

YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1107918

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05220147
Registered	2005-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, REHABILITATE AND IMPROVE THE RIVERS, STREAMS, WATERCOURSES AND WATER IMPOUNDMENTS OF THE CATCHMENTS OF THE RIVERS WHARFE, NIDD, URE, AND SWALE AND ASSOCIATED RIVER SYSTEMS THAT MAY INFLUENCE THE WATER QUALITY, FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS. (B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, OR ANY ASSOCIATION, COMPANY, LOCAL AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR PUBLIC BODY OR REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES IN: (1) THE UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYMENT OF RIVERS, RIVER CORRIDORS AND CATCHMENTS, INCLUDING THEIR FAUNA, FLORA AND ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL ACTIVITY, AND RIVER CATCHMENTS MANAGEMENT (2) THE NEED FOR, AND BENEFITS OF, CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.

Activities: River catchment conservation measures for the Yorkshire Dales Rivers, namely the Wharfe, Nidd, Ure and Swale. The YDRT also supports and sponsors research and education to inform the public of the importance river habitat conservation for supporting biodiversity, for improving water quality and for public recreation and enjoyment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** YORKSHIRE DALES
- Darlington
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£708,951	£670,384	£199,453	11
2024-03-31	£599,603	£569,950	£160,885	9
2023-03-31	£372,884	£433,022	-	-
2022-03-31	£408,734	£429,426	-	-
2021-03-31	£630,236	£728,966	£212,062	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jamie Roberts	Chair	2015-06-04
Alexander Charles Briant		2023-12-16
Bethan Jane Stones		2024-05-15
David Middlemiss		2023-12-16
Douglas Alexander Adamson		2024-05-15
JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER PAGE		2022-11-16
Jonty Warneken		2023-12-16
MR Mark Facer		2017-03-09
Michele Mary Miller		2024-05-15
Nicholas John Harding		2022-11-16
Robert Edward Hall		2025-11-12

Accounts



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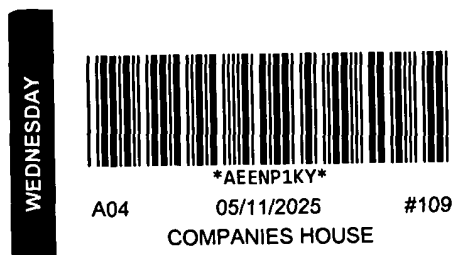
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Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number: 1107918

Company registration number: 5220147





Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees who served during the period

Douglas Adamson (appointed 15 May 2024)

Alex Briant

Mark Facer (Treasurer)

Tango Fawcett

Nicholas Harding

David Middlemiss

Michele Miller (appointed 15 May 2024)

Jonathan Page

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Trustees Report

Report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Structure Governance and Management

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity constituted as a company limited by guarantee and hence the Trustees of the charity are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act. The governing documents for the Trust are the Articles and Memorandum of Association which have been filed at Companies House.

The Trust is affiliated with The Rivers Trust. The Trustees are recruited through targeted advertisements followed by interviews. Trustees undertake appropriate training.

The day-to-day operations are delegated by the Trustees to the Senior Management Team (SMT) who liaise regularly with the Trustees and in particular the Chairman and Treasurer. The SMT reports on a formal basis to the Trustees at Board meetings, which are held quarterly.

Mission and Aims

The mission of the Trust (YDRT) is to **enhance** and **protect** the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and neighbouring catchments by **delivering** practical and educational projects, **inspiring** communities and working in **partnership**.

Working at grass roots level, we aim to tackle the causes of deterioration in our river habitats and water quality from habitat degradation, physical modifications, pollution and the effects of climate change.

We work with partners and the public, encouraging all to value, enjoy and conserve their local rivers.

Our projects:

- Protect and improve water quality
- Enhance river habitats to improve biodiversity
- Reduce the risk of flooding through natural flood management (NFM)
- Increase the knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting our rivers, the state of watercourses and what can be done to make a positive difference.

We are proud to share the vision of The Rivers Trust movement - **Wild, healthy, natural rivers, valued by all.**

Project Highlights

Key statistics

- Wetlands created or restored: 2
- Natural Flood Management schemes: 3
- Worked with farmers and landowners: 96
- River habitat improved (km): 26
- Pollution incidents and water quality improvements addressed: 11
- Trees planted: 16,075



Bardsey Fields

In 2023, East Keswick Wildlife Trust (EKWT) approached us for help with an area of land that they had purchased following a successful fundraising campaign. Its objective was to safeguard the land for nature and the local community. Centered at the heart of the village beneath the local primary school, Bardsey Fields consists of sloped grassland running down to a wet scrub area with a beck and mill tail running through it.

Along with additional funding and support from Yorkshire Water, EKWT and YDRT have successfully collaborated to improve the top grassland area and mill tail for nature, wildlife and water.

To achieve the objectives, we have led in the delivery of:

- Planted 700 trees
- Planted 3,550 hedging plants, making approx. 592m of cross slope hedges
- Installed 998m fencing to protect the plants and mill tail
- Installed eight 3.6 by 10.8m post and rail tree compounds to protect the infield tree plants
- Installed eight cross slope leaky barriers
- Installed three instream leaky barriers
- Broken out two surface water drains onto Bardsey Field grassland
- Led four YDRT volunteer days to install leaky barriers
- EKWT also led volunteer days to prepare material for the leaky barriers from their woodlands, support leaky barrier installation, cut and plant willow whips, tree and hedge planting.

The breakout of two surface water drains has enabled previously rapidly draining water from the hard standing and roofs of the primary school to the mill tail below to now slowly infiltrate into Bardsey Fields. The flow pathways from the breakouts to the mill tail are interrupted by a series of eight cross slope leaky barriers, new tree planting and cross slope hedge planting.

The large, sloped grassland field now provides a mixed habitat for wildlife; grassland interspersed with ephemeral wet flushes of standing water, leaky barriers consisting of wood and brash material sourced and made from EKWT's own woodland, and mixed tree and hedge planting.

Three instream woody leaky barriers, installed along the length of the mill tail, now help slow the flow of water further in times of high rainfall as well as adding diversity to in-channel habitat.

These interventions with the conservation grazing of the land with the EKWT Dexter cattle will help to improve soils further.

From a simple grassland field with two surface water drains, Bardsey Fields has become an area with diverse habitat, healthier for wildlife and better able to hold water in times of flood and drought. Thank you EKWT for collaborating with us, and to Yorkshire Water for your support and funding.

Tees-Swale Metal Mines

About 200km of rivers in Teesdale and Swaledale are polluted by metals released from long-abandoned metal mines in the headwaters. Our Tees Swale Diffuse Metals Project is addressing this polluting legacy of Britain's industrial past with funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This work is part of the Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected programme, led by the North Pennines National Landscapes Partnership (NPNL) in collaboration with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). The Diffuse Metals Project is led by us working in collaboration with the Tees Rivers Trust as part of the Water and Abandoned Metal Mines (WAMM) program. We are also working with the NPNL, YDNPA and local landowners and farmers including the Eggleston Estate, Raby Estate and Reeth Estate. The WAMM programme is a partnership between the Environment Agency, the Coal Authority and Defra. It aims to deliver the



Government's statutory target of halving the length of rivers polluted by harmful metals from abandoned metal mines by 2038.

This year has seen a significant amount of physical delivery. Work was carried out on three sites in Teesdale totalling in excess of 3 hectares to establish vegetation and reduce erosion of mine waste containing heavy metals. The novel vegetation establishment approach used builds on successful research plots carried out in 2023/24 which turned barren polluting mine waste into thriving grassland habitats. Alongside this work, 190m of drainage was created to keep water away from toxic mine waste and 1500m fencing installed to protect the vegetated sites. Work to help expand rare, protected calaminarian grassland habitats has also been carried out. Supporting the NPPL and with the help of local volunteers, a multi-year project to collect and plant seeds, grow and transplant plug plants has to date delivered over 400 plugs of six rare species which have been planted on to two sites.

Work in the coming year will focus on the Barney Beck in the Swale catchment. Building on the techniques developed in Teesdale, the aim is to carry out further research to evaluate ecological restoration by a more nuanced approach that is sympathetic to the more complex habitat successional stages whilst ensuring stabilisation and mitigation of diffuse metal pollution.

Ousewem

The Ousewem project has matured significantly over the last year and we are now well placed to deliver numerous Natural Flood Management (NFM) schemes over the remainder of the project, which runs until March 2027.

The most significant step forward has been reaching an agreement with partners on where to begin work within our large catchment. Our partners at JBA created models to assess the potential benefit of different types of NFM across the Swale, Ure, Nidd and Ouse catchments. Along with feedback from partners at North Yorkshire Council, the Environment Agency and others, this helped direct where the YDRT-led delivery team could engage with landowners to create and deliver NFM projects.

Alongside this work, the delivery team has been developing its offer to landowners including agreeing maintenance and compensation rates and how to monitor the impact of these interventions. It has also been collaborating with partners and stakeholders and raising awareness about NFM, identifying landowners to work with, raising awareness in communities about the benefits of NFM, and building capacity and expertise across the catchment. Two new project officers have also joined the team.

We've delivered three projects in recent months which collectively capture 482m³ of water through a mixture of scrapes, leaky barriers and tree/hedge planting, enhancing flood resilience to downstream communities and providing homes for wildlife.

There are another 10 projects in development and expected to complete over the coming year, which include more scrapes and leaky barriers, a small river restoration project and further tree and hedge planting.

We will also be feeding into the development of a long-term Natural Flood Management and Nature Based Solutions strategy for York and North Yorkshire, ensuring an ongoing pipeline of environmental enhancements for the catchment.

iNidd

It has been a successful first year of the iNidd Programme, with many partners engaged through the iNidd Steering Group, identifying opportunities and direct delivery across the catchment.



Priorities for the project this year have included expanding citizen science efforts, initiating an invasive non-native plant control project (Big Nidd-INNS), developing the Harrogate Becks project, surveying key tributaries around Harrogate identified as concerning through the iNidd 2023 water monitoring project and working closely with the Wild Trout Trust and local landowners to develop proposals.

Citizen science and volunteer opportunities have been a key workstream for 2024-25, made possible by close working with the Nidd Action Group. The iNidd has expanded the Riverfly Monitoring Programme, training 29 new volunteers to survey the river. Volunteers have also been trained in invasive plant identification and mapping (INNS Mapper), and in pesticide use to support the Big Nidd-INNS project, as well as the MoRPh Cit Sci river habitat survey method to support efforts to assess priority tributaries. Additionally, we played a key role in delivering the 'Hello Lampost' project on the Nidd, installing interactive AI signs across Harrogate as an innovative tool for collecting citizen science data.

Big Nidd-INNS has been successful, controlling 1 hectare (2.47 acres) of Himalayan balsam across areas beside the River Nidd, helping to prevent further spread down-stream. Volunteers conducted surveys to identify more than 300 additional records of INNS across the catchment that will help steer next year's strategy.

We've worked closely with the Wild Trout Trust to conduct river habitat assessments, walking the entirety of Bilton Beck and Oak Beck near Harrogate, covering over 20km of river, with Crimple Beck planned next. Walkover surveys have identified and mapped many pressures and have helped to identify opportunities for restoration. We are also developing proposals with local landowners and farmers to restore tributaries of the Nidd, including a farm-wide water monitoring project in the upper catchment (Full Stean Ahead).

Further projects developed this year with plans to deliver in 2025-26, include an Outfall Safari and water monitoring project (River Guardians), Nidd INNS Strategy and the second round of Big Nidd-INNS, and delivery of habitat restoration work across Harrogate's Becks.

Wharfe Aeration Project

Through the Wharfe Flood Levy Group and the local levy, we were awarded funding to work with farmers across the catchment to demonstrate the benefits of aeration for improved soil health and flood risk reduction.

Compacted soils have poor soil structure with less space available for air and water. A healthy soil structure, on the other hand, has more space for air and water to be held in place and to be filtered through.

In grassland fields, compaction leads to reduced grass growth from poor rooting, reduced nutrient uptake, increased weed burden, increased water logging in wet periods and decreased water availability in dry periods. Compacted soil structures act as a form of barrier to water, leading to an increased risk of run-off of water, soil and nutrients.

We have run two two Soil Health & Aeration farm events. These events included help from the Farmer Network, NFU, Yorkshire Dales National Parks, Nidderdale National Landscapes and Catchment Sensitive Farming

Soil health is not a new concept for any farm, however it is a hot topic across farming and environmental sectors with healthy soils better able to weatherproof grasslands for wet and dry seasons, improve farm profitability, reduce downstream flooding and improve water quality.

We'd like to thank to partners who've collaborated on this project, along with the two farms who kindly hosted the events on their land, machine demonstrators, speakers and our funders (the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust).



