K Fellfarers Archives - a Brief Summary

Last update: MF. 22 September 2025

Files listed as 'deposit' are retained in the ownership of K Fellfarers. Those listed as 'gift' are in the ownership of Cumbria County Council.

Access for viewing of files can be obtained at the County Archives Service by quoting the relevant Accession Number.

File Location

KFF100. 1913 to May 1934 (the opening of High House)

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H10871)

- 'Seathwaite Camp'. Extract copy from Mabel Barker's photo albums 1913 including photo and explanatory letters.
- Unveiling of war memorial on Great Gable. FRCC. 1924
- High House family history compiled for NT. c 2000
- Article on the Great Gable service. c 2000+
- Correspondence with Manchester Corporation re: search for a hut. 1932
- Correspondence with Buttermere Slate Quarries re: search for a hut. 1932
- Correspondence with Humphreys Ltd. re: erection of new hut. 1932
- Hostel Committee Minutes. 1932 34
- Correspondence with J Stables re: erection of new hut. 1933
- Stables' specification for building work.
- Correspondence with W Heskett re: land for new hut. 1933
- Correspondence with W Heskett re: leasing High House. 1933
- Correspondence with Provincial re: insurance for new hut. 1933
- Correspondence with suppliers of equipment etc. 1933
- Correspondence with Martins Bank. 1933
- List of kit taken to High House. 1934
- Hostel accounts.

KFF110. May 1934 (the opening of High House)

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H16304)

- Original photograph of High House 1913 (from Mabel Barker)
- Original photographs of field for possible new hostel (by Leslie Somervell)
- Original photographs of opening (from the Westmorland Gazette)

KFF 200. May 1934 to 1937

- **County Archives, Kendal (deposit)**
- (Accession Number: H10871)
- Invoices from Somervell Bros. and other suppliers. 1934
- Correspondence with Cockermouth RDC and J Stables.
- Correspondence with W Heskett and H Walker re lease. 1934
- Cash Statement April 1931 January 1935
- Correspondence with HM Inspector of Taxes 1935
- Correspondence with YHA re use of Hostel.
- Building and Equipment Accounts Jan 1936
- Building and Equipment Accounts Dec 1937

KFF 300. March 1934 to 1955

County Archives, Kendal (gift)

(K Shoes Archive - Ref WDB 61/10/2/2)

Minutes of KFF Committee Meetings, including the General Meeting which formed Club.

KFF 400. Jan 1940 to Dec 1949

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H10871)

- Correspondence with W Heskett re War Damage Contributions. 1941
- KFF Journals. One of each. 1944, 1945, 1946
- Copy of menu. KFF Annual Dinner 1945
- Correspondence from Cockermouth RDC and Ministry of Works. 1948

KFF 450. 1948

County Archives Carlisle (gift)

(District Council Archive - Ref SRDC/3/2/2454)

• Application to Building Control for Ladies Washroom.

KFF 500. Jan 1950 to Dec 1959

- Copy of article on Goff family. The Eyelet. 1953
- Copy of article. M&S magazine.
- Copy of KFF article. The Eyelet.
- Note on formation of KMSRT. 2009
- Correspondence from FRCC re Birkness hut. 1951
- Correspondence, various, re: booking High House.
- Minutes of KFF committee meetings Nov 1955 onwards
- Minutes of AGMs 1956 1959
- Lease 1958 including map.
- Correspondence re new supply of electricity.

