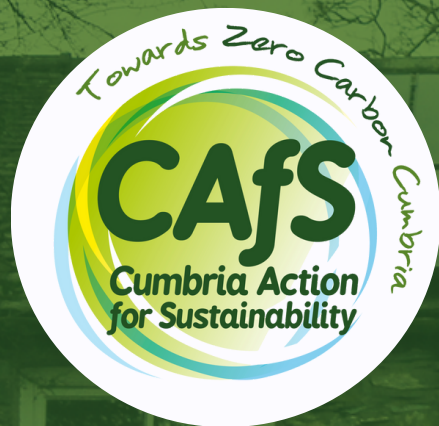


Cumbria Action for Sustainability

Annual Report



2021 2022

Getting back to business

Following the uncertainty of previous years, this was a year when CAfS felt it could really start to make some progress towards its aims.

With the end of the lockdowns and associated restrictions, project activities which had been delayed were finally able to get underway. As well as this, we continued to bring in new staff and skills to strengthen our position for the coming years and ensure that we do everything we can to support Cumbria in its transition from high carbon to low carbon living and working.

The year was the first full year of the National Lottery funded Zero Carbon Cumbria project. The team supported the strengthening and growth of the Zero Carbon Partnership to around 80 participating organisations, and started to take key actions which would form the groundwork for the years to come.

I am particularly pleased by the work we have done so far with local communities. Examples include supporting community sustainability groups to deliver numerous county wide events during Great Big Green Week and the UN Conference of the Parties 26; establishing Citizens Juries for Furness and Copeland; and launching the Community Climate Grants fund in November, which will provide grants to Cumbrian community organisations for zero carbon action.

Another exciting event this year was the Youth Climate Summit held in October. At the summit, a series of youth videos were collated and an event organised so that young people could present their recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Environment at Cumbria County Council. A youth representative also presented to the Zero Carbon Partnership and a special reception was held at the Kendal Mountain Film Festival.

Our Carbon Literacy project has continued to go from strength to strength. During the year we worked with a range of organisations and individuals, including Allerdale, Copeland, South Lakeland, Eden and Cumbria County councils. We have received excellent feedback for these courses and I am very proud of the work our team has carried out and for establishing CAfS as a regional leader in this type of influential training.

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Our home energy team benefited from the easing of restrictions - with home visits again possible they were able to continue from where they left off before the lockdown.

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We also secured another round of funding for our vital Cold to Cosy homes service and were able to secure funding for a new Retrofit for Cumbria project. With the increasing cost of energy, efficiency of use becomes of ever greater importance for homes and businesses. This team is providing a valuable support for Cumbrians during the cost of living crisis.

With this increase in activities we've also been taking steps to expand our team to ensure that we have the people and skills to carry out our work successfully now and in the future. As a result we have recruited eleven new employees: these included additions to our marketing team, our Zero Carbon Cumbria team, and our growing energy advice service.

This has been a year with much to be positive about.

This is a dramatic growth in numbers and the team has done a fantastic job at making everyone feel welcome and ensuring that the CAfS spirit is maintained.

D A Beuzeval
Chair of Trustees



Introduction

This has been a year with much to be positive about.

As the limitations of lockdowns end CAfS has made

real progress

in key areas whilst at the same time also establishing our teams for crucial work in the years to come. During

times of change

there is always a risk that things can feel **overwhelming** or we **lose sight**

of our core aim; it is thanks to

the **excellent team**

at CAfS that we have been able to maintain a **steady** course

and I am **excited**

about **where** this will take us **next year**.