Working with Communities and volunteers

Key statistics

- Total volunteer hours: 1,926
- Total volunteers engaged: 582
- River clean ups: 3
- Volunteers trained: 50
- Surveys completed: 346

Volunteer Training and Development:

Herbicide Use training: 3 volunteers trained for INNS control

Riverfly Monitoring training: 29 new volunteers trained

INNS Mapper training: 18 volunteers trained

Survey and Monitoring:

Riverfly Surveys completed: 169

Big River Watch surveys: 43 in June, 72 in September

Great UK Waterblitz surveys: 60 in September

Conservation Activities:

Species Recovery Fund: Cleared balsam from approximately 4km of Timble Gill Beck to improve habitat for white-clawed crayfish

Tree and Hedge Planting: Assisted with planting approximately 300 trees and 100m of hedging at Appersett

Willow Coppicing: Supported Richmond anglers to improve river habitat and reduce erosion

Leaky Barriers and Dams: Collaborated with East Keswick Wildlife Trust to install cross slope leaky barriers and leaky dams

Corporate and Community Engagement:

Corporate Days: 3 events (2 balsam bashing at Timble, 1 river clean-up at Oak Beck)

River Clean-Ups: 3 events on the Nidd and the Wharfe

Sampling Day on the Ure: Organised 2 river samplings days with the help of volunteers from Stop Ure Pollution

Education and Engagement

Key statistics

- Worked with schools: 27
- Children educated: 971
- Community events: 14

Our school and community engagement work continued in 2024, with 31 visits, working with 40 classes from 27 schools and engaging with 971 children. This takes the total number of school children engaged with since the Rivers2U project started to 6,275. Community events included agricultural shows in the catchments of the Ure, Swale, Nidd and Wharfe, two guided walks, and attendance at a further eight events, including a pop-up at Masham market square with the local WI, an Open Day at High Batts Nature Reserve and a family activity day at Holmedale - engaging with a total of 1730 people.

We were delighted to receive sponsorship in 2024 from **Exelby Services** to run river and wildlife workshops with all the classes from Crakehall CE Primary School. Reception children enjoyed finding out about river wildlife and exploring the freshwater invertebrates living in Crakehall Beck; Class 2 learnt hands-on science through kick-sampling in the river and identifying creatures and Classes 3



and 4 explored the journey of the river with the Rivers2U rivers table and used microscopes and charts to classify the animals from the local stream. They also learnt about the pollution which impacts rivers and actions we can all take to help improve water quality.

At the end of 2024 a funding bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund was successful in securing £245,000 to run a 3-year education and engagement project, **Rivers4Life**. Thanks to National Lottery players we will be able to work with local schools and communities, delivering an exciting programme combining arts and science. In the summer 2026 the **Rivers4Life** exhibition, hosted by the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, will showcase the work of YDRT and include artworks created by the community and school workshops.

The **Skell Valley Project** managed by the National Trust and Nidderdale National Landscape and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund comes to an end in May 2025. Our involvement with the Watery Wildlife part of the project has seen us working with the project partnership schools of Grewelthorpe CE Primary School and Moorside Primary School, Ripon. This year we also worked with Ripon Cathedral School and Fountains CE Primary School, running the popular Fountains Abbey family river-dipping activity day in the school summer holidays, took part in a bioblitz at Hell Wath in Ripon and led the final two Train the Trainer events at Fountains Abbey.

Thank you to Tennants Auctioneers in Leyburn for kindly hosting our mobile classroom and our education volunteers, Mike, Imogen and Liz.

Working in Partnership – Dales to Vales Rivers Network

The Dales to Vales Rivers Network remains at the core of YDRT. Our catchment partnership brings together local people, communities, organisations and businesses to make decisions on managing the interconnected bodies of water. To build on the refreshed Catchment Management plans, we have been working on a number of project ideas.

Over the last year, the DVRN has been working with both the North Yorkshire/York and the West Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategies to ensure that our rivers and their habitats are included, along with the measures needed to improve the biodiversity both instream and adjacent to our rivers.

We were pleased to see North Yorkshire Councils convening a River Catchment Forum and we have and will continue to represent our rivers and the issues facing them at this forum.

The DVRN has also linked with community groups and are helping them to develop projects on their watercourses. For example, in partnership with Stop Ure Pollution (SUP) and Yorkshire Water, we assessed water quality along the length of the river over two separate days, looking at both nutrient and E.coli levels. The results will be used to identify issues and direct future work on the Ure.

Future Developments

Work on our ongoing projects - Ousewem, Tees Swale Metal Mines, iNidd and Mid Swale Tributaries, will continue in the next financial year. Other planned developments within the Trust include:

- Ashfoldside Metal Mines – A Water Restoration Fund project investigating remediation of water pollution caused by historic heavy metal mines on Ashfoldside Beck, in Nidderdale.
- Solutions for the SUNO – A Water Restoration Fund project modelling and mapping nature-based solutions for the entirety of YDRT's catchment area
- Weir Today Gone Tomorrow – A project to investigate and remediate barriers to fish passage within our catchments



- Agricultural advice – Supporting farmers and developing farming hubs to build and strengthen partnerships with the aim of identifying opportunities for interventions that both ensure productive agriculture and improve water quality.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Financial activities

As at 31 March 2025 the charity had net assets of £199,453 of which £85,814 were unrestricted funds. The Trust (YDRT) met its financial objectives for the year and does not operate any endowment funds.

Reserves policy

The Trust holds restricted funds of £113,640 (2024: £105,501). This represents project funding received in advance less known expenditure and income to be recognised in future periods. The Trust also holds unrestricted funds of £85,814 (2024: £45,385). The Trust's policy is to hold unrestricted funds to provide sufficient working capital as, for some projects, funding is received partly or fully in arrears. It also provides a fund which is available to deal with unforeseen events and liabilities.

The level of reserves required under the Trust's policy for the unrestricted fund is reviewed annually to enable the Trust to meet its objects and fulfil its strategy and to ensure its continued viability. In assessing the appropriateness of the reserves policy, the Trust takes into account any matters identified in the risk register. The Trustees believe that the Trust currently has sufficient working capital and reserves in line with its policy to meet its foreseeable financial requirements and the unrestricted fund is sufficient to meet any unexpected obligations. Looking forward, the Trust is working to increase the level of unrestricted funds held under the policy to facilitate the expansion of activities and bolster financial resilience.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.



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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. This report was approved by the Trustees on 2nd October and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Roberts", is written over a horizontal line.

Jamie Roberts

Chairman



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

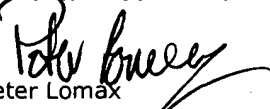
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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


Peter Lomax
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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025			2024		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
notes		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary income	2	10,560	0	10,560	5,345	2,422	7,767
Charitable activities	2	18,320	659,436	677,756	13,549	565,285	578,834
Investments	2	20,635	0	20,635	13,002	0	13,002
		49,515	659,436	708,951	31,897	567,707	599,603
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	3	8,868	658,275	667,144	16,800	551,649	568,450
Governance costs	4	218	3,022	3,240	243	1,257	1,500
		9,086	661,297	670,384	17,043	552,907	569,950
Net income/ (expenditure) before tax		40,428	-1,861	38,567	14,854	14,800	29,654
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		40,428	-1,861	38,567	14,854	14,800	29,654
Reconciliation of funds							
Funds brought forward		45,385	115,501	160,886	30,531	100,701	131,232
Funds carried forward		85,814	113,640	199,453	45,385	115,501	160,886



Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025			2024		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	6	3,054	0	3,054	61	0	61
Investments	7	250	0	250	250	0	250
		3,304	0	3,304	311	0	311
Current assets							
Debtors	8	15,594	92,522	108,116	16,227	49,232	65,460
Cash at bank		82,860	585,516	668,375	46,343	566,541	612,884
		102,271	674,221	776,492	62,571	615,773	678,343
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	15,944	244,660	260,604	17,496	102,872	120,369
Net current assets		82,509	433,378	515,888	45,074	512,901	557,975
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		85,814	433,378	519,192	45,385	512,901	558,286
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	0	319,739	319,739	0	397,400	397,400
Net assets		85,814	113,639	199,453	45,385	115,501	160,886
Funds of the charity	11	85,814	113,639	199,453	45,385	115,501	160,886



Cash Flow Statement as at 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
	notes	Total £	Total £
Cash Flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	12	38,674	514,856
Investing activities			
Interest received		20,635	13,002
Purchase of fixed assets		(3,817)	0
Financing activities		0	0
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		55,492	527,858
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		612,884	85,026
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>668,375</u>	<u>612,884</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These accounts were approved on 2nd October 2025 and signed on behalf of all Trustees by:

James Roberts

Mark Facer



Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2018).

The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They do so having considered all the facts and information available to them at the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income received in advance of activities or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met or those activities have taken place or expenditure incurred.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met

Government grants

The charity has received government grants during the year.

Gift aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration form from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.



Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs including public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Redundancy cost

The charity did not make any redundancy payments during the period.

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.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset Class	Depreciation method and rate
Vehicles, equipment, fixtures and fittings over £1000	Straight line over 5 years
Leasehold improvements over £1000	Straight line over the duration of the lease

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.



2. Analysis of income

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income						
Membership	4,715	0	4,715	4,716	0	4,716
Other income	5,845	0	5,845	629	2,422	3,051
	10,560	0	10,560	5,345	2,422	7,767
Charitable activities						
Fundraising	8,846	4,615	13,461	8,939	0	8,939
Grants receivable	0	654,821	654,821	4,610	565,285	569,895
Services provided under contract	9,474	0	9,474	0	0	0
	18,320	659,436	677,756	13,549	565,285	578,834
Income from investments						
Interest Income	20,635	0	20,635	13,002	0	13,002
	20,635	0	20,635	13,002	0	13,002
Total income	49,515	659,436	708,951	31,897	567,707	599,603

Analysis of grants receivable

	2025 £	2024 £
York City Council (Flood & Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme)	297,639	109,559
Yorkshire Water	91,588	17,294
Mining Remediation Authority	81,483	241,502
Enforcement Undertakings	68,261	94,488
Environment Agency	53,600	76,699
The Swire Foundation	20,750	0
Nidderdale National Landscapes	9,992	12,741
Heritage Lottery Fund	8,577	3,120
Leeds City Council	6,198	1,900
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	5,743	3,113
The National Trust	4,249	3,942
Other grants under £5000	6,741	2,536
	654,821	569,895



3. Analysis of expenditure

	2025	2024
	Total £	Total £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Salaries	381,397	294,050
Project expenditure	222,889	219,678
Support services	1,059	759
Office/marketing/telephone	27,761	23,080
Staff travel and other costs	22,747	18,935
Insurance	4,349	4,061
Conference costs	1,552	306
Printing, postage and stationery	35	422
Volunteer expenses	100	188
Auction and fundraising expenses	27	51
Depreciation	824	980
Professional fees	<u>4,404</u>	<u>5,940</u>
Total	<u>667,114</u>	<u>568,450</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted Funds	8,868	16,800
Restricted Funds	<u>658,275</u>	<u>551,649</u>
Total	<u>667,144</u>	<u>568,450</u>

4. Governance Costs

	2025	2024
	Total £	Total £
VAT Audit	1,440	
Independent examination fee	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>3,240</u>	<u>1,500</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted Funds	218	243
Restricted Funds	<u>3,022</u>	<u>1,257</u>
Total	<u>3,240</u>	<u>1,500</u>



5. Paid employees

Staff costs	2025	2024
	Total £	Total £
Salaries and wages	324,709	251,500
National insurance	25,947	19,967
Pension costs	30,741	22,583
	381,397	294,050

The pension costs relate to the employer's contributions under a defined contribution pension plan. The employer's costs of the pension scheme are allocated between the restricted and unrestricted funds depending on the hours worked by each employee and the agreed terms of the project funding.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 during the reporting period (2024: nil).

The average number of employees during the reporting period was 11 (2024: 10).

There were no redundancy or ex gratia payments paid during the reporting period (2024: nil).

The defined contribution pension plan is operated by the Rivers Trust. A number of other similar organisations participate in this plan.

Trustee roles are voluntary and trustees received no remuneration in the year(2024: £nil).

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	5,284	5,284
Acquisitions	3,817	3,817
Balance as at 31 March 2025	9,101	9,101
Depreciation		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	5,223	5,223
Charge in year	824	824
Balance as at 31 March 2025	6,047	6,047
Net book value at 31 March 2025	3,054	3,054
Net book value at 31 March 2024	61	61

7. Investments

Cost of unlisted investments at start and end of year £250

The charity owns 250 of the share River Bain Hydro Limited of £1 each fully paid. River Bain Hydro Limited has a paid-up share capital of £197,055 and accumulated reserves of £32,134 as at 31 March 2024 (the last date for which information is available).



8. Debtors

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Other debtors	11,241		11,241	10,551		10,551
Grants and other amounts owed		92,522	92,522		49,232	49,232
Prepayments	4,353		4,353	5,676		5,676
	15,594	92,522	108,116	16,227	49,232	65,460

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Trade Creditors		36,477	36,477		12,576	12,576
Taxation	7,622		7,622	5,846		5,846
Accruals and deferred income	7,812	206,706	214,518	7,730	89,319	97,049
Other creditors	510	1,477	1,987	3,920	978	4,898
	15,944	244,660	260,604	17,496	102,872	120,369

10. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

The Trust received funds in the financial year ending 31st March 2024 to support a programme of initiatives in the Nidd Catchment over a 3 year period, as such part of the income is deferred to match the expenditure when it is incurred.

