

North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

England & Wales · Charity number 1127415

Details

Other names	THE CLWYD AND CONWY RIVERS TRUST, THE CLWYD CONWY AND GWYNEDD RIVERS TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06100324
Registered	2009-01-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE RIVERS, STREAMS, WATER COURSES AND WATER IMPOUNDMENTS IN THE CLWYD AND CONWY CATCHMENTS AND IN THE COUNTIES OF DENBIGHSHIRE, CONWY AND GWYNEDD, AND ADJACENT AREAS OF THEIR BANKS, RIPARIAN LANDS AND CATCHMENT AREAS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS. (B) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, REHABILITATION AND PROTECTION OF THE INDIGENOUS SPECIES OF ANIMAL AND PLANT LIFE OF THE RIVERS, STREAMS, WATER COURSES AND WATER IMPOUNDMENTS IN THE COUNTIES OF DENBIGHSHIRE, CONWY, GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY AND ADJACENT AREAS OF THEIR BANKS, RIPARIAN LANDS AND CATCHMENT AREAS AND THEREBY ENHANCE THE COUNTIES' BIODIVERSITY. (C) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF AQUATIC HABITATS, THEIR RELATED CATCHMENT AREAS AND THEIR ANIMAL AND PLANT LIFE AND THE NEED FOR THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH ENVIRONMENTS.

Activities: The Clwyd and Conwy Rivers Trust aims to promote the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the rivers, streams, water courses and water impoundments in the Clwyd and Conwy catchments and in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy and Gwynedd and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas in all their aspects.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DENBIGHSHIRE, CONWY AND GWYNEDD,
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Gwynedd

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£835,867	£735,885	£604,819	5
2024-03-31	£840,026	£546,635	£504,837	5
2023-03-31	£315,389	£190,140	-	-
2022-03-31	£241,792	£296,947	-	-
2021-03-31	£220,635	£204,624	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Avril Heather Gartside		2025-06-11
CHRISTOPHER JOHN WHITE		2013-08-17
Dr Nathali Fenner		2024-09-04
Philip Ferguson		2023-11-29
ROGER THOMAS		2013-08-17

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Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2025
for
North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

A.Hughes-Jones, Dyson & Co.
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for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

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North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Mission Statement: At North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd, our mission is to enhance the aquatic and ecological habitats of the rivers within our catchment Of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey, North Ceredigion, North Powys and Gwynedd river catchments. By doing so, we aim to restore rivers back to good health.

Our Aims:

- 1. Enhancing Biodiversity:** We are committed to enriching biodiversity within river catchments by increasing the populations of native species in our rivers, streams, still waters, and their surrounding environments. Through focused initiatives, we aim to create thriving ecosystems that support a diverse array of life.
- 2. Education and Conservation:** We believe in the essential role of education in fostering understanding and appreciation for riverine habitats and the wildlife they support. Our mission is to enhance public awareness of the importance of conserving, protecting, and revitalizing these critical environments. By promoting environmental stewardship, we empower individuals to take an active role in safeguarding their local ecosystems.
- 3. Sustainable Economic Benefits:** We advocate for sustainable practices related to our rivers and their ecosystems. Recognizing the economic potential of these resources, we support rural regeneration projects that responsibly utilize these assets while ensuring a balanced approach between economic growth and environmental integrity.
- 4. Environmental Awareness:** We are dedicated to raising awareness about environmental challenges. We promote best practices in river management through engaging outreach programs, impactful campaigns, and meaningful partnerships. Together, we can involve individuals, communities, and stakeholders in the vital effort to preserve and sustainably manage our rivers.
- 5. Recreational Enjoyment:** We recognise that rivers, lakes, and wetlands serve as invaluable resources for recreation and leisure. Our goal is to facilitate the responsible enjoyment of these natural spaces, ensuring they remain accessible and appreciated, providing solace, inspiration, and opportunities for adventure for all.
- 6. Research and Habitat Restoration:** We are committed to conducting ongoing research and implementing practical efforts that actively support the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of habitats throughout the catchment area. By merging scientific insights with actionable strategies, we strive to make significant strides toward safeguarding and revitalizing these essential ecosystems.

Through these dedicated goals, North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd. is firmly focused on preserving the natural beauty of our rivers. We advocate for sustainable practices that benefit both our ecosystems and the communities that depend upon them. We invite collaboration on this important journey as we work together to nurture our rivers and create a sustainable and flourishing future for generations to come.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year. All activities undertaken by North Wales Rivers Trust are designed to deliver measurable public benefit through improving water quality, enhancing biodiversity, strengthening climate resilience, supporting community wellbeing, and providing education and engagement opportunities across North Wales.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2024-2025 has been an exciting and strategically important year for North Wales Rivers Trust. Building on our previous period of growth, we successfully diversified our income streams this year. As a result, the organisation's long-term resilience was strengthened, enabling us to expand our project portfolio and address a wider range of ecological priorities, including improving water quality, restoring river habitats, and supporting native species.

This year brought a significant broadening of our species-specific restoration work. Dedicated programmes for the Eryri Torgoch (Arctic charr) and the Freshwater Pearl Mussel saw major advances. We increased juvenile mussel spawning grounds by increasing gravel beds and identified new habitat areas for Arctic charr. By focusing on the unique pressures faced by these rare and culturally important species, we have deepened our scientific understanding. Together, these initiatives have also established a foundation for long-term recovery efforts.