KFF 600. Jan 1960 to Dec 1964

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- · Minutes of General Meetings.
- Correspondence with Somervell Bros various.
- Correspondence with Electricity Board re new supply.
- List of work at High House 1961
- Proposal for electrical equipment at High House 1961
- Correspondence re: electrical equipment
- Resignation of JS Nicoll as President
- Club Constitution and Rules
- High House future policy proposal 1962

KFF 700. Jan 1965 to Dec 1969

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Newspaper cuttings re Borrowdale flood 1966
- Proposals for new septic tank.
- Club Membership card 1968
- History of 'The Lads' by P Goff. c2009

KFF 800. Jan 1970 to Dec 1974

- · Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Page from The Eyelet 1970
- Club Constitution and Rules 1970
- Correspondence with members various.
- Correspondence with Fleetwood Grammar School re Fire Certification.
- Correspondence re new lease.
- Lease 1973 1994
- Correspondence re: additional electrical circuits.
- Cockermouth RDC rates notification.
- Eyelet magazine 1974

KFF 900. Jan 1975 to Dec 1979

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Newspaper cuttings re Borrowdale flood.1975
- Correspondence with Fire Service re: inspection and action on fire safety.
- Questionnaire re KFF Outward Bound weekend.
- Correspondence with NT various

KFF 950. Nov 1976 to Apr 1989

Income and Expenditure accounts (bound volume).

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KFF 1000. Jan 1980 to Dec 1984

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- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Hut Booking records.
- Correspondence with NT re rent review.
- Results of Meltonian Marathon.
- Insurance Policy 1981
- Correspondence on failure of fire alarm.
- Membership lists 1982 1984
- Correspondence on 50th Anniversary party at Brewery, including thumbnail photographs.
- Various statements of accounts.
- Correspondence with NT re: tree planting and roof repairs.
- Correspondence with NT re: survey of NT properties.
- B Stilling Life Membership.
- Fire Service Inspection.

KFF 1100. Jan 1985 to Dec 1989

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H10871)

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Hut Booking records.
- G Pitt Life Membership.
- Fire Service notice of contravention, followed by confirmation that certification is not required.
- P Ford Life Membership.
- Romesse stove leaflet.
- Correspondence with NT re: rent review and bridge repair.
- BMC membership renewal.
- Correspondence with Allerdale DC re: refuse collection.
- Hut booking chart 1984 1989
- CD of photos and text from Norwich members of 1980s and 90s
- National Savings Bank account book.
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1200. Jan 1990 to Dec 1991

- County Archives, Kendal (deposit) (Accession Number: H11226)

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Bank statements, accounts and invoices
- Correspondence with NT
- National Trust Vernacular Buildings Survey
- Correspondence with Allerdale DC re: refuse collection.
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1300. Jan 1992 to Dec 1993

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Bank statements, accounts and invoices
- Correspondence with NT over renewal of lease
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1350. Financial documents 1993

County Archives, Kendal (deposit) (Accession Number: H11226)

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H16304)

KFF 1400. Jan 1994 to Dec 1995

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Bank statements, accounts and invoices
- Correspondence with NT and solicitors over renewal of lease
- · Copy of lease
- Newspaper article on Seathwaite rain.
- Correspondence with Allerdale DC re: failure of water safety test
- Documents relating to testing and rewiring of High House
- Documents initiating gas safety checks
- Social event posters
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1450. Financial documents 1994

KFF 1460. Financial documents 1995

KFF 1500. Jan 1996 to Dec 1997

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Documents relating to installation of water treatment plant
- Correspondence with MP over Mountain Rescue
- · Copy of first High House website page
- Correspondence with Allerdale DC re refuse collection.
- Questionnaire and quiz
- Results of survey
- Constitution
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1550. Financial documents 1996

KFF 1560. Financial documents 1997

KFF 1600. Jan 1998 to Dec 1999

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Correspondence re: Water supply installation
- Correspondence with NT over damage by cows
- List of members 1999
- Oread newsletters
- KFF newsletters
- Applications for Millennium funding
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1650. Financial documents 1998

KFF 1660. Financial documents 1999

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KFF 1700. Jan 2000 to Dec 2000

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- Correspondence re: Water supply installation
- Correspondence with NT over rebuilding the access bridge
- Scout Scar 'O' event
- KFF newsletters
- Reply to application for Millennium funding
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1750. Financial documents 2000

KFF 1800. Jan 2001 to Dec 2001

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- KFF newsletters
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1850. Financial documents 2001