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Deferred income		319,739	319,739		397,400	397,400
	0	319,739	319,739	0	397,400	397,400



11. Charity Funds

Fund name	Purpose	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balance carried forward £
Wharfedale SSSI	Project in the upper Wharfe catchment to improve the ecological and geomorphological conditions of the Wharfe. Funded by the Environment Agency	2,144	8,300	(7,426)	0	3,019
CaBA	Hosting the DVRN catchment partnership bringing partners together to make decisions on managing the interconnecting waterbodies. Funded by the Environment Agency	0	30,000	(29,995)	0	5
Mid Swales tributaries	Enforcement Undertaking funding used to engage communities and develop project work along the Mid-Swale catchment	54,750	10,000	(26,615)	0	38,135
Tees-Swale Metal Mines Project	Remediation of water pollution caused by heavy metal mines in Tees and Swale as part of the Water and Abandoned Metal Mines (WAMM) programme - a partnership between the Environment Agency, the Mining Remediation Authority and DEFRA. Work delivered under the Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected programme, led by the North Pennines AONB Partnership in collaboration with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, funded largely by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.	0	81,018	(80,232)	0	786
Skell project	Engaging communities in the Skell valley with their river. Part of the Skell Valley Project led by the National Trust and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.	0	4,249	(3,807)	0	442
York Lower Ouse EU	A partnership project working in the Foss and Lower Ouse Catchments funded through an Enforcement Undertaking. Developing projects with partners to improve river habitats and land management	2,599	0	(440)	0	2,159
Ousewem	A Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme funded project led by York City Council to slow and store water, and restore the natural hydrological functioning of our catchments, by delivering a programme of natural flood risk management (NFM) interventions	5,892	296,864	(294,126)	0	8,630
Volunteering Programme	Helping communities enhance and restore their local rivers through activities like surveying and monitoring, as well as hands-on tasks such as constructing leaky dams and removing invasive non-native species (INNs).	0	12,070	(12,070)	0	0

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Fund name	Purpose	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balance carried forward £
Rivers2U	River education programme. Our fully fitted, wheelchair accessible mobile classroom, allows us to bring hands-on education about rivers, to everyone. Funded by the Swire Foundation	0	21,525	(12,120)	(9,405)	0
Wharfe Aeration Project	Engaging landowners in discussions about the benefits of soil aeration, aided by 2 demonstration days. Funded by the Environment Agency & Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust.	6,326	1,062	(7,388)	0	0
iNidd	Enforcement undertaking used to support catchment improvement opportunities on the Nidd over a 3 year period	1,915	71,492	(73,406)	0	1
Species Recovery - Crayfish	Supporting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Crayfish Species Recovery project in the Lower Washburn Valley through INNS removal.	0	3,673	(3,673)	0	0
Riparian EU	Enforcement undertaking used to support riparian planting on the Nidd and Ure	41,874	0	(493)	0	41,381
Thorner NFM	Project funded by Leeds City Council to develop Natural Flood Management initiatives in the Thorner area	0	6,198	(6,198)	0	0
Bardsey Fields	A series of Natural Flood Management measures on land belonging to East Kewswick Wildlife group in Bardsey. Funded by Yorkshire Water	0	91,588	(91,387)	0	201
Upper Wharfedale NEIRF	Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF) funded project to develop and test an innovative ecosystem-based nature funding model led by Kilnsey Park Estate	0	2,740	(755)	0	1,985
Rivers4Life	3-year project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, to: -Showcase the work of the Trust -Work with schools and community groups to engage with rivers and wildlife -Connect more people with blue and green spaces -Inspire new audiences to help protect our rivers -Encourage sustainable living -Increase understanding of rivers	0	13,192	(8,597)	9,405	14,001
Weir today gone tomorrow	Project to map and assess weirs and other artificial barriers and their impact on migratory fish species. Funded by the Environment Agency.	0	5,000	(2,106)	0	2,894
Ashfoldside Beck	Project to remediate water pollution caused by the abandoned heavy metal mine on Ashfoldside Beck. Funded by the Mining Remediation Authority.	0	466	(464)	0	1
		115,501	659,436	(661,297)	0	113,639



Restricted grants are received to complete set objectives agreed between all parties. Upon completion of those objectives, funders have agreed to waive their right of recourse on any unspent grants. Accordingly, unspent residual grants have been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Where the Trustees identify that a project's costs will exceed the grant funding then full provision is made for those costs within the unrestricted fund. The provision for such situations at 31 March 2025 was £nil (2024: £nil)

12. Cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	38,567	29,654
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(20,635)	(13,002)
Depreciation	824	980
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(42,657)	3,245
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	62,575	493,979
Cash generated from operations	<u>38,674</u>	<u>514,856</u>

13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

14. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.

Accounts

YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity number: 1107918

Company registration number: 05220147

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Trustees who served during the period

Alex Briant	(appointed 16 December 2023)
Amanda Brown	(resigned 10 July 2023)
Robert Brown	(resigned 16 November 2023)
Mark Facer	(Treasurer)
Tango Fawcett	
Nicholas Harding	
David Middlemiss	(appointed 16 December 2023)
Jonathan Page	
James Roberts	(Chairman)
Christopher Ryder	(resigned 16 November 2023)
Jonty Warneken	(appointed 16 December 2023)

Trustees appointed after year-end

Douglas Adamson	(appointed 15 May 2024)
Michele Miller	(appointed 15 May 2024)
Bethan Stones	(appointed 15 May 2024)

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure Governance and Management

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity and constituted as a company limited by guarantee and hence the Trustees of the charity are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act. The governing documents for the Trust are the Articles and Memorandum of Association which have been filed at Companies House.

The Trust is affiliated with the Rivers Trust. The Trustees are recruited through targeted advertisements followed by interviews. Trustees undertake appropriate training.

The day-to-day operations are delegated by the Trustees to the Senior Management Team (SMT) who liaise regularly with the Trustees and in particular the Chairman and Treasurer. The SMT reports on a formal basis to the Trustees at Board meetings, which are held quarterly.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Trust is to secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of rivers, streams, water courses, water impoundments, banksides, and tributaries, catchment areas of the rivers Ure, Swale, Nidd and Wharfe (the Rivers) for the benefit of the public.

The Trust seeks to achieve this aim by using a holistic strategy that uses the process of “Identify – Improve – Sustain” to address all issues affecting the catchment. In achieving this strategy, the Trust has set the following objectives:

1. Undertake and support annual monitoring, investigation, and research activities to identify and quantify issues and impacts that affect the catchment areas.
2. Collate evidence from objective 1 to prioritise and deliver an annual restoration and improvement programme of activities across the catchment.
3. Wherever possible to influence and encourage partners delivering activities within the catchment to undertake actions in partnership to deliver improvements to the Rivers.
4. To continuously engage and educate all communities, stakeholders, and interest groups to address wider issues and ensure improvements are maximised and sustained.

Delivery objectives

In delivery of the objectives, YDRT employs a team of dedicated, experienced and highly qualified employees. The skills and experience of the Trust reflect the holistic strategy, and the Trust is committed to continually developing the employees through external and internal training and providing opportunities to work on different projects so as to provide broad involvement in the Trust’s activities.

Volunteers

YDRT relies upon the support of volunteers for a range of activities, including tree planting, invasive species control, river clean-ups, surveying and monitoring, education activities and research. YDRT would like to express its sincere gratitude for all the work undertaken by its volunteers. We were delighted to appoint Jennifer Lee as our Volunteer and Engagement Officer from September 2023 to coordinate and lead our individual and corporate volunteering activities. Volunteering activities over the year have included:

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Invasive species training and mapping - 63 volunteer hours

Riverfly monitoring – 180 volunteer hours

Water sampling – 98 volunteer hours

Litter picking – 32 volunteer hours

Tree guard removal – 15 volunteer hours

Priority habitats training and assessment – 242 volunteer hours

Online research (catchment management plans refresh) – 24 volunteer hours

Supporting the Rivers2U education programme – 265 volunteer hours

Total - 919 volunteer hours

Achievements and Performance

Enable:

The Trust continues to grow and our team has been strengthened by 4 new appointments in the year. These include two project staff (Matthew Lyall - Project officer, Ousewem and Sarah Lonsdale – Project Manager, River Enhancement), a Volunteer and Engagement Officer (Jennifer Lee) and a Communications and Marketing Officer (Victoria Benn). The board has been enhanced with the recruitment of 3 new trustees with experience in marketing, communications and business development.

Improve and Protect:

Working alongside partners including the Environment Agency, the Coal Authority, Yorkshire Water, North Yorkshire Council, York Council and local groups and landowners, YDRT staff worked to deliver a range of benefits throughout the catchments last year. Key achievements from April 2023 – March 2024 included:

- Planting 1,272 trees
- Improving 9.8 km river habitat
- Working on 31 farms
- Enlisting more than 140 volunteers who gave 919 hours of time
- Engaging with 1390 school children
- Supporting 17 community events

In the Wharfe catchment, our iWharfe projects engaged with farmers, volunteers, and community groups to monitor and improve water quality and enhance habitats along the Wharfe. Some of the project highlights included:

- Collecting 162 samples from 9 tributaries over six days in August and September 2023. Working in collaboration with the Environment Agency, **with funding from Yorkshire Water**, the results will increase our understanding of faecal bacteria E. coli, which potentially impacts Ilkley's designated Bathing Water at Cromwheel.
- Working on the Denton Estate as part of a team of experts including freshwater ecologists from UCL and the University of Liverpool, to establish a baseline understanding of the health of their waters. Funded by Nidderdale National Landscapes under their Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, the data gathered will provide the Estate with information to help steer future land management decisions for the benefit of aquatic wildlife on the Estate and downstream, **particularly as they develop plans for their Landscape Recovery Project.**

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- Installing a solar pump, pipework, and three water troughs to provide alternative drinking sources to keep livestock out of the watercourse. This project was funded through the Environment Agency as part of the iWharfe EA project.
- Planting 212m of native, cross-slope hedging to slow and intercept the flow of runoff and sediment/nutrient entering a tributary of the Wharfe. The hedging will also diversify and link habitats in the area. This initiative was funded through the Environment Agency as part of the iWharfe EA project. The farmer has since self-funded the fencing required to protect the hedging.

In the Tees and Swale catchments, physical delivery work has been carried out on three sites this summer; Little Egglehope, Great Egglehope and Marl Beck, as part of the Tees-Swale Diffuse Metals Project. About 200km of rivers in Teesdale and Swaledale are polluted by metals released from long-abandoned metal mines in the headwaters. Some of these metals are washed into rivers from the wastes left behind by the miners. The project is beginning to address this polluting legacy of Britain's industrial past with funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This work is part of Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected programme, led by the North Pennines National Landscapes Partnership in collaboration with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, funded largely by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The diffuse metals project is led by the YDRT working with the Tees Rivers Trust as part of the Water and Abandoned Metal Mines (WAMM) programme. We are working with the North Pennines National Landscapes Partnership and local landowners and farmers including the Eggleston Estate (Neamour Holdings) and Raby Estate. The WAMM programme is a partnership between the Environment Agency, the Coal Authority and Defra. It aims to deliver the Government's statutory target to halve the length of rivers polluted by harmful metals from abandoned metal mines by 2038.

- In Little Egglehope metals like lead, cadmium and zinc are polluting the Little Egglehope Beck, as surface water is eroding the old mine wastes. The riverbank has been strengthened by installing 300 metres of block stone wall ('revetment') which will limit erosion. In addition, the highly contaminated mine wastes next to the beck were regraded. Approximately 1000 tonnes of stone and 450 tonnes of clay were used.
- In Great Egglehope mine wastes cover about six hectares of the former Wiregill lead mine in Teesdale. Metals are being washed out of these wastes and are polluting about 8km of rivers. Research trials by the WAMM Programme near Alston show that one way to address this problem is to encourage plants to grow as this decreases the infiltration of rain. We are testing different soil amendments, including biochar, and seed mixtures on 0.8 hectares of highly-contaminated material at the former "dressing floor" where the ores were crushed and processed. Initial results are promising, and we hope to improve biodiversity, particularly of rare metal-tolerant 'calaminarian' plants.
- In Marl Beck, the large areas of mine wastes at the former Lodge Sike mine pollute more than 4km of river. Metals are being washed out of the fine grained processing wastes left by the miners in the 19th Century and are harming river wildlife. We have reinstated former drainage channels to divert clean surface water away from the metal-contaminated wastes.

In the Swale catchment area, the Arkengarthdale Natural Flood Management project has been completed with the creation of sixteen shallow ponds, also known as scrapes, at Heggs Castle. These scrapes are just one part of a larger natural flood management and restoration initiative that the Heggs Castle Cluster is implementing across a combined 200-acre site. The project is supported by funding from Two Ridings Community Foundation and Tees Swale: Naturally Connected. Within a week of their creation, some of the scrapes had already started to fill with water, and wading birds, including curlew, were observed using the fresh muddy edges.

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In the Ure catchment, more than 30 volunteers have been trained to conduct priority habitat surveys and map invasive species.

In the Nidd catchment, the iNidd project started with water quality testing along the whole river over two days, one in August and the second in October. The iNidd project will expand in the coming years with funding from a £500,000 Enforcement Undertaking from Yorkshire Water. The funds will be used on a series of measures to improve the Nidd with aspirations to:

- Support and enable water quality monitoring across the catchment
- Support farm engagement events
- Continue to upskill and train volunteers
- Improve fish habitats in the tributaries of the Nidd
- Tackle invasive non-native Species
- Work with anglers to map barriers to fish, with the aim to prioritise removal of barriers on the Nidd
- Look at the results of the Dales to Vale Rivers Network (DVRN) consultation and work towards addressing the issues identified in the catchment.
- Explore the feasibility of restoring traditional wet Ings grassland management, linking, buffering and extending riverside habitats, as well as mitigating the effects of the old flood banks which isolate the river from its floodplain.

Finally, we are delighted to report on progress of our new natural flood management project, Ousewem (the Ouse Water Environment Management project). Ousewem aims to enhance the flood resilience of communities across York and North Yorkshire by delivering over £1m of NFM over the next 2 ½ years across the Swale, Ure, Nidd and Ouse catchments. YDRT are the delivery partners in this major Defra funded project, and the team have spent the last year recruiting and training staff, collaborating with project partners to develop tools and models, building our brand, liaising with stakeholders, and identifying and developing three pilot projects. We are grateful to the landowners we have worked with so far and are looking forward to getting on site and delivering some leaky barriers, new hedgerows, scrapes and tree planting later in 2024.