Innovation, diversification, and ambition have marked 2024-2025. We expanded our research, strengthened our partnerships, and increased community engagement, positioning North Wales Rivers Trust to deliver even greater impact in the years ahead.

However, severe pressures remain for our rivers. Climate change, pollution, and habitat fragmentation continue to threaten the resilience of our freshwater systems. Meeting these challenges will require collaboration, shared expertise, and sustained commitment from communities, partners, and stakeholders across North Wales. We invite you to join us-whether by partnering, volunteering, or sharing your expertise-to strengthen river resilience for future generations.

In 2024-25, we continued our commitment to restoring and enhancing our local rivers, wildlife habitats, and community engagement. Highlights of the year include:

- Delivered 41 restoration projects
- Opened up 22km of river for spawning fish
- Created 750m² of wetland
- Created 9.6km of riparian wildlife corridor
- Planted 4045 trees
- Engaged 1045 volunteers
- Educated over 500 school pupils on river health
- Carried out 34 scientific surveys

Case Study 1: Floating Wetlands Pilot Project - Year 2

The Floating Wetlands Pilot Project is now in its second year. It continues to demonstrate the potential of floating wetland systems as a nature-based solution to improve water quality and enhance biodiversity in North Wales. The project involves three lakes on Ynys Môn. Each lake is subject to a different level of intervention: one with a floating wetland, one with a floating wetland and catchment improvements, and one serving as a control site.

During Year 2, we completed the full installation of the wetland modules and expanded our monitoring programme. We worked with 10 schools on our DIY build-your-own floating wetland classroom projects. Staff and trained volunteers conducted continuous water-quality monitoring, freshwater invertebrate surveys, and plant and algal sampling at all sites. Early findings indicate that the wetland structures are already providing valuable habitat for aquatic invertebrates and supporting improvements in ecological condition.

The project has also strengthened community involvement. Local volunteers formed a dedicated monitoring group, participated in sampling, collected data, and cleaned shorelines. Schools and community organisations engaged with the project through educational sessions and plant-growing activities linked to wetland restoration.

This second year has confirmed that floating wetlands offer a practical, low-impact method for enhancing both biodiversity and water quality. The evidence gathered so far suggests strong potential for broader adoption across North Wales. As we enter the next phase, we will analyse long-term nutrient uptake, measure ecological changes, and evaluate whether floating wetlands can scale up as part of wider catchment-wide water-quality solutions. This will form part of a longer three-year study. We have also worked with farmers around the lakes to improve water quality from diffuse pollution.

Case Study 2: Prosiect Torgoch - Conserving the Eryri Torgoch (Arctic charr)

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Prosiect Torgoch is North Wales Rivers Trust's dedicated programme to protect the rare Eryri Torgoch (Arctic charr), one of Wales' most vulnerable freshwater species. The project focuses on understanding the environmental pressures facing the few remaining charr lakes and restoring the catchments they depend upon.

During the first year, we expanded our scientific monitoring through continuous water-quality measurements, eDNA surveys, invertebrate sampling and habitat assessments. Sediment-core analysis has helped us understand how past land use, nutrient loading and climate pressures have shaped the ecological condition of these lakes over time. Volunteers have played a major role, forming a trained citizen-science group contributing to regular data collection.

As we move into Year 2, the project will shift towards active restoration. Planned work includes peatland restoration to stabilise soils and improve water retention, targeted tree planting to strengthen riparian habitat, and interventions to reduce forestry runoff entering the catchment and to remove INNs. We will also be working to address pH neutrality issues affecting Llyn Cwellyn, the most vulnerable of the charr lakes, where shifts in water chemistry pose a significant long-term threat to the species.

Alongside the scientific programme, Prosiect Torgoch has continued to engage local communities through arts and cultural activities. These have included an environmental art project on the lake's shores, animation workshops with children to inspire interest in freshwater species, and creative community events linked to local protests calling for better protection of Welsh rivers. These activities have brought a broader audience into the conversation around conservation and helped build a sense of collective ownership and responsibility for the lake.

Prosiect Torgoch is combining science, restoration and community expression to protect one of Wales' most threatened species. The learning and restoration delivered in the coming year will be critical in shaping long-term recovery for the Eryri Torgoch and strengthening the resilience of the entire catchment.

Case Study 3: Freshwater Pearl Mussel Project - Reviving the Afon Eden

The Freshwater Pearl Mussel Project aims to secure the future of one of Wales's last freshwater pearl mussel populations in the upper Afon Eden. Because these mussels are highly sensitive indicators of river health, restoring their habitat protects both the species and the broader ecosystem.

This year, North Wales Rivers Trust continued habitat restoration across key river sections, enhancing breeding grounds for mussels and salmonids and helping stabilize riverbanks. Work included adding gravel and boulders to improve spawning and juvenile habitat, installing over 4 km of fencing and riparian buffer strips to reduce sediment entry and improve water quality, and planting more than 1,500 native trees to stabilize banks and regulate water temperature. Solar-powered drinking stations were introduced to keep livestock out of the river, reducing disturbance and nutrient loading, thereby benefiting both aquatic life and local land managers through more resilient waterways.

Our engagement programme has expanded significantly, resulting in strengthened community involvement and educational outcomes. We worked with young farmers to restore traditional dry-stone walls and improve riparian land management, thereby preserving heritage skills and reducing riverbank erosion. Local schools took part in creative and educational activities, including the development of a children's book about the freshwater pearl mussel and its endangered habitat, raising youth awareness and interest in river conservation. We also partnered with local anglers to deliver sessions for pupils on the lifecycle of salmon and trout-species essential to the mussel's reproduction-helping deepen understanding of the interconnections within the river ecosystem and inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.

