



## **YORKSHIRE DALES RIVERS TRUST**

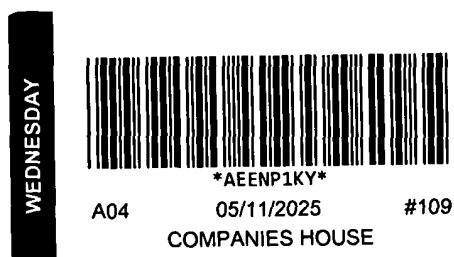
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Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number: 1107918

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## **Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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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 482m<sup>3</sup> 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 Crimble 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**

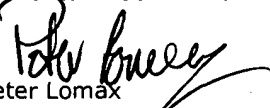
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
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
		<b>49,515</b>	<b>659,436</b>	<b>708,951</b>	<b>31,897</b>	<b>567,707</b>	<b>599,603</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
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
		<b>9,086</b>	<b>661,297</b>	<b>670,384</b>	<b>17,043</b>	<b>552,907</b>	<b>569,950</b>
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
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>40,428</b>	<b>-1,861</b>	<b>38,567</b>	<b>14,854</b>	<b>14,800</b>	<b>29,654</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Funds brought forward		45,385	115,501	160,886	30,531	100,701	131,232
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>85,814</b>	<b>113,640</b>	<b>199,453</b>	<b>45,385</b>	<b>115,501</b>	<b>160,886</b>



# **Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025**

		2025			2024		
		Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Tangible assets	6	3,054	0	3,054	61	0	61
Investments	7	250	0	250	250	0	250
		<b>3,304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Current assets</b>							
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
		<b>102,271</b>	<b>674,221</b>	<b>776,492</b>	<b>62,571</b>	<b>615,773</b>	<b>678,343</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	15,944	244,660	260,604	17,496	102,872	120,369
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>82,509</b>	<b>433,378</b>	<b>515,888</b>	<b>45,074</b>	<b>512,901</b>	<b>557,975</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>85,814</b>	<b>433,378</b>	<b>519,192</b>	<b>45,385</b>	<b>512,901</b>	<b>558,286</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	0	319,739	319,739	0	397,400	397,400
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>85,814</b>	<b>113,639</b>	<b>199,453</b>	<b>45,385</b>	<b>115,501</b>	<b>160,886</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>	11	<b>85,814</b>	<b>113,639</b>	<b>199,453</b>	<b>45,385</b>	<b>115,501</b>	<b>160,886</b>



# **Cash Flow Statement as at 31 March 2025**

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

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:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
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
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
Membership	4,715	0	4,715	4,716	0	4,716
Other income	5,845	0	5,845	629	2,422	3,051
	<b>10,560</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,560</b>	<b>5,345</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>7,767</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
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
	<b>18,320</b>	<b>659,436</b>	<b>677,756</b>	<b>13,549</b>	<b>565,285</b>	<b>578,834</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>						
Interest Income	20,635	0	20,635	13,002	0	13,002
	<b>20,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,635</b>	<b>13,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,002</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>49,515</b>	<b>659,436</b>	<b>708,951</b>	<b>31,897</b>	<b>567,707</b>	<b>599,603</b>

## 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
	<b>654,821</b>	<b>569,895</b>



### 3. Analysis of expenditure

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Total £	Total £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
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>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>667,114</u></b>	<b><u>568,450</u></b>

#### Analysis by fund

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

### 4. Governance Costs

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Total £	Total £
VAT Audit	1,440	
Independent examination fee	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<b><u>3,240</u></b>	<b><u>1,500</u></b>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	218	243
Restricted Funds	<u>3,022</u>	<u>1,257</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,240</u></b>	<b><u>1,500</u></b>



## 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
	<b>381,397</b>	<b>294,050</b>

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 £
<b>Cost</b>		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	5,284	5,284
Acquisitions	3,817	3,817
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>9,101</b>	<b>9,101</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	5,223	5,223
Charge in year	824	824
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>6,047</b>	<b>6,047</b>
<b>Net book value at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>3,054</b>
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
	<b>15,594</b>	<b>92,522</b>	<b>108,116</b>	<b>16,227</b>	<b>49,232</b>	<b>65,460</b>

## 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
	<b>15,944</b>	<b>244,660</b>	<b>260,604</b>	<b>17,496</b>	<b>102,872</b>	<b>120,369</b>

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

The Trust received funds in the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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
	<b>0</b>	<b>319,739</b>	<b>319,739</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>397,400</b>	<b>397,400</b>



## 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
		<b>115,501</b>	<b>659,436</b>	<b>(661,297)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,639</b>



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

#### 13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

#### 14. Controlling entity

The Trust has no controlling entity.