

**YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST**

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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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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# **Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust**

## **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
<b>Income</b>					
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>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
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>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>					
before tax in the period		14,853	14,800	29,653	-60,138
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
		0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>					
		14,853	14,800	29,653	-60,138
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
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.

## 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.

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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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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 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
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	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	<hr/> 5284	<hr/> 5284
Depreciation		
Balance as at 1 April 2023	4243	4243
Charge in year	980	980
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<hr/> 5223	<hr/> 5223
Net book value at 31 March 2024	<hr/> 61	<hr/> 61
Net book value at 31 March 2023	<hr/> 1041	<hr/> 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.