

Company Registration Number: 2963142  
Charity Registration Number: 1041301

**North East Environment Network Limited**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ending**  
**31 March 2022**

**JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED**

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# **North East Environment Network Limited**

## **Financial Statements**

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# **North East Environment Network Limited**

## **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of NEEN are:

(1) To promote and encourage the protection, preservation and improvement of the environment of the North East of England for the benefit of the public, and (2) to promote the advancement of education of the public concerning the environment, its conservation and protection and related subjects.

### **Achievements and Performance**

NEEN trades solely as the 'Outdoor And Sustainability Education Specialists' (OASES). OASES has successfully delivered a number of projects this year and continues to work with several key funders including Durham University, Durham County Council and various Area Action Partnerships.

As OASES, NEEN has offered the following services and support for educational establishments and young people:

- Global Sustainability Education, particularly focusing upon Climate Change
- Learning Outside the Classroom
- Outdoor health and well-being support (Forest Bathing)

OASES activity takes place predominantly, although not exclusively, in the northeast of England. This year OASES ran two ECO? Smart Schools Climate Conferences leading up to COP26, these online affairs attracted 144 schools from 13 different countries.

Through OASES, NEEN aims to 'inspire, motivate and engage young people by providing them with exciting educational experiences that will lead them to be enthusiastic, creative, resilient and confident learners' by providing the following services to schools and other educational establishments:

- Engaging Pupils - The OASES team deliver high quality, curriculum linked, exciting and fun learning opportunities for young people.
- Inspiring Teachers - The OASES team provide a vast programme of CPD opportunities and accredited learning for teachers, teaching assistants and other educational support staff.
- Enhancing Schools - OASES are experts in all aspects of outdoor learning and global sustainability education and support schools to engage with these initiatives at a whole school level.

NEEN's overarching aim is 'Create a more sustainable world where all children can thrive'.

The Covid pandemic saw NEEN run at a substantial loss in financial year 2020-21. This financial year all the work that NEEN was meant to be delivering in 2020-21 was added to that already secured for 2021-22. As a result, NEEN's portfolio of work was much larger than usual and additional staff had to be employed. NEEN prioritised commissioned activity / funded programmes and did not push its consultancy services, in order to satisfy the work programme agreed before Covid.

As the climate crisis worsens and COP26 failed to bring about the necessary commitments to assure the world remains below 1.5 C, the NEEN Board agreed that reserves could be released to create a Climate Friendly Schools website, to help whole school communities take effective climate action.

The NEEN Board retained eight Trustees during 2021-22. The NEEN Board contains Trustees from different educational stages, higher education, charities and government.

# **North East Environment Network Limited**

## **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)**

**Year Ended 31 March 2022**

### **Financial Review**

Income for the year was £376,327 (2021 - £305,349) and expenditure was £345,829 (2021 - £233,103) giving a surplus of £30,498 (2021 - £72,246). At 31 March 2022 net assets were £251,263 of which £148,867 was unrestricted revenue funds.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to hold reserves equal to three months running costs plus redundancy costs plus a contingency for staff illness and maternity/paternity cover costs. At 31st March 2022 this amounted to approximately £137,744. Actual reserves at 31st March 2022 were £148,867.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

North East Environment Network Ltd ("NEEN") was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 30th August 1994 (company number 2963142) and was registered as a charity on 6th October 1994 with charity number 1041301. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 30th August 1994.

### **Organisational Structure**

The NEEN Board had eight Trustees during 2019-20. The NEEN Board contains Trustees from all educational stages, higher education, charities and industry. The Trustees meet between 3 - 4 times a year to discuss the strategic direction of NEEN. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the OASES CEO, who also acts as Secretary to the NEEN Board.

### **Recruitment and training of trustees**

New NEEN Trustees are openly recruited according to their specialism.

All new Trustees complete a skills audit upon joining the Board. The skills audits are used to identify the Board's strengths and weaknesses. Suitable candidates are then recruited to ensure a strong Board with relevant skills, using whatever method is deemed appropriate given the specialism e.g. at the moment the NEEN Board would like to recruit a treasurer, hence people with an accounts background are being approached.

Once identified suitable candidates meet with the NEEN Chair and the OASES CEO to discuss the organisation and a Trustee's responsibilities. If the candidate still wishes to put themselves forward they are invited to attend the next NEEN Board meeting where they can be elected onto the Board.

The training needs of the Trustees are identified through the Board meetings. Suitable training is then arranged by the OASES CEO.