Collaborate:

YDRT hosts two catchment partnerships (SUNO -Swale, Ure, Nidd and Upper Ouse, and WLO - Wharfe and Lower Ouse) jointly as the Dales to Vale River Network (DVRN). During the year the DVRN updated the Catchment Management plans in line with the current guidance. As part of this we ran an electronic consultation with all our stakeholders, all parish councils and faith groups across the catchments. With 257 responses we have used the results to confirm the issues in each catchment, set the priorities for project work over the next five years and identified new geographical areas to focus on.

In November 2023 we held an event to celebrate 10 years of CaBA (Catchment Based Approach), with presentations focussed on the role that partnership working has had in project development and delivery – the event had over 90 attendees, presentations from six partners and posters from a further 10.

Engage:

The Rivers2U education work was funded between April 2023 and March 2024 through the Enforcement Undertaking budget, with additional funding achieved through fundraising, our annual auction, and working as one of the partners on the Skell Valley Project, headed by the National Trust and Nidderdale National Landscapes.

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The Rivers2U mobile classroom van had another busy year of school bookings, attending 38 schools, including 15 with whom we hadn't previously engaged, working with a total of 1390 children from 52 classes. This takes the overall number of children whom we've engaged with through the Rivers2U project, to more than 5000!

Over the summer of 2023 we attended four agricultural shows – one in each catchment of the Swale, Ure, Nidd and Wharfe, and were pleased to be awarded second prize for the most educational outdoor trade stand at the Wensleydale Show. Other community events included pond dipping at Kiplin Hall, attending Addingham Environment Fair, having a River Roadshow at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes, giving a talk to the Yoredale Natural History Society and running a session at Buckden with the National Park's youth group, Up Skill Down Dale. We ran three guided walks, for the Friends of the Dales, the Swaledale Festival and the Richmond Boots and Books Festival. These community events enabled us to engage with more than 2360 people.

The National Trust's Skell Valley Project, in partnership with Nidderdale National Landscapes, is National Lottery funded, and YDRT are leading the Watery Wildlife sub-project, engaging local schools and communities with the wildlife living in and around the River Skell. A resource pack of information and activities related to rivers and wildlife was written last year and launched with one of the partnership schools, Grewelthorpe CE Primary School, at Fountains Abbey early in April 2024. It is hoped that the pack, which is free to download from the Nidderdale National Landscapes website, will be used by a wider audience to inspire the next generation about the wonderful wildlife living in our rivers.

Future:

Work on our ongoing YDRT projects - Ousewem, Tees Swale Metal Mines, iNidd, Mid Swale Tributaries, and Wharfe SSSI will continue in the next financial year and beyond. Other planned developments within the trust include:

- Wharfe Aeration Project – working with farmers across the catchment to demonstrate the benefits of aeration for improved soil health and flood risk reduction. Funded through the Wharfe Flood Levy Group and the local levy.
- Supporting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust crayfish recovery project in Lower Washburn Valley through invasive species removal.
- Development of our corporate volunteering and sponsorship programme.
- Expanding our reach through effective communications to educate more people about the pressures facing our rivers and what they can do to help.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Financial activities

As at 31 March 2024 the charity had net assets of £160,885 of which £45,385 were unrestricted funds. Operationally the charity met its planned financial objectives for the period with the resultant position in line with the budget projections. The Trust does not operate any endowment funds.

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Reserves policy

The Trust holds reserves to ensure adequate funding for the continuation and completion of current projects and to fund planning of future projects.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

James Roberts

Chairman

Date:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 10-19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Simon Turner

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Date:

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2023
Income					
Voluntary income	2	5,345	2,422	7,767	5,904
Charitable activities	2	13,549	565,285	578,834	366,980
Investments	2	13,002	0	13,002	0
		<u>31,896</u>	<u>567,707</u>	<u>599,603</u>	<u>372,884</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	16,800	551,650	568,450	431,522
Governance costs	3	243	1,257	1,500	1,500
		<u>17,043</u>	<u>552,907</u>	<u>569,950</u>	<u>433,022</u>
Net income/(expenditure)					
before tax in the period		14,853	14,800	29,653	-60,138
Transfers between funds					
		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds					
		14,853	14,800	29,653	-60,138
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		<u>30,531</u>	<u>100,701</u>	<u>131,232</u>	<u>191,370</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>45,384</u>	<u>115,501</u>	<u>160,885</u>	<u>131,232</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2023
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	61	0	61	1,041
Investments	6	250	0	250	250
		311	0	311	1,291
Current assets					
Debtors	7	16,227	49,232	65,459	68,705
Cash at bank		46,342	566,542	612,884	85,026
		62,579	615,774	678,343	153,731
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	8	17,496	102,873	120,369	23,790
Net current assets		45,073	512,901	557,974	129,941
Total Assets less Current Liabilities					
		45,384	512,901	558,285	131,232
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
	9	0	397,400	397,400	0
Net assets		45,384	115,501	160,885	131,232
Funds of the charity					
		45,384	115,501	160,885	131,232

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These accounts were approved on _____ and signed on behalf of all trustees by:

James Roberts

Mark Facer

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Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2018).

The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They do so having considered all the facts and information available to them at the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income received in advance of activities or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met or those activities have taken place or expenditure incurred.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants during the year.

Gift aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration form from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

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Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs including public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Redundancy cost

The charity did not make any redundancy payments during the period.

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.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Assets

Tangible assets for use by the charity. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total	2023
Voluntary income				
Membership	4,716	0	4,716	2,811
Other income	629	2,422	3,051	3,093
	<u>5,345</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>7,767</u>	<u>5,904</u>
Charitable activities				
Fundraising	8,939	0	8,939	6,455
Grants receivable	4,610	565,285	569,895	360,525
	<u>13,549</u>	<u>565,285</u>	<u>578,834</u>	<u>366,980</u>
Income from investments				
Interest Income	13,002	0	13,002	6,455
	<u>13,002</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,002</u>	<u>366,980</u>
Total income	<u>31,896</u>	<u>567,707</u>	<u>599,603</u>	<u>372,884</u>

Analysis of grants receivable

	2024	2023
The Coal Authority	241,502	137,832
York City Council	109,559	9,288
Environment Agency	76,699	113,210
Enforcement Undertakings	94,488	23,640
Yorkshire Water	17,294	67,401
Nidderdale National Landscapes	12,741	2251
The National Trust	3,942	3,953
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	3,114	0
Schroder Trust	3,000	0
Heritage Trade UP SSE	3,120	0
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust	1,900	0
Other grants under £5000	<u>2,536</u>	<u>2,950</u>
	<u>569,895</u>	<u>360,525</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

3. Analysis of expenditure

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Salaries	10,844	283,206	294,050	255,503
Project expenditure	38	219,639	219,677	123,369
Support services	123	636	759	12,757
Office/marketing/telephone	3,187	19,893	23,080	22,774
Travel and other costs	771	18,163	18,934	11,314
Insurance	621	3,440	4,061	2,993
Conference costs	30	277	307	1,096
Printing, postage and stationery	60	363	423	505
Volunteer expenses	0	188	188	65
Auction and fundraising expenses	8	43	51	165
Depreciation	158	822	980	981
Professional fees	960	4,980	5,940	0
	<u>16,800</u>	<u>551,650</u>	<u>568,450</u>	<u>431,522</u>

Governance costs

Independent examination fee	<u>243</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
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Fees paid for statutory external scrutiny of the financial statements and other services

	2024	2023
Independent examination fee	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

No Trustees were remunerated in the year (2023: £nil).

One trustee received expenses of £418 during the year relating to the reimbursement of travel costs to trustee meetings (2023: £nil).

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4. Paid employees

Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	251,500	220,765
National insurance	19,967	15,525
Pension costs	22,583	19,213
	294,050	255,503

The pension costs relate to the employer's contributions under a defined contribution pension plan. The employer's costs of the pension scheme are allocated between the restricted and unrestricted funds depending on the hours worked by each employee and the agreed terms of the project funding.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 during the reporting period (2023: nil).

The average number of employees during the reporting period was 10 (2023: 9).

There were no redundancy or ex gratia payments paid during the reporting period (2023: nil).

The defined contribution pension plan is operated by the Rivers Trust. A number of other similar organisations participate in this plan.

Trustee roles are voluntary and received £nil remuneration (2023: £nil)

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
Cost		
Balance as at 1 April 2023	5284	5284
Acquisitions		
Balance as at 31 March 2023	5284	5284
Depreciation		
Balance as at 1 April 2023	4243	4243
Charge in year	980	980
Balance as at 31 March 2023	5223	5223
Net book value at 31 March 2024	61	61
Net book value at 31 March 2023	1041	1041

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6. Investments

Cost of unlisted investments at start and end of year £250

The charity owns 250 of the share River Bain Hydro Limited of £1 each fully paid. River Bain Hydro Limited has a paid-up share capital of £197,555 and a surplus on reserves of £3,648 as at 31 March 2023 (the last date for which information is available).

7. Debtors

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Other debtors	10,551		10,551
Grants and other amounts owed		49,232	49,232
Prepayments	5,676		5,676
	<u>16,227</u>	<u>49,232</u>	<u>65,459</u>
			<u>68,705</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Trade Creditors		12,576	12,576
Taxation	5,846		5,846
Accruals and deferred income	7,730	89,319	97,049
Other creditors	3,920	978	4,898
	<u>17,496</u>	<u>102,873</u>	<u>120,369</u>
			<u>23,790</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

The Trust received funds during the year to support a programme of initiatives in the Nidd Catchment over a 3 year period, as such the income was deferred.

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Deferred income		397,400	397,400
	<u>0</u>	<u>397,400</u>	<u>397,400</u>
			<u>0</u>

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10. Charity Funds

Fund name		Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balance carried forward
Wharfedale SSSI	Purpose Project in the upper Wharfe catchment to improve the ecological and geomorphological conditions of the Wharfe	23	13,500	-11,379	-	2,144
CaBA	Hosting the DVRN catchment partnership bringing partners together to make decisions on managing the interconnecting waterbodies.	12	30,000	-30,012	-	0
Rivers in Elmet	Project addressing sediment and nutrient pollution across five adjoining waterbodies	690	1,676	-2,366	-	0
Tees-Swale Metal Mines Project	Remediation of water pollution caused by heavy metal mines in Tees and Swale	0	241,502	-241,502	-	0
Skell project	Engage communities in the Skell valley with their river.	0	3,942	-3,942	-	0
Bishop Dyke	Pilot project applying established measures addressing diffuse sediment and nutrient inputs used to achieve Water Framework Directive outcomes in a flood defence context.	11	0	-11	-	0
Mid Swales tributaries	Enforcement Undertaking funding used to engage communities and develop project work along the Mid-Swale catchment	43,365	30,000	-18,615	-	54,750
iWharfe YW	Investigating river health, identifying pollution hotspots and outlining solutions to improve the River Wharfe	17,752	7,594	-25,346	-	0
Ouse WEM	A Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme funded project to slow and store water, and restore the natural hydrological functioning of our catchments, by delivering a programme of natural flood risk management (NFM) interventions	0	109,559	-103,667	-	5,892
Denton Water	An iWharfe project supporting water quality monitoring on the Denton Estate	0	13,601	-13,601	-	0
Engagement EU	Enforcement Undertaking used to support our Rivers2U Education and Volunteering programmes	23,019	5,711	-28,730	-	0
iWharfe RB	An iWharfe project supporting water quality monitoring from Grassington to Otley	650	0	-650	-	0
Arkengarthdale NFM	Natural flood management demonstration site	3,330	0	-3,330	-	0
iWharfe EA	A coordinated catchment management approach, supporting agricultural and non mains drainage derived pollutants affecting the riverine environment	475	19,999	-20,472	-	1
Keeping Ure Rivers Cool (KURC)	Riparian Tree Planting along the River Ure	93	0	-93	-	0
York Lower Ouse (RT EU)	A partnership project working in the Foss and Lower Ouse Catchments. Developing projects with partners to improve river habitats and land management	11,281	0	-8,683	-	2,598
Wharfe Aeration Project	Engaging landowners in discussions about the benefits of soil aeration, aided by 2 demonstration days	0	13,200	-6,874		6,326
iNidd	Enforcement undertaking used to support catchment improvement opportunities on the Nidd	0	29,820	-27,905		1,915

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10. Charity Funds(continued)

Species Recovery - Crayfish	Supporting YWT crayfish project in Lower Washburn Valley through INNS removal	0	3,113	-3,113	0
Riparian EU	Enforcement undertaking used to support riparian planting on the Nidd and Ure	0	44,488	-2,614	41,874
		<u>100,701</u>	<u>567,707</u>	<u>-552,907</u>	<u>0 115,501</u>

Restricted grants are received to complete set objectives agreed between all parties. Upon completion of those objectives, funders have agreed to waive their right of recourse on any unspent grants. Accordingly, unspent residual grants have been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Where the Trustees identify that a project's costs will exceed the grant funding then full provision is made for those costs within the unrestricted fund. The provision for such situations at 31 March 2024 was £nil (2023: £nil)

11. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

12. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.

Accounts

YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity number: 1107918
Company registration number: 5220147

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Trustees who served during the period

Dr Stephen Axford	(resigned 16 November 2022)
Alex Briant	(appointed 15 November 2023)
Amanda Brown	(resigned 10 July 2023)
Robert Brown	(resigned 15 November 2023)
Mark Facer	(Treasurer)
Tango Fawcett	
Nicholas John Harding	(appointed 16 November 2022)
David Middlemiss	(appointed 15 November 2023)
Jonathan Christopher Page	(appointed 16 November 2022)
James Roberts	(Joint chairman)
Christopher Ryder	(resigned 15 November 2023)
Jonty Warken	(appointed 15 November 2023)

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Structure Governance and Management

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity and constituted as a company limited by guarantee and hence the Trustees of the charity are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Acts. The governing documents for the Trust are the Articles and Memorandum of Association which have been filed at Companies House.