KFF 1900. Jan 2002 to Dec 2002

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- KFF newsletters
- Risk Assessment by visiting group
- Correspondence re: replacement of High House roof
- · Assessment of strength of access bridge by Structural Engineer
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 1950. Financial documents 2002

KFF 2000. Jan 2003 to Dec 2003

- Minutes of KFF committee meetings.
- Minutes of General Meetings.
- 'Seathwaite Wad Mines' booklet by F. Underhill
- Correspondence re: wooden shed for water tank
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2050. Financial documents 2003

KFF 2100. Jan 2004 to Dec 2004

- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2150. Financial documents 2004

KFF 2200. Jan 2005 to Dec 2005

- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence
- Development Plan 2005
- Outline plans for kitchen improvement
- Newsletter No 39
- Ramblers literature

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(Accession Number: H12742)

KFF 2250. Financial documents 2005

KFF 2300. Jan 2006 to Dec 2006

- Events Programme 2006
- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence
- Amended Constitution
- BMC and Ramblers literature
- AMS Transactions (inscribed stones at Ecclerig0)
- Newsletter contributions
- Foot and Mouth correspondence
- Working Weekend and Risk Assessment details

KFF 2350. Financial documents 2006

KFF 2400. Jan 2007 to Dec 2007

- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence
- Information sheet for Trustees
- Development Plan 2007
- Report on Fire Drill
- Report on bird species seen at High House
- Correspondence on change of Trustees
- Borrowdale Users Group
- Oread Annual Dinner
- Newsletter contributions
- · Working Weekend and Risk Assessment details

KFF 2450. Financial documents 2007

KFF 2500. Jan 2008 to Jun 2008

- High House Booking Calendar
- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence
- BMC certificate 2008
- Westmorland feature on KFF
- Sub-committee on Constitution and Insurance meetings
- BUG, Ramblers and BMC literature
- Report on bird species seen at High House
- Initial notice of cracks in gable wall corners
- Initial notice of need to improve dam

KFF 2510. Jul 2008 to Dec 2008

- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence
- Application to improve dam
- Application to improve fire escape (ladies washroom)
- BUG, Ramblers and BMC literature
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Newsletter contributions

KFF 2550. Financial documents 2008

- Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.
- Sundry other correspondence

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KFF 2600. Jan 2009 to Jun 2009

Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.

• Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2610. Jul 2009 to Dec 2009

Minutes of some KFF committee meetings.

• Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2650. Financial documents 2009

KFF 2660. Display Panels - 75th Anniversary Celebration - 2009

KFF 2670. Commemorative Book Editorial work – 2008 + 2009

Minutes of meetings and correspondence

KFF 2675. Commemorative Book Editorial Work - 2010 + 2011

Minutes of meetings and correspondence

Individual contributions by members

Editorial work on photographs

KFF 2700. Jan 2010 to Dec 2010

Minutes of committee meetings.

Minutes of sub-committee meetings

Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2750. Financial documents 2010

KFF 2800. Jan 2011 to Dec 2011

Minutes of committee meetings.

Minutes of sub-committee meetings

Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2850. Financial documents 2011

KFF 2900. Jan 2012 to Dec 2012

Minutes of committee meetings.

Minutes of sub-committee meetings

Sundry other correspondence

KFF 2950. Financial documents 2012

KFF 3000. Jan 2013 to Dec 2013

KFF 3050. Financial documents 2013

KFF 3100. Jan 2014 to Dec 2014

KFF 3150. Financial documents 2014

KFF 3160. Photographs + Lists - "Challenges" for 80th Anniversary

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KFF 3200. Jan 2015 to Dec 2015

KFF 3250. Financial documents 2015

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KFF 3300. Jan 2016 to Dec 2016

Work in Progress

KFF 3350. Financial documents 2016

County Archives, Kendal (deposit) (Accession Number: H16304)

KFF 3400. Jan 2017 to Dec 2017

Work in Progress

KFF 3450. Financial documents 2017

County Archives, Kendal (deposit) (Accession Number: H16304)