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OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

80

IN ITS FIRST FULL YEAR, **ZERO CARBON CUMBRIA PARTNERSHIP** grew to around 80 participating organisations

THROUGH ZCC WE SUPPORTED LOCAL COMMUNITIES to deliver events through Great Big Green Week and establish Citizen's Juries in Furness and Copeland



92

92 Great Big Green Week events were listed on the CAFS website



11 WE RECRUITED ELEVEN NEW COLLEAGUES

£100,000

WE LAUNCHED THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE GRANTS FUND IN NOVEMBER



This will provide over £100k in grants to Cumbrian community organisations for zero carbon action

500



500 PUPILS FROM 15 SCHOOLS ATTENDED A **YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT**



65

CARBON LITERACY TRAINING SESSIONS WERE DELIVERED

485

PEOPLE FROM A RANGE OF ORGANISATIONS TOOK PART

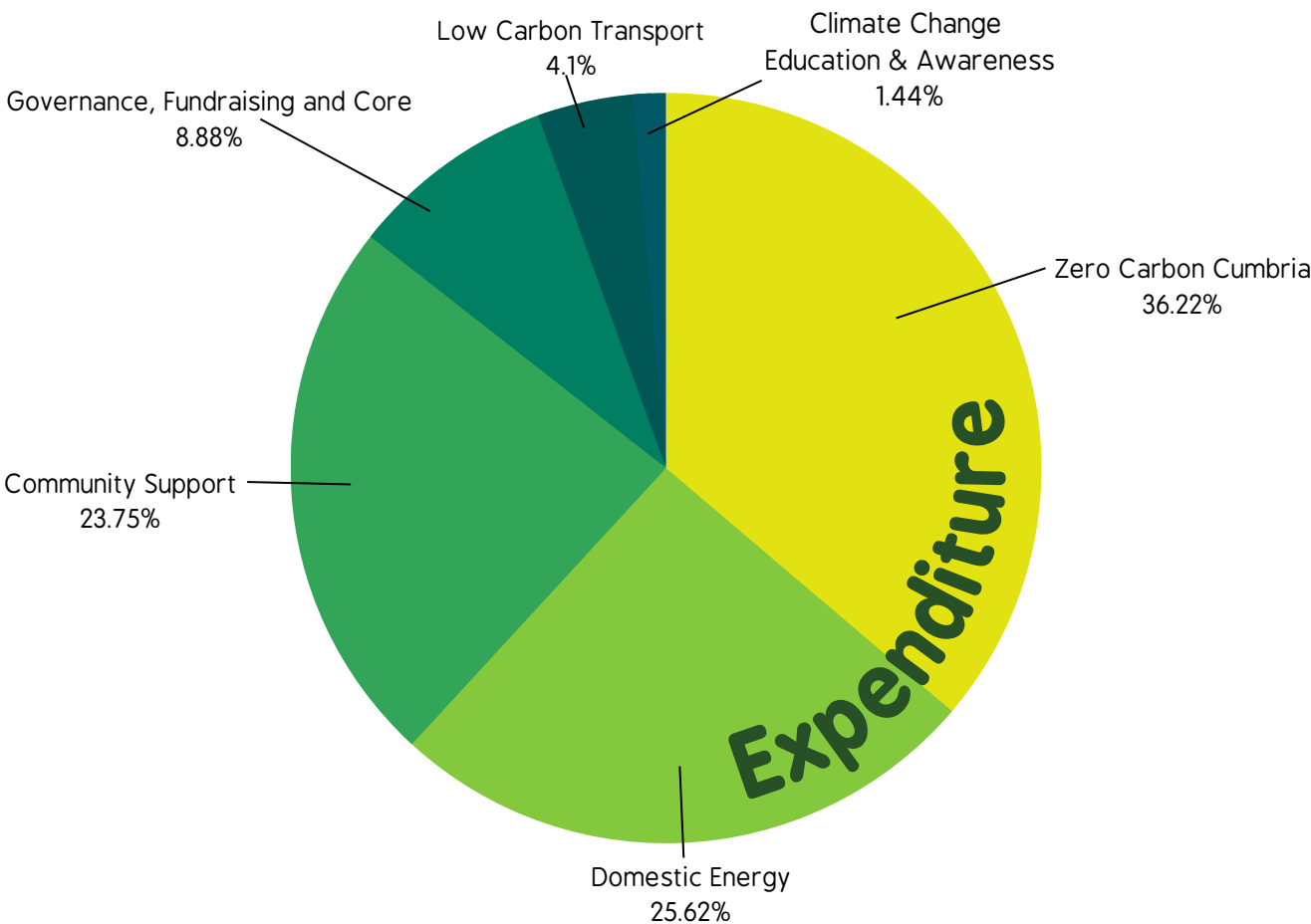
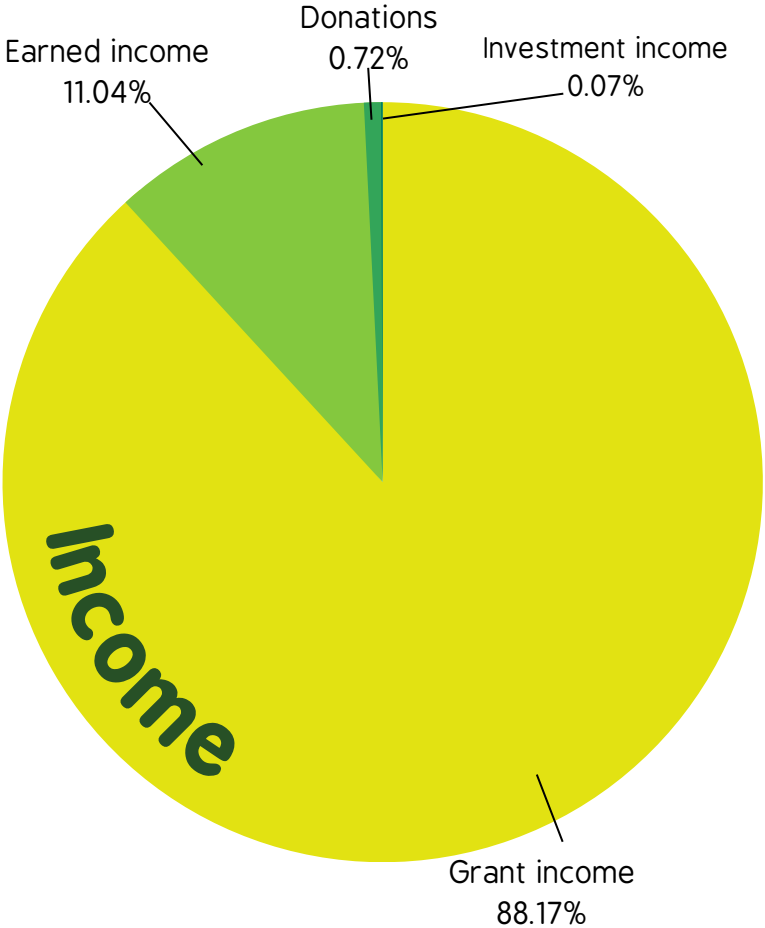