The Trust is affiliated with the Rivers Trust. The Trustees are recruited by recommendation from existing Trustees and members and by advertising. Trustees undertake appropriate training.

The day-to-day operations are delegated by the Trustees to the Director who liaises regularly with the Trustees and in particular the Chairman and Treasurer. The Director reports on a formal basis to the Trustees at Board meetings, which are held quarterly. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of their governance procedures and arrangements and make improvements and amendments where necessary.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Trust is to secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of rivers, streams, water courses, water impoundments, banksides, and tributaries, catchment areas of the rivers Ure, Swale, Nidd and Wharfe (the Rivers) for the benefit of the public.

The Trust seeks to achieve this aim by using a holistic strategy that uses the process of "Identify – Improve – Sustain" to address all issues affecting the catchment. In achieving this strategy, the Trust has set the following objectives:

1. Undertake and support annual monitoring, investigation, and research activities to identify and quantify issues and impacts that affect the catchment areas.
2. Collate evidence from objective 1 to prioritise and deliver an annual restoration and improvement programme of activities across the catchment.
3. Wherever possible to influence and encourage partners delivering activities within the catchment to undertake actions in partnership to deliver improvements to the Rivers.
4. To continuously engage and educate all communities, stakeholders, and interest groups to address wider issues and ensure improvements are maximised and sustained.

Delivery objectives

In delivery of the objectives, YDRT employs a team of dedicated, experienced and highly qualified employees. The skills and experience of the Trust reflect the holistic strategy, and the Trust is committed to continually developing the employees through external and internal training and providing opportunities to work on different projects so to provide broad involvement in the Trust's activities.

Volunteers

YDRT relies upon the support of volunteers for a range of activities, including tree planting, fencing, river clean-ups, surveying and monitoring, education activities and research. YDRT would like to express its sincere gratitude for all the work undertaken by its volunteers.

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Achievements and Performance

Enable:

In November 2023, our Operations Director Dr Marie Taylor was promoted to the post of CEO. Since appointment, Dr Taylor has put together a new Senior Management Team to build on the strengths of the Trust and lay down strong foundations for the Trust to grow in the coming years. Other appointments have included Mary Boyd (Finance Manager) and Amanda Crossfield (Programme Manager - Ouse Water Environment Management). New, additional, trustees were also appointed bringing diversity and new experience to the 10-person Board.

Improve and Protect:

Working alongside partners including the Environment Agency, Natural England, Yorkshire Water, North Yorkshire County Council and local groups and landowners, YDRT staff worked to deliver a range of benefits throughout the catchments last year. Key achievements from April 2022 – March 2023 included:

- Planted 5,800 trees
- Improved 3.2km river habitat
- Installed 21 leaky dams
- Worked on 31 farms
- Enlisted over 450 volunteer hours
- Engaged with 1521 school children

In the Wharfe catchment our Rivers in Elmet, Bishop Dike and iWharfe projects engaged with farmers, volunteers and community groups to improve sediment, nutrient and habitats along the Wharfe. Highlights included:

- 8 volunteer events to plant trees, install leaky barriers & set up monitoring cameras
- 18 soil sampling surveys
- Soil health evening and advice for farmers and landowners
- 1km of fencing and 3 pasture pumps installed to protect the river from livestock

In the Tees and Swale catchments, working with a neighbouring Rivers Trust, the Tees Swale Metal Mines water quality project completed delivery at two sites which involved; importing 3000 tonnes soil, installing 200m drainage, repairing a dam wall, scrape creation and a volunteer seed collection and sowing program to generate plugs of rare caliminarian plants. Also in the Swale catchment, the Arkengarthdale Natural Flood Management project delivered 7 leaky barriers, 2 sediment/silt traps and 3 farm walkover reports.

In the Ure catchment the Keeping Ure Rivers Cool project planted over 1750 trees to provide shade to the river and create wildlife corridors.

In the Nidd catchment YDRT advised and supported community groups working to improve the water quality in the Nidd. Monitoring and testing on the river will begin in the summer.

Finally in the Ouse catchment, the OuseWEM (Ouse Water Environment Management) project got underway in March 2023. It is a major new partnership project for YDRT and is one of 25 projects across England funded by Defra from the Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme (FCRIP). The project will test innovative ways of delivering flood resilience, trialing new ways of working and new approaches. Over the next four years, the OuseWEM project will work in partnership to slow and

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store water, and restore the natural hydrological functioning of the Nidd Swale Ure and Ouse catchments, by delivering a programme of natural flood risk management (NFM). This will pilot and monitor how NFM can contribute towards reducing flood risk and increase the resilience of communities across North Yorkshire and should also benefit downstream communities such as York.

Collaborate:

Partnership is the bedrock of many of the conservation achievements listed above. Our strong partnership with the Environment Agency continues to underpin several projects and we are now working more closely with Yorkshire Water than ever before. The two catchment partnerships that we are funded to host by Defra under their catchment-based approach went from strength to strength, with the partners in varying combinations delivering an increasing volume of projects through the Dales to Vale Rivers Network (DVRN). One of the highlights of the partnership included the development of the Wharfe Metadata hub. The hub will be an interactive map accessible from the DVRN webpage and will be a way of displaying data collected on the river Wharfe. The data can then be shared and used to plan projects which will help new projects focus on the filling the missing gaps rather than collecting data that has already been gathered.

Engage:

The past year has been a particularly busy one for our Education programme, Rivers2U, with demand higher than ever for return visits, in addition to engaging with new audiences. The education delivery for the year from April 2022 to March 2023 was funded by Yorkshire Water's Community Benefit Fund, and the Skell Project.

34 visits to schools were undertaken during the year, working with 61 classes from 26 schools, including 14 schools with whom we hadn't previously engaged. This exceeded our target by more than doubling the number of schools and quadrupling the number of children engaged. Evaluation feedback was received from 22 schools, with 100% of respondents saying they would be "Very likely" to book the service again.

In June 2022, we were involved with the British Agricultural Society's Countryside Days for Schools which are held at the Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate. This educational event offers children in the upper primary school years, the opportunity to experience and explore all aspects of food, farming, the countryside and healthy living. We took along the Rivers2U van to the event and were fully booked for both days, holding short workshops for the groups who travel from a large area covering all of Yorkshire and the North-East.

Other community events we attended included having pop-up family fun days at Kilnsey Park, Kiplin Hall, High Batts Nature Reserve and Addingham Environment Day, leading two guided walks, a youth session for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Up Skill Down Dale group, and attending agricultural shows at Wensleydale, Reeth, Kilnsey and Nidderdale. We were delighted to be awarded First Prize in the Outside Trade Stand category at the Wensleydale Show!

In total these events allowed us to engage with over 1700 people, informing and inspiring them about our rivers, wildlife, and the issues and challenges which currently face our riverine environments.

Future:

Work on our ongoing YDRT projects - Ouse WEM, Tees Swale Metal Mines, Arkengarthdale, Mid Swale Tributaries, Wharfe SSSI, and iWharfe will continue in the next financial year. Other planned

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developments within the trust include a comprehensive consultation on the DVRN catchment management plans and the appointment of a Volunteer and Engagement Officer to lead and expand our volunteering programme.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Financial activities

As at 31 March 2023 the charity had net assets of £ 131,232 of which £ 30,531 were unrestricted funds. Operationally the charity met its planned financial objectives for the period with the resultant position in line with the budget projections. The Trust does not operate any endowment funds.

In the year under review, the Trust made a surplus on its unrestricted fund of £4,580 (2022: deficit £29,259). The trustees are committed to increasing the unrestricted fund substantially to improve the resilience of the trust and allow it to grow. The restricted fund showed a deficit of £64,718 (2022: surplus £8,567). This deficit is a reflection of cash received in previous years which was not matched with expenditure and hence the income to cover the current years expenditure has been received previously. None of the projects undertaken by the trust resulted in a deficit during the year.

Reserves policy

The Trust holds reserves to ensure adequate funding for the continuation and completion of current projects and to fund planning of future projects.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. This report was approved by the Trustees on 16 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Jamie Roberts

Joint chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8-18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Armstrong Watson



Simon Turner, PARTNER

16 NOVEMBER 2023

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2022
Income					
Voluntary income	2	5,204	700	5,904	4,374
Charitable activities	2	7,455	359,525	366,980	404,360
		<u>12,659</u>	<u>360,225</u>	<u>372,884</u>	<u>408,734</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	6,579	424,943	431,522	428,226
Governance costs	3	1,500	0	1,500	1,200
		<u>8,079</u>	<u>424,943</u>	<u>433,022</u>	<u>429,426</u>
Net income/(expenditure)					
before tax in the period		4,580	-64,718	-60,138	-20,692
Transfers between funds					
		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds					
		<u>4,580</u>	<u>-64,718</u>	<u>-60,138</u>	<u>-20,692</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		25,951	165,419	191,370	212,062
Funds carried forward		<u>30,531</u>	<u>100,701</u>	<u>131,232</u>	<u>191,370</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2022
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	1,041	0	1,041	2,022
Investments	6	250	0	250	250
		<u>1,291</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>2,272</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	7,722	60,983	68,705	137,981
Cash at bank		<u>32,025</u>	<u>53,001</u>	<u>85,026</u>	<u>126,729</u>
		<u>39,747</u>	<u>113,984</u>	<u>153,731</u>	<u>264,710</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	8	10,507	13,283	23,790	75,615
Net current assets		<u>29,240</u>	<u>100,701</u>	<u>129,941</u>	<u>189,095</u>
Net assets		<u>30,531</u>	<u>100,701</u>	<u>131,232</u>	<u>191,927</u>
Funds of the charity		<u>30,531</u>	<u>100,701</u>	<u>131,232</u>	<u>191,927</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These accounts were approved on 16 November 2023 and signed on behalf of all trustees / directors by:

Jamie Roberts



Mark Facer



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Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2018).

The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They do so having considered all the facts and information available to them at the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income received in advance of activities or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants during the year.

Gift aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration form from the donor. Any gift Aid amount is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

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Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs including public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Redundancy cost

The charity did not make any redundancy payments during the period.

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.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Assets

Tangible assets for use by the charity. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	Total	2022
Voluntary income				
Membership	2,811	0	2,811	1,530
Other income	2,393	700	3,093	2,844
	5,204	700	5,904	4,374
Charitable activities				
Fundraising	6,455		6,455	4,350
Grants receivable	1,000	359,525	360,525	397,999
	7,455	359,525	366,980	402,349
Total income	12,659	360,225	372,884	406,723

Analysis of grants receivable

	2023	2022
The Coal Authority	137,832	50,485
Environment Agency	113,210	206,627
Yorkshire Water	67,401	49,928
York city Council	9,288	25,282
The National Trust	3,953	6,229
Nidderdale AONB	2251	-
The Rivers Trust	-	25,000
European Union	-	19,854
Natural England	-	6,403
Mott MacDonald	-	4,050
National Heritage Lottery Fund	-	3,477
Other	23,640	-
Other grants under £5000	2,950	2,675
	360,525	400,010

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

3. Analysis of expenditure

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Salaries	4,374	251,129	255,503	249,677
Project expenditure	5	123,364	123,369	111,212
Support services	680	12,077	12,757	20,160
Office/marketing/telephone	1,206	21,568	22,774	19,308
Staff travel and other costs	26	11,288	11,314	12,669
Insurance	159	2,834	2,993	3,177
Conference costs	58	1,038	1,096	636
Printing, postage and stationery	10	495	505	359
Volunteer expenses	0	65	65	85
Auction and fundraising expenses	9	156	165	0
Depreciation	52	929	981	981
Professional fees	0	0	0	7,394
	<u>6,579</u>	<u>424,943</u>	<u>431,522</u>	<u>425,658</u>

Governance costs

Independent examination fee	1,500	0	1,500	1,200
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Fees paid for statutory external scrutiny of the financial statements and other services

	2023	2022
Independent examination fee	1,500	1,200
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,200</u>

No Trustees were remunerated in the year (2022: £nil). No trustees received any expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

4. Paid employees

Staff costs

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	220,765	185,173
National insurance	15,525	11,830
Pension costs	19,213	14,360
	<u>255,503</u>	<u>184,882</u>

The pension costs relate to the employer's contributions under a defined contribution pension plan. The employer's costs of the pension scheme are allocated between the restricted and unrestricted funds depending on the hours worked by each employee and the agreed terms of the project funding.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 during the reporting period (2022: nil).

The average number of employees during the reporting period was 9 (2022: 7).

There were no redundancy or ex gratia payments paid during the reporting period (2022: nil).

The defined contribution pension plan is operated by the Rivers Trust. A number of other similar organisations participate in this plan.

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
Cost		
Balance as at 1 April 2022	5284	5284
Acquisitions		
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>5284</u>	<u>5284</u>
Depreciation		
Balance as at 1 April 2022	3262	3262
Charge in year	981	981
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>4243</u>	<u>4243</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2023	<u>1041</u>	<u>1041</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2022	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>

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6. Investments

Cost of unlisted investments at start and end of year £250

The charity owns 250 of the share River Bain Hydro Limited of £1 each fully paid. River Bain Hydro Limited has a paid-up share capital of £201,805 and a deficit on reserves of £9,934 as at 31 March 2022 (the last date for which information is available).