### **Public Benefit**

Our main activities and who we help are described elsewhere in this report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Board have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### Reference and Administrative Details

**Registered charity name** North East Environment Network Limited  
**Charity registration number** 1041301  
**Company registration number** 2963142  
**Principal office and registered office** The EWE Centre  
Esh Winning Primary School  
The Wynds  
Esh Winning  
County Durham  
DH7 9BE

### **The Trustees**

Mike Tones (Chair)  
Paul Green  
Caroline Hodgson  
David Ford  
Steve Ashton  
Jane Davis  
Grant Hopkins  
Dominic Brown  
Jacqueline Bell

(Appointed 20 September 2021)

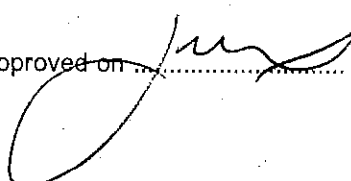
**Company Secretary** Joanne Appleby

**Independent Examiner** Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)  
Enterprise House  
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### **Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on ..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Joanne Appleby  
Company Secretary

# North East Environment Network Limited

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Environment Network Limited

Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of North East Environment Network Limited ('the company') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)  
Independent Examiner

Enterprise House  
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# North East Environment Network Limited

## Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 March 2022

		2022	2021		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Charitable activities	5	288,495	87,322	375,817	226,597
Investment income	6	144	—	144	—
Other income	7	366	—	366	78,752
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>289,005</u>	<u>87,322</u>	<u>376,327</u>	<u>305,349</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	261,175	84,654	345,829	233,103
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>261,175</u>	<u>84,654</u>	<u>345,829</u>	<u>233,103</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>27,830</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>30,498</u>	<u>72,246</u>
Transfers between funds		19,043	(19,043)	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>46,873</u>	<u>(16,375)</u>	<u>30,498</u>	<u>72,246</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		101,994	118,771	220,765	148,519
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>148,867</u>	<u>102,396</u>	<u>251,263</u>	<u>220,765</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# North East Environment Network Limited

## Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	14	83,772	15,873
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>236,589</u>	<u>279,118</u>
		320,361	294,991
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>69,098</u>	<u>74,226</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		251,263	220,765
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>251,263</u>	<u>220,765</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>251,263</u>	<u>220,765</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Restricted funds		102,396	118,771
Unrestricted funds		<u>148,867</u>	<u>101,994</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	18	<u>251,263</u>	<u>220,765</u>

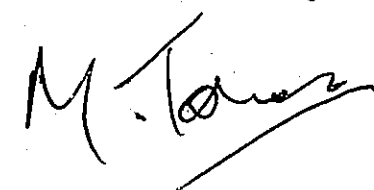
For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mike Tones  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.



# North East Environment Network Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 1. General Information

The company is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The EWE Centre, Esh Winning Primary School, The Wynds, Esh Winning, County Durham, DH7 9BE.

### 2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

### 3. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

#### Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

#### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

#### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

#### Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### 4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st March 2022 there were 9 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

# North East Environment Network Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2022
Income from charitable activities	<u>288,495</u>	<u>87,322</u>	<u>375,817</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2021
Income from charitable activities	<u>173,677</u>	<u>52,920</u>	<u>226,597</u>

### 6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	2022	£	2021
Bank interest receivable	<u>144</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

### 7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	2022	£	2021
HMRC Job Retention Scheme/SSP	366	<b>366</b>	68,752	68,752
Covid support grants	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>366</u>	<u><b>366</b></u>	<u>78,752</u>	<u>78,752</u>

### 8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2022
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	252,918	84,654	<b>337,572</b>
Support costs	<u>8,257</u>	<u>—</u>	<u><b>8,257</b></u>
	<u>261,175</u>	<u>84,654</u>	<u><b>345,829</b></u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2021
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	201,164	26,837	228,001
Support costs	<u>5,102</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,102</u>
	<u>206,266</u>	<u>26,837</u>	<u>233,103</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2022	Total fund 2021
	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>337,572</u>	<u>8,257</u>	<u>345,829</u>	<u>233,103</u>

### 10. Independent Examination Fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>

### 11. Staff Costs and Emoluments

The average head count of employees during the year was 17 (2021: 12). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Number of project staff	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

### 12. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year expenses totalling £Nil (2021 - £Nil) were reimbursed to the trustees.

### 13. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £19,043 was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds in respect of contributions to overheads by restricted projects.

### 14. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	<u>23,685</u>	<u>9,305</u>
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Accrued income	<u>60,087</u>	<u>6,268</u>
	<u>83,772</u>	<u>15,873</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	11,627	2,180
Deferred income	54,204	72,046
Other creditors	3,267	—
	<u>69,098</u>	<u>74,226</u>

### 16. Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to payments received on contracts where the work has not yet been carried out.

### 17. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

#### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £30,040 (2021: £27,031).