KFF 3500. Jan 2018 to Dec 2018 Work in Progress

KFF 3520 County Archives, Kendal (deposit)
(Accession Number: H16761)

Correspondence during Lease negotiations 2014-2018

Earlier documents relating to Trustees and the Lease

KFF 3525 County Archives, Kendal (deposit)
(Accession Number: H16761)

High House Lease + Trustees Agreement 2018, signed original documents

KFF 3600. Jan 2019 to Dec 2019 Work in Progress

KFF 3700. Jan 2020 to Dec 2020 Work in Progress

KFF 3800. Jan 2021 to Dec 2021 Work in Progress

KFF 4000. Undated Work in Progress

Sundry undated papers that may be of interest

NOTE: ALL STANDARD DOCUMENTATION FROM 1ST JANUARY 2022 WILL BE STORED DIGITALLY.

KFF ART100. Illustrations by members, with a few prints

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H16304)

• For the book 'K Fellfarers and High House', various.

- For the booklet 'Seathwaite Wadmines', by Fred Underhill see KFF2000
- Cartoons for High House and others, mainly by Fred Underhill

KFF ART200. Maps and architectural drawings

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

(Accession Number: H16440)

- Modern copy of Hetherington's map of Seathwaite 1759
- Modern copy of Harrison's map of Seathwaite 1770
- Original blueprint of proposed new hostel. 1932
- Original architect's 1933 sketch scheme for High House, erroneously dated 1932
- Original architect's 1933 detailed scheme for High House
- Original hand-coloured print of detailed scheme
- Original prints (2 no.) of extension to provide ladies washroom. 1948
- Original print of schematic for septic tank. 1963
- Original print of joinery work for kitchen units. 1969
- Original drawings of conjectured layout of High House by Terry Johnson for the book.

KFF BOOK: 'K Fellfarers and High House':

The History of the Club and its Mountain Hut, until the 75th Anniversary, published 2010.

- 1 hardback copy
- 1 paperback copy

KFF NEWS 100 "The FELLFARER":

Quarterly Club newsletter from May 1996 to January 2016 (80 in all).

KFF NEWS 200 "THE KFF NEWSLETTER":

- 'KFF Quarterly Newsletter' April 1976. No.1. (only 1 issued)
- 'The Fellfarers News' Jan/Feb 2016. Trial samples (3 in all)
- 'The KFF Newsletter' from Jan 2016 to Jan 2020 (18 in all)

KFF VB100. High House Visitors Books 1934 to 2011

1934 – 1955

- 1955 1962 missing (perhaps destroyed by KFF Committee because of 'inappropriate' comments on its pages)
- 1962 1966
- 1966 1972
- 1972 1977
- 1977 1981
- 1981 1985
- 1985 1989
- 1989 1994
- 1994 2001
- 2001 2006
- 2006 2009
- 2009 75th Anniversary Celebration at Kendal Town Hall
- 2009 2011

KFF VB200. High House Visitors Book 2011 to 2014

• August 2011 - March 2014

KFF VB300. High House Visitors Book 2014 to 2019

March 2014 – November 2019

County Archives, Kendal (deposit)

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Other:

Paperback copies of "K Fellfarers and High House" (14 copies)

Paperback copies of "K Fellfarers and High House" (6 copies - for HH library)

Photograph archive - digital.

Photograph archive - digital. Back-up 1 (Feb. 2025) on external hard drive

Photograph archive - digital. Back-up 2 (Feb 2025) on external hard drive

Photograph archive - 'hard copy'.

Old climbing gear etc.,

Donated books and magazines.

KFF Journals. Duplicate copies: 1944, 1945 and 1946. Boxed.

Held at 5 Anchorite Fields
Held at 50 Gillinggate.
Held at 50 Gillinggate
Held at 50 Gillinggate
Held at 198 Burneside Road
Held at 50 Gillinggate – work in progress
Held at 50 Gillinggate - temporarily.
High House Library
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