7. Debtors

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Other debtors	3,282	453	3,735
Grants and other amounts owed		60,530	60,530
Prepayments	4,440		4,440
	<u>7,722</u>	<u>60,983</u>	<u>68,705</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Trade creditors		12,728	12,728	
Taxation	6,255		6,255	5,127
Accruals and deferred income	1,631	555	2,186	66,930
Other creditors	2,621		2,621	3,558
	<u>10,507</u>	<u>13,283</u>	<u>23,790</u>	<u>75,615</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

9. Charity Funds

Fund name	Purpose	Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balance carried forward
Wharfedale SSSI	Project in the upper Wharfe catchment to improve the ecological and geomorphological conditions of the Wharfe	558	12,373	-12,908	-	23
CaBA	Hosting the DVRN catchment partnership bringing partners together to make decisions on managing the interconnecting waterbodies.	-	42,020	-42,008	-	12
Rivers In Elmet	Project addressing sediment and nutrient pollution across five adjoining waterbodies	6,335	31,653	-37,298	-	690
Biosecurity Secondment	Managing biosecurity project to prevent spread of non-native invasive species	4,419	-	-4,419	-	0
Tees-Swale Metal Mines Project	Remediation of water pollution caused by heavy metal mines in Tees and Swale	15,893	137,832	-153,725	-	0
INNS OUT	Invasive non-native species management, control and biosecurity across our catchments.	2,572	9,700	-12,272	-	0
Skell project	Engage communities in the Skell valley with their river.	-	3,953	-3,953	-	0
Bishop Dyke	Pilot project applying established measures addressing diffuse sediment and nutrient inputs used to achieve Water Framework Directive outcomes in a flood defence context.	1,349	7,166	-8,504	-	11
Mid Swales tributaries	Enforcement Undertaking funding used to engage communities and develop project work along the Mid-Swale catchment	71,097	-	-27,732	-	43,365
CIRIA NFM	working on an NFM guidance manual, as part of the contract with CIRIA	568	750	-1,318	-	0
iWharfe YW	Investigating river health, identifying pollution hotspots and outlining solutions to improve the River Wharfe	-	50,000	-32,248	-	17,752
Ouse WEM	A Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme funded project to slow and store water, and restore the natural hydrological functioning of our catchments, by delivering a programme of natural flood risk management (NFM) interventions	-	9,288	-9,288	-	0
Denton Water	An iWharfe project supporting water quality monitoring on the Denton Estate	-	2,251	-2,251	-	0
Engagement EU	Enforcement Undertaking used to support our Rivers2U Education and Volunteering programmes	-	23,640	-621	-	23,019
iWharfe RB	An iWharfe project supporting water quality monitoring from Grassington to Otley	-	1,900	-1,250	-	650
Arkengartdale NFM	Natural flood management demonstration site	17,042	-	-13,712	-	3,330

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9. Charity funds (continued)

IWharfe eDNA	To evaluate the use of eDNA in Citizen Science projects.	7,381	2,701	-10,082	-	0
IWharfe EA	A coordinated catchment management approach, supporting agricultural and non mains drainage derived pollutants affecting the riverine environment	1,559	14,998	-16,082	-	475
KURC	Riparian Tree Planting along the River Ure	4,247	-	-4,154	-	93
RT EU	A partnership project working in the Foss and Lower Ouse Catchments. Developing projects with partners to improve river habitats and land management	20,578	-	-9,293	-	11,281
Education fund	Raised from the YDRT Auction to fund part of the Education programme.	3,182	-	-3,182	-	0
YW Education	Delivering our education program to new schools across our catchments	8,044	10,000	-18,044	-	0
WWOCF						
INNS OUT	A citizen science project, training and enabling volunteers to map distribution of invasive plants with our catchments	599	-	-599	-	0
WEIF						
		165,423	360,225	-424,943	0	100,701

Restricted grants are received to complete set objectives agreed between all parties. Upon completion of those objectives, funders have agreed to waive their right of recourse on any unspent grants. Accordingly, unspent residual grants have been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Where the Trustees identify that a project's costs will exceed the grant funding then full provision is made for those costs within the unrestricted fund. The provision for such situations at 31 March 2023 was £nil (2022: £nil)

10. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

11. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.

12. Contingent liabilities

The potential legal case disclosed in the prior year has progressed to a stage where an adverse outcome is considered significantly remote. The Trustees have determined not to make the same disclosures again to reflect this change.

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Accounts

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Trustees who served during the period

Dr Stephen Axford

Amanda Brown (appointed 6 December 2021)

Robert Brown (Joint chairman)

Mark Facer (Treasurer)

Tango Fawcett (appointed 6 December 2021)

Christopher Kerr (appointed 6 December 2021, resigned 16 October 2022)

James Roberts (Joint chairman)

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure Governance and Management

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity and constituted as a company limited by guarantee and hence the Trustees of the charity are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act. The governing documents for the Trust are the Articles and Memorandum of Association which have been filed at Companies House.

The Trust is affiliated with the Rivers Trust. The Trustees are recruited by recommendation from existing Trustees and members and undertake appropriate training.

The day-to-day operations are delegated by the Trustees to the Director who liaises regularly with the Trustees and in particular the Chairman and Treasurer. The Director reports on a formal basis to the Trustees at Board meetings, which are held quarterly.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Trust

The aim of the Trust is to secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of rivers, streams, water courses, water impoundments, banksides, and tributaries, catchment areas of the rivers Ure, Swale, Nidd and Wharfe (the Rivers) for the benefit of the public. The Trust seeks to achieve this aim by using a holistic strategy that uses the process of "Identify – Improve – Sustain" to address all issues affecting the catchment.

In achieving this strategy, the Trust has set the following objectives:

1. Undertake and support annual monitoring, investigation, and research activities to identify and quantify issues and impacts that affect the catchment areas.
2. Collate evidence from objective 1 to prioritise and deliver an annual restoration and improvement programme of activities across the catchment.
3. Wherever possible to influence and encourage partners delivering activities within the catchment to undertake actions in partnership to deliver improvements to the Rivers.
4. To continuously engage and educate all communities, stakeholders, and interest groups to address wider issues and ensure improvements are maximised and sustained.

Delivery objectives

In delivery of the objectives, YDRT employs a team of dedicated, experienced and highly qualified employees. The skills and experience of the Trust reflect the holistic strategy, and the Trust is committed to continually developing the employees through external and internal training and providing opportunities to work on different projects so as to provide broad involvement in the Trust's activities.

Volunteers

YDRT relies upon the support of volunteers for a range of activities, including tree planting, fencing, river clean-ups, surveying and monitoring, education activities and administration

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and technical support (including website maintenance and design work). YDRT would like to express its sincere gratitude for all the work undertaken by its volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Enable

After a period of almost a year without a CEO – albeit with Dr Marie Taylor doing an excellent job of leading the Trust in the interim – the Trustees were pleased to appoint David Middlemiss to the post in spring 2021. As well as providing stability David's leadership experience in both the corporate and charitable sectors has helped the Trust to overhaul its structures and administrative processes, vital for an organisation needing to consolidate and lay the groundwork for future expansion. Marie Taylor as Operations Director has continued to be the lynch-pin of conservation delivery as the Trust has continued to evolve and expand its projects on the ground.

New appointments during the period include a Farming and Conservation Officer (Abigail Mace), Tees and Swale diffuse pollution project manager (Tim Longstaff), Project officer (Eleri Pritchard) and Assistant Project Officer (Fern Wilkinson) building a new look team of 10 in total with a fantastic range of expertise and experience. The Trust was sorry to see the departure of Jack Hirst as Farming Officer but were glad that his new career with the Woodland Trust will see him remain active in the conservation sector. Other departures included Conor Scholey and Helena Thornton.

Trustees joining during the year were Tango Fawcett and Amanda Brown; there were no trustee departures.

The ongoing improvement of the Trust's financial systems has been ably led by the Treasurer alongside the Finance Officer and CEO. The year also saw the roll out of the Asana system across YDRT, a new task and project management tool to aid workflow and management in a team that is hybrid working across a wide geographic area. An updated staff handbook is being produced along with a new, more easily digestible format for financial reports.

Improve and Protect

During FY 21/22, YDRT had a portfolio of 18 projects, working with a range of partners including Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency, National Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Coal Authority to name a few. YDRT staff worked to deliver a range of benefits throughout the catchments, where key achievements included:

- Planting 2,250 Trees
- Improving 2 km of River
- Enlisting over 500 volunteer hours
- Engaging with 520 children
- Working with 17 farms

Whilst the impressive breadth of YDRT's project delivery is too much to include it all here, here are a few highlights from key projects. The iWharfe project has continued to work with community groups along the river Wharfe. Water quality sampling investigations were carried out by volunteers which focused on the upper Wharfe and key recreational bathing spots at 34 individual sites. The success of the previous year's project – a model of citizen science, combining public volunteering with scientific rigour to produce effective and influential data - led to new funding from the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water, enabling the roll out of new eDNA monitoring techniques. Staff have also carried out site visits, scoping up opportunities to support landowners and farmers to improve watercourses.

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The Keeping Ure River Cool project – supported by funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority – produced a strategic plan to identify and prioritise areas for riparian tree planting along the River Ure. The initial phase of the project has delivered nearly 1km of fencing in the Upper Ure Catchment, helping to protect newly planted trees and create valuable new wildlife habitat.

The Rivers in Elmet project continued to work with six farms during the year, scoping works to tackle excess sediment, nutrient loading and habitat modifications in five waterbodies. On the ground the project delivered hedge planting and leaky dam building within the Thorner Beck catchment, with the involvement and support of over 50 volunteers.

Collaborate

The two catchment partnerships that YDRT is funded by Defra to host and co-ordinate went from strength to strength, with the multiple partners working collaboratively to deliver an impressive 33 projects across the geographical area. The unexpected but very welcome windfall of a £25,000 enforcement undertaking has helped support partnership working within the Foss catchment and the Lower Ouse for a period of a year.

Other achievements during the year included the Dales to Vale Rivers Network (DVRN) submitting a collective response to the government's River Basin Management Plan consultation, and engaging with Water Resources North – a group comprising water companies and others that coordinates water resources planning for Yorkshire and the North East – to understand and help shape their ambitions for supporting environmental improvements in the catchments. Work is also ongoing with Yorkshire Water to identify targeted areas of work and support in relation to Ofwat's 2024 Price Review (PR24). The DVRN webpage has been redesigned and updated Catchment Management Plans produced.

Engage

As the country emerged from Covid era lockdowns, the recommencement of volunteer events saw activities held in Bishopdale and along the River Wharfe, with important catchment-wide training provided in Invasive Non Native Species (INNS) identification and surveying. During the period YDRT continued to engage with over 100 individual volunteers. Getting back into schools post-Covid has been a challenge but we're delighted that Catherine Mason has once again been able to take our mobile education unit on the road again, successfully delivering the Trust's education programme to eleven schools.

YDRT's second online auction raised nearly £5,000 for the Trust's conservation work in December – a great fund-raising effort in a challenging economic period. Our thanks to Tenants of Leyburn for hosting the auction.

Future

After the great changes – and existential threats – of the Covid era it has been a relief for everyone within the Trust team to see things return to something approaching normality again. The stability of the period has seen us increase revenue, expand organisational head count and take on a larger portfolio of conservation project work. To ensure a stable platform for continued growth, the organisation will continue to consolidate its financial systems and begin the process of restructuring its conservation delivery. Growing the Trust's non-restricted funds to reduce its reliance on time-limited grant funding (a perennial challenge for all NGOs) remains a strong focus.

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For the Trustees, there is a genuine appetite to increase the breadth and representation of Board members and to ensure that the governance of the charity is comprehensively reviewed and fit for purpose, acting on the recommendations of the Governance Review completed before the pandemic struck.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Financial activities

As at 31 March 2022 the charity had net assets of £191,370 of which £25,951 were unrestricted funds. Operationally the charity met its planned financial objectives for the period with the resultant position in line with the budget projections.

The Trust does not operate any endowment funds

Reserves policy

The Trust holds reserves to ensure adequate funding for the continuation and completion of current projects and to fund planning of future projects.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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.

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In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 16th November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Jamie Roberts

Joint Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8-18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Armstrong Watson *Audit Limited*

Simon Turner
Norm Upton

SA Turner
30-11-2022

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2021
Income					
Voluntary income	2	4,374	0	4,374	4,312
Charitable activities	2	1,065	403,295	404,360	625,924
		<u>5,439</u>	<u>403,295</u>	<u>408,734</u>	<u>630,236</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	33,498	394,728	428,226	727,166
Governance costs	3	1,200	0	1,200	1,800
		<u>34,698</u>	<u>394,728</u>	<u>429,426</u>	<u>728,966</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before tax in the period					
		-29,259	8,567	-20,692	-98,730
Transfers between funds					
		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds					
		-29,259	8,567	-20,692	-98,730
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		55,210	156,852	212,062	310,792
Funds carried forward		<u>25,951</u>	<u>165,419</u>	<u>191,370</u>	<u>212,062</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2021
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	2,022	0	2,022	2,643
Investments	6	250	0	250	250
		<u>2,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,272</u>	<u>2,893</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	3,223	134,758	137,981	66,476
Cash at bank		<u>42,661</u>	<u>84,071</u>	<u>126,732</u>	<u>328,142</u>
		<u>45,884</u>	<u>218,829</u>	<u>264,713</u>	<u>394,618</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	22,205	53,410	75,615	185,449
Net current assets		<u>23,679</u>	<u>165,419</u>	<u>189,098</u>	<u>209,169</u>
Net assets		<u>25,951</u>	<u>165,419</u>	<u>191,370</u>	<u>212,062</u>
Funds of the charity		<u>25,951</u>	<u>165,419</u>	<u>191,370</u>	<u>212,062</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These accounts were approved on 16th November 2022 and signed on behalf of all trustees/ directors by:

Jamie Roberts



Mark Facer



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Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2018).