Monitoring and citizen science continue to underpin the project and benefit long-term stewardship. Staff and trained volunteers conducted snorkel surveys, habitat assessments, and water-quality monitoring to track mussel presence and assess the success of restoration efforts. Landowners and community groups participated in planting days, sampling workshops, and river health activities, thereby directly increasing local knowledge and fostering a sense of shared ownership of the catchment's health.

The freshwater pearl mussel's recovery depends on holistic action. By combining restoration, heritage skills, education, and community effort, the project directly targets the conditions required for long-term survival of this endangered species in the Afon Eden.

Next year, we will keep up this work with new funding that will let us work more closely with farmers, tackle sources of soil and water pollution, and help create healthier spawning areas. This ongoing effort aims to secure a safe future for the freshwater pearl mussel in North Wales.

Case Study 4: Swimways Project - Connecting Rivers, Marine Environments and Communities

The Swimways Project is a new project to help fish and other river creatures travel more easily, make rivers and coasts healthier, and get people involved by exploring underwater nature.

This year, the Trust created snorkelling trails across Gwynedd and Ynys Môn, trained volunteers through certified courses, led guided snorkelling events, and found the best places to explore. These trails let people see underwater life, check habitat conditions, and collect conservation data.

In parallel, the Trust delivered substantial river-restoration works focused on habitat improvement and water-quality protection. On the Afon Braint (Ynys Môn), we installed stock fencing, created riparian buffer zones, and planted native trees to protect riverbanks from livestock erosion and nutrient runoff. Livestock drinking troughs were installed to remove pressure from the river. On another site, a derelict ford was closed after a bridge was repaired to protect the river, while woodland planting and buffer-zone establishment improved habitat quality.

Other actions included re-meandering rivers by reconnecting them to their historic paleo-channels and using methods to slow water flow on side streams feeding into the Afon Braint. This helps reduce pollution, create a better variety of habitats for wildlife, and make areas less likely to flood.

Our "BSAC Snorkel Club" has enabled volunteers to safely explore rivers, observe aquatic wildlife, and contribute to citizen-science monitoring. Volunteers participate in habitat surveys, invasive species mapping, and ecological data collection. This hands-on engagement increases public connection to rivers and raises awareness of the vital role of healthy aquatic habitats.

The Swimways Project's main purpose is to reconnect aquatic species and people with rivers and coasts by restoring migration routes, improving habitats, and involving local communities. This multifaceted approach builds healthy, resilient ecosystems and inspires stewardship.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand the snorkel-trail network and continue restoration and flood management. Community involvement will grow, and collected data will inform wider restoration and conservation across North Wales.

Case Study 5: Roots Project - Connecting Communities, Land and Water

Roots is a flagship community engagement and catchment restoration initiative by North Wales Rivers Trust. The project explores the deep connection between people, land, and freshwater systems - urban and rural alike - and seeks to build inclusive, long-term stewardship of our rivers, watercourses, and catchments.

Over the course of the project, we have engaged a broad and diverse group: 464 participants so far, including 12 schools, 13 community groups, 8 upland farmers, and volunteers from the wider community. Through 19 workshops, 6 drop-in sessions, and collaboration with a university, the project has collected over 312 pieces of citizen-science data to deepen understanding of local freshwater systems.

Roots aims to co-design a multigenerational Watershed Blueprint with communities and run scientific trials on nature-based catchment interventions. Pilots, from biochar applications to bivalve reintroduction, seek to enhance ecosystems and reduce flood risk. The project blends scientific rigor with community-led action, recognizing that lasting river health relies on people as much as ecology.

In Phase Two, Roots is testing practical interventions and fostering community ownership. By working with farmers, residents, and local groups, the project aims to reconnect people with the environment, rebuild awareness of healthy water systems, and pilot local, sustainable solutions.

Roots shows that restoration and education go hand in hand. Workshops, data collection, and planning enable previously disengaged people to gain the skills and motivation to act. The emerging Watershed Blueprint will guide future catchment-scale interventions by combining science, community voice, and practical action.

In sum, Roots is transforming relationships between land, water, and people in North Wales-building shared responsibility, local engagement, and ecological recovery for future generations.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The North Wales Rivers Trust income this year was £835,867, (2024 £840,026). This reflects the Charity's policy of diversifying funding beyond restricted project funding.

Reserves at the end of the financial year were £604,819 of which £245,518 related to restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The North Wales Rivers Trust aims to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level equivalent to six months of core operating costs. The trustees consider this level appropriate to ensure the long-term stability of the charity and its ability to respond effectively to financial uncertainties.

This target provides a safeguard against unexpected reductions in income, enables the charity to manage timing differences between expenditure and grant drawdowns, and ensures that statutory obligations-such as redundancy commitments-can be met if required. Maintaining this level of reserves also supports organizational resilience during periods of cost inflation and allows the charity to invest in essential staff development and training.

The trustees review the reserves position regularly throughout the year in line with the charity's financial forecasts. If reserves exceed or fall short of the target level, the Board will take appropriate action to ensure reserves remain at a sustainable level that supports both operational delivery and future growth.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which outline the organisation's charitable objectives, the processes for appointing trustees, and administrative arrangements. These governing documents were adopted upon incorporation. The trustees review them as necessary to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

The charity has no share capital and is controlled by its trustees, who also serve as its company directors under the Companies Act 2006. In the event that the charity is dissolved, members guarantee to contribute £1 each toward covering the organisation's liabilities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Management of the Charity

The overall governance and strategic direction of North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd is overseen by the Board of Trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year to review progress, set priorities, and ensure that the charity is fulfilling its objectives. The trustees are responsible for policy decisions, financial oversight, risk management, and ensuring compliance with charity and company law. Day-to-day management and operations of the charity are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who is supported by a small staff team. The CEO provides regular updates to the Board. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document, and new trustees are recruited based on the skills and experience needed by the organisation.