### 18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
General funds	101,994	289,005	(261,175)	19,043	148,867

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
General funds	124,497	252,429	(206,266)	(68,666)	101,994

#### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Lost Landscapes and Learning	889	256	(754)	(391)	—
Growing Together	24,657	130	(19,342)	(5,445)	—
Ecofriendly Schools	7,241	—	(5,476)	(308)	1,457
Breathing Space	4,674	1,250	(2,616)	(3,308)	—
C4CC	4,959	—	(3,586)	(1,373)	—
Plastic Fantastic	6,007	—	(5,972)	458	493

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 18. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Easter Play	1,022	888	(943)	(967)	-
Seascapes	(352)	20,000	(5,606)	(576)	13,466
Wonderful Walks	3,772	-	-	-	3,772
Empowering					
Environmental Action	65,902	-	(7,044)	(567)	58,291
Sustainable Food					
Places	-	19,442	(711)	(58)	18,673
Heritage Garden	-	1,792	(1,484)	(104)	204
Black to Green	-	2,648	(2,445)	(203)	-
Fellfoot Forwards	-	5,476	(5,166)	(310)	-
Forest Bathing -					
Wellesley Trust	-	4,626	(3)	(4,623)	-
Food Resilience	-	10,000	(9,338)	(662)	-
H2 The Future	-	15,000	(9,656)	(179)	5,165
Nature Explorers	-	4,939	(4,512)	(427)	-
Good Food Economy	-	875	-	-	875
	<u>118,771</u>	<u>87,322</u>	<u>(84,654)</u>	<u>(19,043)</u>	<u>102,396</u>

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Lost Landscapes and Learning	1,385	-	(495)	-	890
Growing Together	(665)	32,576	(7,255)	-	24,656
BASH	776	-	(776)	-	-
Ecofriendly Schools	9,685	-	(2,444)	-	7,241
EcoBricks	1,694	-	(1,694)	-	-
Breathing Space	4,884	-	(210)	-	4,674
C4CC	1,195	9,076	(5,312)	-	4,959
Plastic Fantastic	288	7,472	(1,753)	-	6,007
School of Rocks	359	-	(359)	-	-
Schools In Bloom	472	-	(472)	-	-
Summer Activity	292	-	(292)	-	-
Street Trees	(365)	-	-	365	-
Whispering Woods	155	-	(155)	-	-
Easter Play	-	3,796	(2,774)	-	1,022
Seascapes	-	-	(352)	-	(352)
Wonderful Walks	3,867	-	(95)	-	3,772
Empowering					
Environmental Action	-	-	(2,399)	68,301	65,902
	<u>24,022</u>	<u>52,920</u>	<u>(26,837)</u>	<u>68,666</u>	<u>118,771</u>

# North East Environment Network Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Lost Landscapes and Learning - Heritage Lottery Fund - The Lost Landscapes and Learning project seeks to educate and engage people with their local natural heritage, helping them to understand the forces that have shaped it.

#### Growing Together

After a very successful Growing Together programme Children in Need invited OASES to submit Growing Together 2. Growing Together 2 engaged children and their parents/carers who were experiencing food poverty with growing their own produce and learning how to cook cheap, healthy meals.

BASH - The Bishop Auckland and Shildon (BASH) AAP and the NINEVEH Charitable Trust - OASES works with schools to discover, explore and conserve a place and share their experiences in order to engage with the local area and gain the John Muir Award.

Ecofriendly Schools - Derwent Valley AAP - This project uses the Eco Schools Award Framework to engage staff, pupils and the wider school community in taking action to reducing carbon emissions, improving resource efficiency, improving air quality and linking activity to national campaigns.

Ecobricks - Chester-le-Street AAP - working with primary schools across the Chester-le-Street area to enable children to investigate global resource depletion and local plastic pollution. OASES was tasked with developing an engaging project aimed at primary-aged children, which included enabling children to work with older members of the community and taking positive action in their local area by carrying out litter picks.

Breathing Space - Durham Constabulary; Karbon Homes; Stanley AAP; Cllrs Milburn & Charlton; MacDonalds funded the Breathing Space project, which sought to engage school children, that have been identified as at risk of offending; taking them out of their usual setting and cohort to work together alongside; police officers and school staff in order to build better relationships.

C4CC - This programme is funded by Durham University (Natural Environment Research Council) and monies from Northumbrian Water. It educates schools and communities about climate change and empowers them to take positive action to mitigate and adapt to it.

Plastic Fantastic - After a very successful initial project, OASES gained another year of funding from the East Durham Rural Partnership to run Plastic Fantastic 2? An inter-generational project, OASES will work with 5 schools to explore how human use of plastic has changed over just 2 generations. The school children also discovered, explored and conserved a local wild place – to make it litter free. They shared their work by making single use plastic sculptures of local wildlife for display in their school. Through the project the school children gained the John Muir Award.

Easter Play - OASES delivered the mid-Durham Food & Fun scheme, providing families with outdoor activities (using a trail approach due to Covid restrictions) and a packed lunch. Delivery occurred during the first week of the Easter holidays.