OUR **COLD TO COSY HOMES** SERVICE PROVIDED ADVICE TO

2000+

HOMES IN THE REGION

CAfS Financial Summary for 2021/22



Total Income: **£1,488,542**

Total Expenditure: **£1,249,165**

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Income increased considerably during the year, rising by 166% (£929,241) from £599,301 to £1,488,542.

This was largely due to new income streams and most notably the funding received from the National Lottery for the Zero Carbon Cumbria project; the funding from South Lakeland District Council; the home energy saving projects with Energy Saving Trust; and from Stonehaven for the Green Investment Plan.



Funders and clients

In 2021-22 CAfs secured £1,488,542 for its activities from a wide range of sources. These include charitable trusts and foundations, national and local grant givers, local government and associated agencies, businesses and, of course, individuals who may have taken up our services or attended our events and training. We also secured funding through third parties by developing several projects in partnership with others. All our activities are aligned to our charitable purposes, irrespective of funding source.

The Trustees would like to thank all our donors and the following funding partners and clients for their support this year, including:

Agility Eco	Energy Local CIC
Allerdale Borough Council	Historic England
Alston Community Energy	Innovate UK
Ambleside Action for a Future	Neighbourly Ltd
Arnold Clark Community Fund	North Pennines AONB
Community Energy Cumbria	Shared Future CIC
Copeland Borough Council	Shed One Distillery
Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership	South Lakeland District Council
Durham County Council	Stonehaven
Eden District Council	Sustainable Keswick
Electricity North West	The National Lottery Community Fund
Emergence Foundation	Urbed
Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme	Walney Extension Community Fund

And all of our individual donors.

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