Volunteer Involvement

At the heart of our mission at the North Wales Rivers Trust is the incredible collaboration with volunteers, community partners, landowners, statutory bodies, catchment partnerships, and local authorities. Together, we are significantly impacting environmental and community programs.

This year, we proudly launched our inaugural Lab Dwr Ambassador Programme, training 20 enthusiastic community ambassadors from across the catchment area. Armed with new skills and knowledge, these ambassadors are now empowered to champion river health, support citizen science initiatives and lead Lab Dwr hubs, and serve as valuable local contacts within their communities.

In a remarkable show of community spirit, over 1,000 volunteers dedicated thousands of hours to important river restoration and monitoring activities. Their efforts included tree planting, habitat assessments, invasive species surveys, and detailed water quality monitoring, all contributing to our citizen science initiatives. Additionally, we established four new SMART Rivers hubs throughout North Wales, enabling volunteers to engage in high-resolution monitoring of freshwater invertebrates, which provides crucial ecological data while enhancing local understanding of our river systems.

Moreover, volunteers participated in exciting snorkel surveys, hands-on otter habitat construction workshops, and various restoration activities aimed at improving river habitats and biodiversity. The passion, skills, and commitment of our volunteers are essential; they are the driving force behind our mission and play a crucial role in fostering community stewardship of our precious rivers. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our environment.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility for identifying, assessing, and managing the major risks faced by the North Wales Rivers Trust. A formal risk register is maintained and reviewed regularly throughout the year, covering strategic, operational, financial, environmental, governance, and reputational risks.

5. Key areas of focus during the year included:

- **Operational Risks:** Particularly those associated with outdoor river restoration activities, citizen science, and volunteer engagement. We have strengthened our health and safety procedures, staff training, dynamic risk assessments, and incident-reporting processes.
- **Financial Risks:** Mitigated through regular budget monitoring, multi-year project planning, diversification of income streams, and oversight by the trustees' finance lead.
- **Governance Risks:** Addressed through improved documentation, updated policies, trustee induction, and compliance monitoring.
- **Environmental and Regulatory Risks:** Such as working near water, biosecurity, and the safe management of equipment and volunteers. All staff and volunteers receive appropriate guidance, and we maintain up-to-date insurance and professional standards.

The trustees are satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to manage the charity's activities safely and effectively, proportionate to the size and scale of the organization.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
06100324 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1127415

Registered office

Gwel Yr Afon
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Trustees

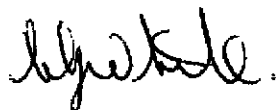
P Ferguson (appointed 4.9.24)
Dr N J Milner (appointed 4.9.24)
R F Thomas
C J White
R White
A J Winston (resigned 30.10.25)
Dr N Fenner (appointed 4.9.24)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

A.Hughes-Jones, Dyson & Co.
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16th December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



C J White - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



Brian Hughes FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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16th December 2025

North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	18,612	807,843	826,455	785,272
Other trading activities	3	9,412	-	9,412	54,754
Total		28,024	807,843	835,867	840,026
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	629	-	629	-
Charitable activities					
River Restoration	5	65,951	539,185	605,136	415,246
Community Education		-	130,120	130,120	131,389
Total		66,580	669,305	735,885	546,635
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	(38,556)	138,538	99,982	293,391
		262,725	(262,725)	-	-
Net movement in funds		224,169	(124,187)	99,982	293,391
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		135,132	369,705	504,837	211,446
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		359,301	245,518	604,819	504,837

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	1,186	13,925	15,111	20,148
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	124,521	5,879	130,400	3,056
Cash at bank		234,691	227,534	462,225	483,384
		<u>359,212</u>	<u>233,413</u>	<u>592,625</u>	<u>486,440</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,097)	(1,820)	(2,917)	(1,751)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>358,115</u>	<u>231,593</u>	<u>589,708</u>	<u>484,689</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>359,301</u>	<u>245,518</u>	<u>604,819</u>	<u>504,837</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>359,301</u>	<u>245,518</u>	<u>604,819</u>	<u>504,837</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	14			359,301	135,132
Restricted funds				245,518	369,705
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>604,819</u>	<u>504,837</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

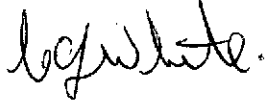
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Balance Sheet - continued

31st March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C J White', is written over a faint dotted line.