The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They do so having considered all the facts and information available to them at the date of approval of the financial statements. This includes noting that there may be a material contingent liability (see note 12) that if it crystallises exceeds the budgeted net cash inflows for twelve months from the date of accounts approval. Whilst a material uncertainty the Trustees remain confident that the liability will not crystallise (hence its contingent nature) and believe that excluding that item, budgets and forecasts show the Charity to have sufficient working capital, cash flows and reserves to remain a going concern. As the timing of the contingent case is not yet certain, the Trustees are satisfied that at the date of approval of these financial statements that the liability and its impact is not certain and are therefore satisfied with their conclusion, whilst aware of the potential risk.

Income

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income received in advance of activities or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants during the year.

Gift aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration form from the donor. Any gift Aid amount is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs including public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Redundancy cost

The charity did not make any redundancy payments during the period.

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.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Assets

Tangible assets for use by the charity. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

2. Analysis of income

		2022		2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Voluntary income				
Membership	1,530	0	1,530	2,587
Other income	2,844	0	2,844	1,725
	<u>4,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,374</u>	<u>4,312</u>
Charitable activities				
Fundraising	0	4,350	4,350	4,640
Grants receivable	1,065	398,945	400,010	621,284
	<u>1,065</u>	<u>403,295</u>	<u>404,360</u>	<u>625,924</u>
Total income	<u>5,439</u>	<u>403,295</u>	<u>408,734</u>	<u>630,236</u>

Analysis of grants receivable

	2022	2021
Environment Agency	206,627	401,379
The Coal Authority	50,485	35,160
Yorkshire Water	49,928	12,000
Two Ridings	25,282	-
The Rivers Trust EU	25,000	-
European Union	19,854	9,463
The National Trust	6,229	-
Natural England	6,403	-8,117
Mott MacDonald	4,050	12,370
National Heritage Lottery Fund	3,477	14,880
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust	-	6,661
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	-	80,000
Animal and Plant Health Agency	-	18,964
The Rivers Trust	-	6,500
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	-	-
Other grants under £5000	<u>2,675</u>	<u>4,089</u>
	<u>400,010</u>	<u>593,349</u>

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3. Analysis of expenditure

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Salaries	15,547	234,130	249,677	184,882
Project expenditure	5,015	108,765	113,780	496,303
Support services	5,022	15,138	20,160	21,252
Office/marketing/telephone	4,635	14,673	19,308	11,966
Staff travel and other costs	298	12,371	12,669	2,888
Insurance	791	2,386	3,177	1,004
Conference costs	81	555	636	1,500
Printing, postage and stationery	23	336	359	689
Volunteer expenses	0	85	85	1,273
Auction and fundraising expenses	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	244	737	981	981
Professional fees	1,842	5,552	7,394	4,428
	<u>33,498</u>	<u>394,728</u>	<u>428,226</u>	<u>727,166</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Fees paid for statutory external scrutiny of the financial statements and other services				
	2022	2021		
Independent examination fee	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,800</u>		
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,800</u>		

No Trustees were remunerated in the year (2021: £nil). No trustees received any expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

4. Paid employees

Staff costs

	2022	2021
Salaries and wages	185,173	160,136
National insurance	11,830	12,863
Pension costs	14,360	11,883
	<u>211,363</u>	<u>184,882</u>

The pension costs relate to the employer's contributions under a defined contribution pension plan. The employer's costs of the pension scheme are allocated between the restricted and unrestricted funds depending on the hours worked by each employee and the agreed terms of the project funding.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 during the reporting period (2021: nil).

The average number of employees during the reporting period was 9 (2021: 7).

There were no redundancy or ex gratia payments paid during the reporting period (2021: nil).

The defined contribution pension plan is operated by the Rivers Trust. A number of other similar organisations participate in this plan.

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
Cost		
Balance as at 1 April 2021	5284	5284
Acquisitions		
Balance as at 31 March 2022	<u>5284</u>	<u>5284</u>
Depreciation		
Balance as at 1 April 2021	2641	2641
Charge in year	621	621
Balance as at 31 March 2022	<u>3262</u>	<u>3262</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2022	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net book value at 1 April 2021	<u>2643</u>	<u>2643</u>

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6. Investments

Cost of unlisted investments at start and end of year £250

The charity owns 250 of the share River Bain Hydro Limited of £1 each fully paid. River Bain Hydro Limited has a paid-up share capital of £205,055 and a deficit on reserves of £24,799 as at 31 March 2020 (the last date for which information is available).

7. Debtors

	2022		2020	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Other debtors	860		860	15,915
Grants and other amounts owed		134,758	134,758	48,528
Prepayments	2,363		2,363	2,033
	<u>3,223</u>	<u>134,758</u>	<u>137,981</u>	<u>66,476</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Taxation	5,127		5,127	3,468
Accruals and deferred income	13,520	53,410	66,930	181,981
Other creditors	3,558		3,558	0
	<u>22,205</u>	<u>53,410</u>	<u>75,615</u>	<u>185,449</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

9. Charity Funds

Fund name	Purpose	Per accounts			Transfers	Fund balance carried forward
		Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure		
Wharfedale SSSI	Project in the upper Wharfe catchment to improve the ecological and geomorphological conditions of the Wharfe	3,594	28,613	-31,649		558
CaBA	Hosting the DVRN catchment partnership bringing partners together to make decisions on managing the interconnecting waterbodies.	8,214	53,400	-61,614		0
Rivers 2 U	Education programme to raise awareness of all the different aspects of rivers.	18,557	180	-18,737		0
Curlew	Monitoring project looking at the curlew population in Wensleydale.	400		-400		0
Rivers in Elmet	Project addressing sediment and nutrient pollution across five adjoining waterbodies	4,143	29,544	-27,352		6,335
Biosecurity Secondment	Managing biosecurity project to prevent spread of non-native invasive species	6,799		-2,380		4,419
Rapid Life Biosecurity	Coordinate biosecurity project across region	11,883		-11,883		0
Tees-Swale Metal Mines Project	Remediation of water pollution caused by heavy metal mines in Tees and Swale	7,975	50,485	-42,567		15,893
Roaring Twenties	Building a more sustainable and resilient structure for the Trust	1,839	3,477	-5,316		0
INNS OUT	Invasive non-native species management, control and biosecurity across our catchments.	6,585	8,000	-12,013		2,572
Skell project	Engage communities in the Skell valley with their river.	2,005	6,229	-8,234		0
Bishop Dyke	Pilot project applying established measures addressing diffuse sediment and nutrient inputs used to achieve Water Framework Directive outcomes in a flood defence context.	4,374	7,269	-10,294		1,349
UR EU	Enforcement Undertaking funding used to engage communities and develop project work along the Mid-Swale catchment	79,590		-8,493		71,097
CIRIA NFM	working on an NFM guidance manual, as part of the contract with CIRIA	894	4,050	-4,376		568
Wharfedale WaterCoG	iWharfe is a Citizen science water quality monitoring program to achieve rivers fit to swim in, working with existing partners and building new partnerships along the River Wharfe	0	20,785	-20,785		0
eDNA Yorkshire Water	To evaluate the use of eDNA in Citizen Science projects.	0	40,928	-33,547		7,381
Arkengartdale NFM	Natural flood management demonstration site.	0	25,282	-8,240		17,042

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9. Charity funds (continued)

Moorside Connections	Protecting, restoring and connecting wildlife habitats in the Addingham Lumb Beck Catchment and working collaboratively with local farmers and landowners.	0	6,903	-6,903	0
iWharfe EA	A coordinated catchment management approach, supporting agricultural and non mains drainage derived pollutants affecting the riverine environment	0	24,922	-23,363	1,559
KURC	Riparian Tree Planting along the River Ure	0	39,772	-35,525	4,247
TRT EU York	A partnership project working in the Foss and Lower Ouse Catchments. Developing projects with partners to improve river habitats and land management	0	25,000	-4,422	20,578
Education fund	Raised from the YDRT Auction to fund part of the Education programme.	0	4,350	-1,168	3,182
YW Education	Delivering our education programme to new schools across our catchments	0	9,000	-956	8,044
WWOCF					
INNS OUT	A citizen science project, training and enabling volunteers to map distribution of	0	15,106	-14,507	599
WEIF	invasive plants with our catchments				
		156,852	403,295	-394,724	0 165,423

Restricted grants are received to complete set objectives agreed between all parties. Upon completion of those objectives, funders have agreed to waive their right of recourse on any unspent grants. Accordingly, unspent residual grants have been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Where the Trustees identify that a project's costs will exceed the grant funding then full provision is made for those costs within the unrestricted fund. The provision for such situations at 31 March 2022 was £nil (2021: £11,366)

10. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

11. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.

12. Contingent liabilities

During 2021, a third party had threatened to take legal action against the Trust. The legal advice obtained by the Trustees concluded that the claim has no merit and minimal chance of success.

The Trust has been involved in a substantial project which has suffered from a number of disputes with the owners of the property on which the project is based. The disputes have included the threat of legal action and may yet result in significant liabilities. While the Trustees are unable to quantify the amount of those liabilities if they were to arise or the likelihood of those liabilities materialising, they have worked extensively to mitigate the extent of any liabilities. To that end the Trust is no longer involved in the completion of

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12. Contingent liabilities (continued)

the project, which is being taken forward by the national Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.

The Trustees have reported the matters referred to above to the Charity Commission who are satisfied that the Trustees 'are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly'.

Accounts

YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

**Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Charity number: 1107918

Company registration number: 5220147



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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure Governance and Management

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (the Trust) is a registered charity and constituted as a company limited by guarantee and hence the Trustees of the charity are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act. The governing documents for the Trust are the Articles and Memorandum of Association which have been filed at Companies House.

The Trust is affiliated with the Rivers Trust. The Trustees are recruited by recommendation from existing Trustees and members and undertake appropriate training.

The day-to-day operations are delegated by the Trustees to the Director who liaises regularly with the Trustees and in particular the Chairman and Treasurer. The Director reports on a formal basis to the Trustees at Board meetings, which are held quarterly.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Trust

The aim of the Trust is to secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of rivers, streams, water courses, water impoundments, banksides, and tributaries, catchment areas of the rivers Ure, Swale, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse (the Rivers) for the benefit of the public. The Trust seeks to achieve this aim by using a holistic strategy that uses the process of "Identify – Improve – Sustain" to address all issues affecting the catchment.

In achieving this strategy, the Trust has set the following objectives:

1. Undertake and support annual monitoring, investigation, and research activities to identify and quantify issues and impacts that affect the catchment areas.
2. Collate evidence from objective 1 to prioritise and deliver an annual restoration and improvement programme of activities across the catchment.
3. Wherever possible to influence and encourage partners delivering activities within the catchment to undertake actions in partnership to deliver improvements to the Rivers.
4. To continuously engage and educate all communities, stakeholders, and interest groups to address wider issues and ensure improvements are maximised and sustained.

Delivery objectives

In delivery of the objectives, YDRT employs a team of dedicated, experienced and highly qualified employees. The skills and experience of the Trust reflect the holistic strategy, and the Trust is committed to continually developing the employees through external and internal training and providing opportunities to work on different projects so as to provide broad involvement in the Trust's activities.

Volunteers

YDRT relies upon the support of volunteers for a range of activities, including tree planting, fencing, river clean-ups, surveying and monitoring, education activities and administration

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and technical support (including website maintenance and design work). YDRT would like to express its sincere gratitude for all the work undertaken by its volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Enable

It has been a busy period for the Trust, with a number of new appointments across the organisation. Jamie Roberts and Robert Brown replaced Chris Ryder as joint Chairs. Dan Turner, Charles Forman and David Higgins left for new opportunities. The appointment of a new Chief Executive in succession to Charles had to be aborted out of prudence in the light of the financial uncertainty arising from COVID-19. As a result, the Trust had to operate without a Chief Executive for the 11 months of 2020/21 that remained when Charles departed. We did create a new Operations Director post, into which Marie Taylor stepped up and for the last 11 months of an exceptionally challenging year successfully navigated lockdown, furloughing of staff and enforced working from home, with the additional challenge of the suspension of volunteer activities. Other CEO responsibilities had to be picked up by the Trustees collectively. Marie's performance as Operations Director bore testament to her skill, tenacity and leadership ability and was instrumental in guiding the Trust to a position of great strength as we look to the years ahead.

Improve and Protect

A number of our flagship Natural Flood Management (NFM) projects were completed in FY21, including at Bishopdale, Brompton and at Collingham, which is YDRT's lowland NFM demonstration site. Working alongside partners including the Environment Agency, Natural England, North Yorkshire County Council and local groups and landowners, YDRT staff worked to deliver a range of benefits throughout the catchments. Key achievements included:

- Planting 30,550 trees
- Laying 9km of hedgerows
- Installing 30 leaky dams, 21 shallow scrapes, and 1 flood basin (the latter providing flood storage of 3.8km³)
- Enlisting over 500 volunteer hours

The iWharfe project saw a huge public water sampling effort on the River Wharfe in August 2020, engaging groups including Ilkley Clean River Group, Addingham Environment Group and local anglers, with samples taken from 59 sites along the length of the River Wharfe. This ambitious citizen science project was incredibly timely with the issue of sewage in our rivers becoming increasingly publicised and Ilkley's designation as an inland bathing water site receiving national coverage.

Funding was also secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund to commence the second phase of the Tees Swale Metal Mine Project to deliver restoration work to reduce diffuse heavy metal pollution and its impact on water quality; another 3 years of the Rivers in Elmet Project to tackle sediment, nutrient loading and habitat modifications in five waterbodies; and the development of a strategic, collective approach to prevention and management of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) across the whole of the Swale, Ure, Nidd, Ouse and Wharfe catchments.

