>	<b>(21,232)</b>
Total funds brought forward	873,052	46,021	919,073	940,305
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>870,799</b>	<b>33,154</b>	<b>903,953</b>	<b>919,073</b>

### SOUTH DOWNS SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible	5,050		5,050	
Investments	870,551		905,793	
		875,601		910,843
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stock	1,889		632	
Debtors	3,190		5,540	
Cash at bank and in hand	30,904		27,173	
	35,983		33,345	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>7,631</b>		<b>25,115</b>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>28,352</b>		<b>8,230</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>903,953</b>		<b>919,073</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Restricted funds		33,154		46,021
Unrestricted funds		870,799		873,052
		<b>903,953</b>		<b>919,073</b>

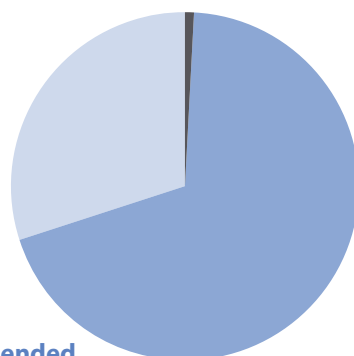
All members are entitled to a full copy of the Financial Statements. The full Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2010 can be found on the Society web site: [www.southdownssociety.org.uk](http://www.southdownssociety.org.uk) Paper copies are available from the office on request.



#### Incoming resources

Subscriptions	23%
Donations and legacies	44%
Investment income, interest & other	25%
Membership activities	6%
Merchandising, cards, books, etc.	2%

Investments of £71,774 were sold during the year.



#### Resources expended

Governance	1%
Activities furthering the charity's objectives	69%
Fundraising and publicity	30%

### Commentary

The Society made a loss of £54,912 in the year ending 31 December 2010. The value of its investments at the year end had benefited from the rise in the stock market, amounting to £870,551 after the sale of investments to the value of £71,774, which was used to fund current expenditure. This compares to £905,793 at the end of 2009. During the year the Society's Council determined a minimum reserves level of £200,000 but intend holding investments in excess of this in order to continue to provide income to prevent any future losses from occurring or being higher.

Economic conditions remain difficult and legacy income (£29,185 in 2010) cannot be relied upon. All expenditure is carefully scrutinised and in order to cut costs Council agreed to reduce staff hours and salary by 10% with effect from 1 January 2011.

Council review the Society's finances at every meeting, and closely monitor investments. Activity to increase membership and produce legacies is led by the Membership & Marketing Committee who report progress at every Council meeting.



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formerly Society of Sussex Downsmen

Protecting the Beauty of the Downs

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