C J White - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(21,159)</u>	<u>348,777</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(21,159)</u>	<u>348,777</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>(22,328)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(22,328)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(21,159)</u>	<u>326,449</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>483,384</u>	<u>156,935</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>462,225</u></u>	<u><u>483,384</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	99,982	293,391
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,036	6,716
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(124,287)	50,058
Decrease in creditors	(1,890)	(1,388)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(21,159)	348,777

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	483,384	(21,159)	462,225
	<u>483,384</u>	<u>(21,159)</u>	<u>462,225</u>
Total	483,384	(21,159)	462,225

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	6,886	17
Grants	819,569	785,255
	826,455	785,272

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other grants	819,569	785,255

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	84	-
Consultancy income	9,328	54,754
	<u>9,412</u>	<u>54,754</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Purchases	629	-
	<u>629</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
River Restoration	593,507	11,629	605,136
Community Education	129,275	845	130,120
	<u>722,782</u>	<u>12,474</u>	<u>735,256</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
River Restoration	7,246	57	1,165	3,161	11,629
Community Education	845	-	-	-	845
	<u>8,091</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>1,165</u>	<u>3,161</u>	<u>12,474</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	5,037	6,716
	<u>5,037</u>	<u>6,716</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

9. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	215,527	131,679
	<u>215,527</u>	<u>131,679</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management	1	1
Project	6	3
	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	18	785,254	785,272
Other trading activities	54,754	-	54,754
Total	<u>54,772</u>	<u>785,254</u>	<u>840,026</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
River Restoration	1,297	413,949	415,246
Community Education	-	131,389	131,389
Total	<u>1,297</u>	<u>545,338</u>	<u>546,635</u>
NET INCOME			
Transfers between funds	53,475	239,916	293,391
	60,189	(60,189)	-
Net movement in funds	113,664	179,727	293,391
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,469	189,977	211,446

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	135,133	369,704	504,837

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	10,328	16,175	12,000	38,503
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2024	2,582	12,773	3,000	18,355
Charge for year	1,936	851	2,250	5,037
At 31st March 2025	4,518	13,624	5,250	23,392
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2025	5,810	2,551	6,750	15,111
At 31st March 2024	7,746	3,402	9,000	20,148

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other debtors	127,344	-
VAT	3,056	3,056
	<u>130,400</u>	<u>3,056</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	(5,457)	(649)
VAT	5,975	-
Accrued expenses	2,399	2,400
	<u>2,917</u>	<u>1,751</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	135,132	(38,556)	262,725	359,301
Restricted funds				
SAF Grants	-	39,931	(39,931)	-
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	-	(1,150)	1,150	-
National Lottery	-	2,368	-	2,368
Esmec Fairbairn	58,000	(21,544)	(36,456)	-
WCVA Local Nature partnership	59,932	118,933	(12,675)	166,190
WCVA Challenge Fund	174,813	-	(174,813)	-
River restoration Fund	76,960	-	-	76,960
	<u>369,705</u>	<u>138,538</u>	<u>(262,725)</u>	<u>245,518</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>504,837</u></u>	<u><u>99,982</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>604,819</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,024	(66,580)	(38,556)
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	194,228	(154,297)	39,931
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	41,400	(42,550)	(1,150)
National Lottery	57,254	(54,886)	2,368
Esmec Fairbairn	1	(21,545)	(21,544)
WCVA Local Nature partnership	514,960	(396,027)	118,933
	<u>807,843</u>	<u>(669,305)</u>	<u>138,538</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>835,867</u></u>	<u><u>(735,885)</u></u>	<u><u>99,982</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	21,469	53,474	60,189	135,132
Restricted funds				
SAF Grants	170,235	(33,791)	(136,444)	-
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	11,107	(9,258)	(1,849)	-
National Lottery	8,635	(9,779)	1,144	-
Esmec Fairbairn	-	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	-	59,932	-	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	-	174,813	-	174,813
River restoration Fund	-	-	76,960	76,960
	<u>189,977</u>	<u>239,917</u>	<u>(60,189)</u>	<u>369,705</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>211,446</u>	<u>293,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504,837</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,772	(1,298)	53,474
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	195,781	(229,572)	(33,791)
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	46,010	(55,268)	(9,258)
National Lottery	-	(9,779)	(9,779)
Esmee Fairbairn	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	310,650	(250,718)	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	174,813	-	174,813
	<u>785,254</u>	<u>(545,337)</u>	<u>239,917</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>840,026</u>	<u>(546,635)</u>	<u>293,391</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	21,469	14,918	322,914	359,301
Restricted funds				
SAF Grants	170,235	6,140	(176,375)	-
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	11,107	(10,408)	(699)	-
National Lottery	8,635	(7,411)	1,144	2,368
Esmee Fairbairn	-	36,456	(36,456)	-
WCVA Local Nature partnership	-	178,865	(12,675)	166,190
WCVA Challenge Fund	-	174,813	(174,813)	-
River restoration Fund	-	-	76,960	76,960
	<u>189,977</u>	<u>378,455</u>	<u>(322,914)</u>	<u>245,518</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>211,446</u>	<u>393,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,819</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,796	(67,878)	14,918
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	390,009	(383,869)	6,140
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	87,410	(97,818)	(10,408)
National Lottery	57,254	(64,665)	(7,411)
Esmee Fairbairn	58,001	(21,545)	36,456
WCVA Local Nature partnership	825,610	(646,745)	178,865
WCVA Challenge Fund	174,813	-	174,813
	<u>1,593,097</u>	<u>(1,214,642)</u>	<u>378,455</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,675,893</u>	<u>(1,282,520)</u>	<u>393,373</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,886	17
Grants	819,569	785,255
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	826,455	785,272
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	84	-
Consultancy income	9,328	54,754
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	9,412	54,754
Total incoming resources	835,867	840,026
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Purchases	629	-
Charitable activities		
Wages	215,527	131,679
River Restoration costs	363,545	295,762
Community education costs	126,918	87,405
Van expenses	1,681	3,247
Travel expenses	10,470	7,498
Plant and machinery	1,936	2,582
Fixtures and fittings	455	-
Motor vehicles	2,250	3,000
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	722,782	531,173
Support costs		
Management		
Office rent and venue hire	-	2,724
Insurance	2,817	1,263
Postage and stationery	29	162
Sundries	2,810	419
Afonydd Cymru fees	2,040	2,500
Fixtures and fittings	395	1,134
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	8,091	8,202
Finance		
Bank charges	57	65
Human resources		
Staff training	-	2,357

