

# **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



# **Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust**

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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 3.8km<sup>3</sup>)
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 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 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
<b>Income</b>					
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>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
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>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>					
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>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
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
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
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>
<b>Current assets</b>					
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>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	13,621	171,828	185,449	46,295
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>52,317</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>209,169</u>	<u>306,918</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>55,210</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>212,062</u>	<u>310,792</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		<u>55,210</u>	<u>156,852</u>	<u>212,062</u>	<u>310,792</u>

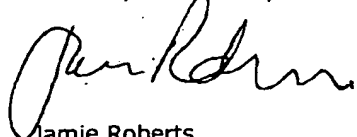
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and signed on behalf of all trustees/ directors by:



Jamie Roberts  
Joint Chairman



Mark Facer  
Treasurer

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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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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

		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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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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## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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'.