Seascapes - 'SeaScapes' is the UK's first marine Landscape Partnership scheme. Managed by a partnership of local, regional and national partners hosted by The Heritage Coast Partnership (Durham County Council), the £5 million programme will deliver a suite of projects benefiting coastal heritage, the marine environment and local communities across South Tyneside, Sunderland, Durham and Hartlepool. OASES won the tender to be the SeaScapes Educational Provider, providing educational support for two key projects within the programme: 'Coast at War' and 'Changing Coastline'.



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### 18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Empowering Environmental Action - this money has been given to OASES by Northumbrian Water as an enforcement undertaking. It will fund climate awareness sessions in school and practical actions to help mitigate and adapt to climate change within communities.

Heritage Garden - This project involved the delivery of gardening sessions with young and old from the Barnard Castle area at The Hub community resource centre.

Black to Green - In partnership with Durham University, Department of Earth Sciences, OASES successfully received funding from UKRI to deliver the Black to Green Project in one school. The Black to Green project seeks to engage the Horden community in mine water heating, a cutting edge green technology, and to facilitate inter-generational links between young people and ex-miners.

Fellfoot Forwards - After successfully tendering through NEPO, OASES were awarded the Fellfoot Forward contract. Working with and for the AONB, OASES developed and delivered 6 educational resources, family resources and teacher CPD to encourage the use of Talkin Tarn for self-led educational visits, focusing on the natural and cultural heritage of the area.

Forest Bathing (Wellsley Trust) - The Wellsley Trust funded the delivery of a Forest Bathing pilot in 2 primary schools: Bloemfontein and Easington Colliery. The pilot showed that Forest Bathing helped children to feel more relaxed and calm as a result of spending time in nature. The pilot allowed OASES to trial different activities and approaches to Forest Bathing with children.

Food Resilience - Funded by Food Durham, OASES delivered a short programmes of 4 Pop up Grow Your Own sessions at 4 community centres where food banks and other food provision support is delivered to community members in need.

H2 The Future - This new project has been developed in collaboration with UKSTEM. Funded by the Institution of Engineering and Technology OASES worked with 20 schools across the Tees Valley and south Durham to showcase the benefits of hydrogen as a power source for transport.

Nature Explorers – East Durham - OASES was given money by the East Durham AAP to deliver a summer environmental play session once a week for 5 weeks over the summer holidays. Two sessions were held weekly for five weeks, one at Westlea Primary and one at Easington Colliery primary. The children and families enjoyed the sessions and lots of vegetables, such as tomatoes, leeks and onions, were harvested from the school garden.

Nature Explorers – Moorside - OASES has been given money by the Derwent Valley AAP to deliver a summer environmental play session once a week for 5 weeks over the summer holidays. The sessions were held at Moorside Primary. The children and families enjoyed the sessions and lots of vegetables, such as potatoes, tomatoes and cabbages, were harvested from the school garden.

Nature Explorers – Willington - OASES has been given money by the 3 Towns AAP to deliver a summer environmental play session once a week for 5 weeks over the summer holidays. The sessions were held weekly in Willington Town Park and were really well attended.

Good Food Economy - Food Durham, The County Durham Food Partnership was awarded a Bronze to Silver Award Coordinator Grant by Sustainable Food Places (SFP). Originally with Durham Community Action, this project was given to OASES to progress. The Bronze to Silver Sustainable Food Places award process requires OASES to stimulate and log action across all six Sustainable Food Places priority areas.

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### 19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current Assets	217,965	102,396	320,361
Creditors less than 1 year	(69,098)	—	(69,098)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>148,867</b>	<b>102,396</b>	<b>251,263</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Current Assets	242,122	118,771	360,893
Creditors less than 1 year	(140,128)	—	(140,128)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>101,994</b>	<b>118,771</b>	<b>220,765</b>

# **North East Environment Network Limited**

## **Management Information**

**Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Income from charitable activities	<u>375,817</u>	<u>226,597</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest receivable	<u>144</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
HMRC Job Retention Scheme/SSP	366	68,752
Covid support grants	<u>—</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>366</u>	<u>78,752</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>376,327</b></u>	<u><b>305,349</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>		
Wages	192,593	156,687
NIC	33,583	10,012
Pension	30,040	27,031
Activities, Events & Resources	74,258	32,657
Mileage and travel	6,545	775
Other costs	<u>553</u>	<u>839</u>
	<u>337,572</u>	<u>228,001</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Premises	5,024	3,123
Accountancy fees	720	792
Office costs	144	113
Training and recruitment	<u>2,369</u>	<u>1,074</u>
	<u>8,257</u>	<u>5,102</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u><b>345,829</b></u>	<u><b>233,103</b></u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>30,498</b></u>	<u><b>72,246</b></u>