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Human resources		
Other		
Computer software costs	1,165	2,438
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,400	2,400
Professional fees	761	-
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	3,161	2,400
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Total resources expended	735,885	546,635
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Net income	99,982	293,391
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North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

England & Wales - Charity number 1127415

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06100324 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127415

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024
for
North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

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North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Mission Statement: At North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd, our mission is to enhance the aquatic and ecological habitats of the rivers within our catchment Of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey, North Ceredigion, North Powys and Gwynedd river catchments. By doing so, we aim to restore rivers back to good health.

Aims of the Trust:

Biodiversity enhancement: To increase the biodiversity of habitats within the river catchments, working to strengthen the populations Of indigenous species in rivers, streams, still waters, and adjacent areas. Through targeted efforts, we strive to create thriving ecosystems that support a rich variety of life.

Education and conservation: We are dedicated to educating the public about riverine habitats and the wildlife that depends on them. Our aim is to enhance understanding of the importance of conserving, protecting, and rehabilitating these habitats. By fostering awareness, we empower individuals to become stewards of their environment.

Sustainable economic benefits: We seek to promote the sustainable use of rivers and their surrounding environments, recognising their potential for economic benefit. By supporting rural regeneration initiatives, we aim to harness the river's resources in a way that is environmentally responsible and economically viable.

Environmental awareness: Our aim is to raise awareness of environmental issues and advocate for best river management practices. Through outreach programs, campaigns, and partnerships, we strive to engage individuals, communities, and stakeholders in the preservation and sustainable management of our rivers.

Recreational enjoyment: We believe that rivers, lakes, and wetlands are valuable resources for recreational and leisure activities. Our aim is to promote and facilitate responsible enjoyment Of these natural spaces, ensuring that they remain accessible and cherished by an who seek solace, inspiration, and adventure within their waters.

Research and habitat restoration: Undertaking research and practical work, we actively maintain, restore, and enhance environmental habitats within the catchment. By combining scientific knowledge with hands-on efforts, we strive to safeguard and revitalise these vital ecosystems.

By pursuing these aims, North Wales rivers Trust Ltd is committed to preserving the natural heritage of our rivers, fostering sustainable practices, and ensuring the continued well-being of both the ecosystems and the people who depend on them.

Public benefit and objectives of the charity

North Wales Rivers Trust was established to protect, maintain and enhance North and North Mid Wales rivers, lakes and streams. This is achieved by:-

Objective 1 To promote the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments in the catchments and in the counties of west Denbighshire (Clwyd), Conwy, Anglesey, North Powys (Dyfi), North Ceredigion (Dyfi) and Gwynedd and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas in an their aspects.

Objective 2 To promote the conservation, rehabilitation, and protection Of the indigenous species of animal and plant life Of the rivers, streams, watercourses, water impoundments in the catchments in the counties of West Denbighshire (Clwyd), Conwy, ,anglesey, North Powys (Dyfi), North Ceredigion (Dyfi), Gwynedd and adjacent areas of their banks, repairing lands and catchment areas thereby enhancing the Counties' diversity.

Objective 3 To advance the education of the public in the understanding of rivers, pollution, aquatic habitats, their related catchment areas and their plant life and the need for conservation, protection and rehabilitation and improvement of such environments.

Volunteers

Local communities are essential in helping to achieve the charity's vision of healthy, sustainable rivers.

Volunteer activity ranges from river clean ups, habitat surveys and classroom hatchery projects. The charity trains and supports citizen scientists as part of our partnership with the Angling Trusts Yellow Box campaign.

Strategic Partners

In pursuit of its charitable objectives North Wales Rivers Trust works with the following organisations:

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Afonydd Cymru, The Rivers Trust, Anglesey Council, Gwynedd Council, Denbighshire Council, Powys Council, Ceredigion Council, Natural Resource Wales, Dwr Cymru, Keep Wales Tidy, North Wales Wildlife Trust, Bodorgan Estate, farmers and landowners, MSFOMA, Bangor University, local primary secondary and sixth form schools, youth groups and other Rivers Trusts across Wales and England.

Health and safety

The statement and policy sets out the principles for development and adherence to practical, detailed standard operating procedures which are regularly reviewed to ensure they are current, relevant and fit for purpose to reflect the charity's developing activity. The staff health and safety group meets at regular intervals to assess reported accidents, near misses and incidents. The outcome of these assessments is included in quarterly reports to the board. The group delegates members to complete tasks such as checking PPE equipment and review or preparation of new standard operating procedures.

Polity for the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults

North Wales Rivers Trust understands its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. The charity's polity recognises that the welfare and interests of children, young people and vulnerable adults must prevail in all circumstances. North Wales Rivers Trust recognises that some children and adults can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and accepts responsibility to take appropriate steps to ensure their welfare. We aim to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults have a positive experience whilst taking part in North Wales Rivers Trust activities and are protected from abuse regardless of age, gender identity, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.