Collaborate

Partnership is the bedrock of many of the conservation achievements listed above. Our strong partnership with the Environment Agency continues to underpin a number of projects and we are now working more closely with Yorkshire Water than ever before. The two catchment partnerships that we are funded to host by Defra under their catchment-based approach went from strength to strength, with the partners in varying combinations

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delivering an increasing volume of projects. We were able to secure a further £48,000 from the EA for the Partnerships, to further improve the resilience of the Dales to Vale Rivers Network (DVRN, the network through which we run them), including by appointing a funding officer. The delivery approach we are developing is becoming a model for the other partnerships across England to follow.

Engage

Despite lockdown the recommencement of volunteer events from late 2020 saw activities held in Bishopdale and along the River Wharfe and we continue to engage with over 130 volunteers.

The Trust featured on BBC Countryfile in September 2020, willow spiling on the River Burn.

Our first ever online auction raised nearly £5,000 for the Trust's conservation work in December - a great fund-raising effort in a challenging period for public engagement.

Future development

FY21 was a year of great challenge and YDRT met those under the leadership of Marie Taylor. The Trust now look to the future re-energised and restructured with a particular focus on the following areas:

People:

Following the recruitment of new CEO David Middlemiss during FY22 the Trust has successfully appointed to the FT roles of Farming and Conservation Officer (Abigail Mace), Tees and Swale diffuse pollution project manager (Tim Longstaff), Project officer (Eleri Pritchard) and Assistant Project Officer (Fern Wilkinson) building a new look team of 10 in total with a fantastic range of expertise and experience.

Funding and Engagement:

Building resilience through increased unrestricted funds is a key objective for FY22 and FY23. This means building engagement and support from individual and corporate sources. The Trust now have a live project, and resource within the new team, to engage, convert and retain supporters.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Financial activities

As at 31 March 2021 the charity had net assets of £212,062 of which £55,210 were unrestricted funds. Operationally the charity met its planned financial objectives for the period with the resultant position in line with the budget projections.

The Trust does not operate any endowment funds

Reserves policy

The Trust holds reserves to ensure adequate funding for the continuation and completion of current projects and to fund planning of future projects.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 3rd November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Jamie Roberts

Joint Chairman

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 8-18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Simon Turner
Armstrong Watson Audit Limited
Northallerton
3 November 2021

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2020
Income					
Voluntary income	2	4,312	-	4,312	18,488
Charitable activities	2	32,575	593,349	625,924	854,008
		<u>36,887</u>	<u>593,349</u>	<u>630,236</u>	<u>872,496</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	1,329	725,837	727,166	860,882
Governance costs	3	1,800	-	1,800	1,850
		<u>3,129</u>	<u>725,837</u>	<u>728,966</u>	<u>862,732</u>
Net income/(expenditure)					
before tax in the period		33,758	-132,488	-98,730	9,764
Transfers between funds		-11,366	11,366	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>22,392</u>	<u>-121,122</u>	<u>-98,730</u>	<u>9,764</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		<u>32,818</u>	<u>277,974</u>	<u>310,792</u>	<u>301,028</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>55,210</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>212,062</u>	<u>310,792</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2020
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	2,643	0	2,643	3,624
Investments	6	250	0	250	250
		<u>2,893</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,893</u>	<u>3,874</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	2,866	63,610	66,476	111,218
Cash at bank		<u>63,072</u>	<u>265,070</u>	<u>328,142</u>	<u>241,995</u>
		<u>65,938</u>	<u>328,680</u>	<u>394,618</u>	<u>353,213</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	13,621	171,828	185,449	46,295
Net current assets		<u>52,317</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>209,169</u>	<u>306,918</u>
Net assets		<u>55,210</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>212,062</u>	<u>310,792</u>
Funds of the charity		<u>55,210</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>212,062</u>	<u>310,792</u>

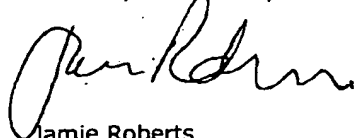
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These accounts were approved on 3rd November 2021 and signed on behalf of all trustees/ directors by:



Jamie Roberts
Joint Chairman



Mark Facer
Treasurer

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2018).

The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They do so having considered all the facts and information available to them at the date of approval of the financial statements. This includes noting that there may be a material contingent liability (see note 12) that if it crystallises exceeds the budgeted net cash inflows for twelve months from the date of accounts approval. Whilst a material uncertainty the Trustees remain confident that the liability will not crystallise (hence its contingent nature) and believe that excluding that item, budgets and forecasts show the Charity to have sufficient working capital, cash flows and reserves to remain a going concern. As the timing of the contingent case is not yet certain, the Trustees are satisfied that at the date of approval of these financial statements that the liability and its impact is not certain and are therefore satisfied with their conclusion, whilst aware of the potential risk.

Income

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income received in advance of activities or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants during the year.

Gift aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration form from the donor. Any gift Aid amount is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs including public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Redundancy cost

The charity did not make any redundancy payments during the period.

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.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Assets

Tangible assets for use by the charity. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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2. Analysis of income

		2021		2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Voluntary income				
Membership	2,587	0	2,587	15,171
Other income	1,725	0	1,725	3,317
	<u>4,312</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>18,488</u>
Charitable activities				
Fundraising	4,640	0	4,640	49,174
Grants receivable	27,935	593,349	621,284	804,834
	<u>32,575</u>	<u>593,349</u>	<u>625,924</u>	<u>854,008</u>
Total income	<u>36,887</u>	<u>593,349</u>	<u>630,236</u>	<u>872,496</u>

Analysis of grants receivable

	2021	2020
Environment Agency	401,379	143,965
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	80,000	0
The Coal Authority	35,160	0
Animal and Plant Health Agency	18,964	0
National Heritage Lottery Fund	14,880	20,000
Mott MacDonald	12,370	0
Yorkshire Water	12,000	153,000
European Union	9,463	0
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	6,661	0
The Rivers Trust	6,500	0
Natural England	-8,117	31,138
Marine Maritime Organisation	0	240,000
The Rivers Trust	0	89,912
Animal and Plant Health Agency	0	47,183
University of Leeds	0	32,015
Peoples Postcode Lottery	0	22,851
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	0	5,600
Other grants under £5000	<u>4,089</u>	<u>17,457</u>
	<u>593,349</u>	<u>803,121</u>

The Natural England charge of £8,117 reflects an over-estimate of income receivable.

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3. Analysis of expenditure

		2021		2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Salaries	709	184,173	184,882	270,301
Project expenditure	273	496,030	496,303	511,381
Support services	155	21,097	21,252	6,904
Office/marketing/telephone	138	11,828	11,966	18,603
Staff travel and other costs	0	2,888	2,888	29,191
Insurance	12	992	1,004	-265
Conference costs	18	1,482	1,500	65
Printing, postage and stationery	8	681	689	3,626
Volunteer expenses	1	1,272	1,273	706
Auction and fundraising expenses	0	0	0	7,800
Depreciation	12	969	981	981
Professional fees	3	4,425	4,428	11,589
	<u>1,329</u>	<u>725,837</u>	<u>727,166</u>	<u>860,882</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	1,800	0	1,800	1,850

Fees paid for statutory external scrutiny of the financial statements and other services

	2021	2020
Independent examination fee	1,800	1,850
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,850</u>

No Trustees were remunerated in the year (2020: £nil). No trustees received any expenses during the year (2020: £nil).

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4. Paid employees

Staff costs

	2021	2020
Salaries and wages	160,136	239,068
National insurance	12,863	18,726
Pension costs	11,883	11,536
Other employee benefits	-	971
	<u>184,882</u>	<u>270,301</u>

The pension costs relate to the employer's contributions under a defined contribution pension plan. The employer's costs of the pension scheme are allocated between the restricted and unrestricted funds depending on the hours worked by each employee and the agreed terms of the project funding.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000 during the reporting period (2020: nil).

The average number of employees during the reporting period was 7 (2020: 5).

There were no redundancy or ex gratia payments paid during the reporting period (2020: nil).

The defined contribution pension plan is operated by the Rivers Trust. A number of other similar organisations participate in this plan.

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
Cost	
Balance as at 1 April 2020	5284
Acquisitions	
Balance as at 31 March 2021	<u>5284</u>
Depreciation	
Balance as at 1 April 2020	1660
Charge in year	<u>981</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2021	<u>2641</u>
Net book value	<u>2643</u>

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6. Investments

Cost of unlisted investments at start and end of year £250

The charity owns 250 of the share River Bain Hydro Limited of £1 each fully paid. River Bain Hydro Limited has a paid-up share capital of £200,405 and a deficit on reserves of £30,341 as at 31 March 2019 (the last date for which information is available).

7. Debtors

		2021		2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Other debtors	833	15,082	15,915	2,294
Grants and other amounts owed		48,528	48,528	108,924
Prepayments	2,033		2,033	0
	<u>2,866</u>	<u>63,610</u>	<u>66,476</u>	<u>111,218</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

		2021		2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Taxation	3,468	0	3,468	0
Accruals and deferred income	10,153	171,828	181,981	46,295
	<u>13,621</u>	<u>171,828</u>	<u>185,449</u>	<u>46,295</u>

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9. Charity Funds

Fund name	Purpose	Per accounts				Fund balance carried forward
		Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	
Mid Swale tributaries	Project focussed in the mid Swale operational catchment to address water quality issues.	-410			410	0
Watercog	Project to understand the extent to which effective stakeholder and community participation in water management can deliver more sustainable ecosystem management	-2,634			2,634	0
Wharfedale SSSI	Project in the upper Wharfe catchment to improve the ecological and geomorphological conditions of the Wharfe	11,106	3,750	-11,262		3,594
CaBA	Hosting the DVRN catchment partnership bringing partners together to make decisions on managing the interconnecting waterbodies.	1,234	126,060	-119,080		8,214
Rivers 2 U	Education programme to raise awareness of all the different aspects of rivers.	30,986		-12,429		18,557
Curlew	Monitoring project looking at the curlew population in Wensleydale.	1,000		-600		400
Natural Nidd	Improvement of water quality in the river Nidd	0		0	0	0
Rivers in Elmet	Project addressing sediment and nutrient pollution across five adjoining waterbodies	2,834	25,004	-23,695		4,143
CSFFF Wharfe	Facilitating farmers in upper Wharfedale looking at environmental land management focussing on natural flood management	0	-8,117	-162	8,279	0
Three Weirs	Installation of 3 fish passages on the Wharfe and Swale	163,420	6,500	-169,920	0	0
ReCover	Improving trout habitat on the river Cover	-453			453	0
Bishopdale NFM	Providing one to one advice to farmers on natural flood mitigation.	13,110	110,881	-123,991		0
Brompton NFM	Providing one to one advice to farmers on natural flood mitigation.	4,028	92,091	-96,119		0
Collingham NFM	Providing one to one advice to farmers on natural flood mitigation.	0	23,869	-23,869		0
Addingham 4 Becks	Community involvement for river improvement	0	6,810	-6,810		0
Biosecurity Secondment	Managing biosecurity project to prevent spread of non-native invasive species	14,684	0	-7,885		6,799
Rapid Life Biosecurity	Coordinate biosecurity project across region	13,902	18,964	-20,983		11,883
Tees-Swale Metal Mines Project	Remediation of water pollution caused by heavy metal mines in Tees and Swale	23,769	35,160	-50,954		7,975
Roaring Twenties	Building a more sustainable and resilient structure for the Trust	1,399	14,880	-14,440		1,839

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Note 9 (continued)

INNS OUT	Invasive non-native species management, control and biosecurity across our catchments.	0	17,000	-10,415	6,585
Skell project	Engage communities in the Skell valley with their river.	0	2,427	-422	2,005
Bishop Dyke	Pilot project applying established measures addressing diffuse sediment and nutrient inputs used to achieve Water Framework Directive outcomes in a flood defence context.	0	9,128	-4,754	4,374
UR EU	Enforcement Undertaking funding used to engage communities and develop project work along the Mid-Swale catchment	0	80,000	-410	79,590
CIRIA NFM	working on an NFM guidance manual, as part of the contract with CIRIA	0	12,370	-11,477	893
Wharfedale WaterCoG	iWharfe is a Citizen science water quality monitoring program to achieve rivers fit to swim in, working with existing partners and building new partnerships along the River Wharfe	0	16,572	-16,572	0
		277,975	593,349	-725,839	11,366 156,851

Restricted grants are received to complete set objectives agreed between all parties. Upon completion of those objectives, funders have agreed to waive their right of recourse on any unspent grants. Accordingly, unspent residual grants have been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Where the Trustees identify that a project's costs will exceed the grant funding then full provision is made for those costs within the unrestricted fund. The provision for such situations at 31 March 2021 was £11,366 (2020: £19,516)

10. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

11. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.

12. Contingent liabilities

During 2020, a third party had threatened to take legal action against the Trust. The legal advice obtained by the Trustees concluded that the claim has no merit and minimal chance of success.

The Trust has been involved in a substantial project which has suffered from a number of disputes with the owners of the property on which the project is based. The disputes have included the threat of legal action and may yet result in significant liabilities. While the Trustees are unable to quantify the amount of those liabilities if they were to arise or the likelihood of those liabilities materialising, they have worked extensively to mitigate the extent of any liabilities. To that end the Trust is no longer involved in the completion of the project, which is being taken forward by the national Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.

The Trustees have reported the matters referred to above to the Charity Commission who are satisfied that the Trustees 'are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly'.