Policy on Bribery

North Wales Rivers Trust is committed to acting in an ethical and honest manner at all times and will behave professionally and fairly in all dealings and relationships. North Wales Rivers Trust has zero-tolerance for bribery and corrupt activities and is committed to implementing and enforcing systems that ensure bribery is prevented. North Wales Rivers Trust bribery policy sets out responsibilities for observing and upholding the charity's position. It acts as a source of information and guidance for those working for North Wales Rivers Trust. It helps everyone to recognise and deal with bribery and corruption issues, as well as to understand their responsibilities.

Privacy Policy

North Wales Rivers Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of all those involved in the charity's work and to complying with the General Data Protection Regulation law.

The charity will never use personal data, and only use it for the purpose or purposes it was collected for (or else closely related purposes).

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Introduction

This year, we have continued to increase our commitment to championing the rivers within our catchment, alongside the surrounding marine and land areas. Our efforts over the past year have led to significant enhancements in our capabilities, particularly through the Menai Strait Partnership Forum, which connects protected areas of rivers, seas, and land. With invaluable input from our Advisory Group, we are actively engaged in collaborative projects with the community and various organisations. These partnerships ensure a lasting positive impact on the Menai Strait and the 13 rivers that flow into it.

Key Highlights include:

Staff Developments: We welcomed Dr. Antony Smith back to the team as Principal Fisheries Officer and appointed Poppy Backshall as Community Engagement Officer, with Oisín Sellers advancing to Senior Community Engagement Officer.

Funding Diversification: We successfully diversified our funding sources, securing support from the National Heritage Lottery, Local Nature Partnerships, National Lottery Community Fund, and Eryri National Park.

We set up a Lab Dwr program. This included our River Ambassador program, training twenty key ambassadors across the catchment. This will continue into 2024. We also set up a Business award program helping local businesses work towards reducing their impact on the rivers.

River Restoration Initiatives:

Added over 100 tonnes of gravel to rivers to create new spawning grounds.

Placed 100 boulders in rivers to vary flow and provide cover from predation.

Built bank revetments using live willow to stabilise banks, reduce sediment, and provide cover for juvenile fish.

Created four fish easements on man-made barriers, opening up 3 km of river. Focused on reducing invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, Rhododendron, and Himalayan Balsam.

Created wetland scrapes and buffer zones to filter diffuse pollution and provide habitats for invertebrates and other wildlife, as well as natural flood management.

Established over 13.75 km of natural bank stabilisation and fencing to reduce poaching, eutrophication, and improve water quality.

Began work on our flagship pilot projects including Floating Wetlands, Freshwater Pearl Mussels and Project Torgoch.

Social Media and Reach

We have expanded our online communications. Through creative use of film and animation enabling a wider audience to connect with our work and the wildlife in our rivers. We grew our social media reach with Instagram becoming our most popular model. Our social media reach stands at 23,605 for this period which is an increase of 619.9% on the previous year. Within the same period we had 5,096 returning visitors to our website which has seen an increase of 137%. We have now also implemented a monthly digital newsletter which we expect to grow by 50% in 2024.

Educational Outreach

Our educational outreach has been extensive, involving over 17 schools and educational institutions. During the last year all of our projects have included an education programme. This includes both higher education and primary schools. In addition to 6 higher education seminars. This has resulted in over 730 pupils engaged throughout North Wales. We raised awareness about the ecosystems beneath the water's surface and provided proactive steps for the community to protect our rivers and wildlife. We have also increased our educational materials using animation, webinars and video to share tips and resources with rural communities across the region as well as producing lesson plans and schemes of work for teachers across the region.

Outreach events

Outreach events have been key in the increased reach of the North Wales Rivers Trust. We attended and hosted 21 outreach events that resulted in more than 690 people engaged. Key events included Serendipity2 with over 3300 attendees, and we were asked to be keynote speakers at several high profile events including the RRC conference and NNP conferences.

Citizen Science Project

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Through our Citizen Science project, we have trained and upskilled dedicated volunteers to monitor invertebrates, chemicals, and other pollutants. Additionally, our volunteers have acquired skills in river habitat surveys, mapping, and monitoring. We were also able to provide accredited training opportunities to volunteers in open water lifeguard certification and secured funding for a series of BSAC snorkel instructor workshops. With both community and educational surveys, we have successfully trained volunteers and conducted 24 habitat surveys across our region aiding our baseline data of key species.

Regional Work

Ynys Mon

We secured funding from Local Nature Partnerships and Ynys Mon council for a Floating Wetland Project. Aimed at studying the impact of biofilm and zooplankton to combat Cyanobacteria. Phase one of the project involved baseline science planning, survey work and design. This resulted in plans for one control lake near RAF Valley, one wetland in Llyn Maelog with farming interventions to support and the other wetland placed in Llyn Coron. The lakes will be physically installed in the summer of 2024. This study is a pilot study to create a scientifically robust understanding of how floating wetlands can help to alleviate cyanobacteria blooms and also serve as a case study for other organisations and scientists across the U.K. The community engagement team worked with ten schools in the region to launch the project and develop a 'Build Your Own Floating Wetland' STEAM activity programme. Allowing pupils to design, engineer and build their own mini classroom wetlands complete with daphnia to monitor and understand the effects of zooplankton on algal blooms. The project also held public meetings, webinars and created opportunities for the local community to proactively monitor the river and collate cyanobacteria levels for our lab analysis. The final project will be complete in March 2025.

The Anglesey AONB Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (SLSP) initiative is a three year phased programme funded by the Welsh government. The North Wales Rivers Trust (NWRT) project is focused on the Afon Wygyr, Anglesey, and aims to deliver a number of schemes to help improve wildlife habitat and water quality. The Afon Wygyr was chosen as it is impacting on bathing water quality at the Cemaes Bay Bathing Water Zone (BWZ) and is an important river for brown and sea trout (*Salmo trutta*), which are a UK Priority Species (formally UK BAP). An important element of this work will involve close partnership working with landowners, farmers, Natural Resources Wales, Anglesey Council and local community groups and individuals. The manageable size of the Wygyr catchment and the variety of issues provides a good opportunity to develop new tools and techniques, deliver measurable outcomes and provide good practice guidance and examples for use on other, larger catchments across Wales.

Work in 2023 -2024 (Phase Two) focused on Carrog farm and involved substantially widening the existing riparian zone. A mosaic of native deciduous trees (670 in total) were planted by volunteers within the new riparian zone, increasing buffering capacity and providing habitat for terrestrial species and shade over the river. The widened buffer encompassed an existing permissive path, thus separating footpath users from grazing cattle to improve safety for people, dogs, and livestock. In addition, a livestock drinking bay remaining from Phase One was closed.

As part of our Swimways project we also fenced off riverbanks on the Braint that have suffered from extensive cattle poaching and planted a corridor of 800 trees to stabilise the eroding banks and regulate river temperatures. During this period we produced detailed surveys with volunteers and created site plans to strengthen a section of the Braint that has been historically straightened, creating wetland to alleviate flooding and plant trees and plants to connect wildlife corridors. Works for this will begin in 2024.

Gwynedd

In collaboration with the Snowdonia National Park. Prysor and Dolgellau anglers and the local community we have been working on a project focused on the conservation of the Freshwater Pearl Mussels. This project involved training the community to monitor the river, restore habitat and survey key species. The Mawddach steering group also identified critical areas in need of enhancement for salmon and sewin spawning, with a particular focus on the Afon Eden and Afon Wen areas.

In a previous phase, we embarked on a significant initiative to restore the natural balance by removing conifers and spruce, improving pH levels, and installing gravel traps. In the subsequent phase, centered on the Afon Wen, our efforts revolved around eradicating invasive species and creating designs for diverse in-stream habitats through swales, gravels and boulders.

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We have worked intensively at our second site on the Afon Eden. Identified as a Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), spanning approximately 4 kilometers. To adhere to permitting, survey, and licensing requirements, the work here was thoughtfully executed in sections. To ensure the preservation of the unique ecosystem, we conducted a series of comprehensive habitat surveys, including freshwater pearl mussel surveys which rely on a good juvenile salmonoid population to complete their lifecycle, to pinpoint crucial areas for restoration works. This meticulous approach allowed us to avoid disturbing key grounds while implementing enhancements to the river's spawning habitats.

To counter cattle-induced poaching, we introduced alternative drinking sources powered by solar pumps and established durable hard-standing areas to reduce trampling. During the summer months, our assessments identified critical spawning areas that had fallen victim to compaction and aggressive vegetation overgrowth. We promptly undertook measures to clear some of this vegetation and, upon closer examination, detected elevated nutrient levels in the water including ammonia and phosphate spikes. We are currently investigating and monitoring levels further as the Bronaber sewage works is situated in this area.

Further enhancing spawning gravels we introduced 100 tons of river-washed gravels into a section previously subjected to dredging, this section is now deemed suitable for fish spawning. In tandem, we manually hand lifted gravels to expand the viable habitat. We reintroduced over 60 dredged boulders to enhance flow variation, scouring, and provide cover for juvenile fish. Over a 3-kilometer stretch, we incorporated wetland scrapes and planting to reduce diffuse pollution. Our commitment also extended to planting over 1000 deciduous trees, which will play a crucial role in curbing aggressive in-river plant growth and maintaining cooler water temperatures and providing river habitat over time.

We are now actively exploring opportunities to implement ditch-blocking measures in drainage ditches entering the river. This initiative aims to mitigate the influx of fine sediment, which has been identified as a significant issue affecting spawning grounds in this specific section.

As part of this project the community engagement officer has been working with the local school children to learn more about the rivers SAC and SSSI protections. This included a field visit to the river to complete invertebrate kick sampling session in the river to study water quality, art lessons, fish life cycle and freshwater pearl mussel studies and developing a Welsh story about the creatures who live in the river with local angler Rhys Llewellyn.

In collaboration with the Seiont, Gwyrfai and Llyfni Angling Society and NRW, we have undertaken a series of strategic interventions aimed at enhancing fisheries habitat, improving water quality and access to crucial spawning areas. One of our key initiatives involved the installation of fencing spanning over 2600 meters of riverbank, effectively deterring trampling from livestock along the riverbank. We also implemented a gravity pump system, alongside troughs and hard standing, to provide livestock with an alternative water source, reducing the risk of trampling and contamination.

To bolster the aquatic ecosystem, we strategically relocated boulders into the channel, thereby creating diverse flow patterns and safe havens for juvenile fish. To further safeguard the river's health, we incorporated live willow bank revetment and brush, serving as protective measure during high flows by absorbing energy and preventing sediment loss into the channel, safeguarding vital spawning grounds.

As part of our ongoing efforts, we completed an additional fencing scheme over the winter on an important spawning tributary, this was complemented by tree planting activities to provide refuge, keep the river temperature cool and provide woody debris into the channel over time for salmonids. Over the summer of 2023 we also produced a series of detailed fish pass designs for man made barriers to fish migration. These will be worked into plans to potentially deliver in 2024.

We also secured funding for our flagship 'Prosiect Torgoch'. This project is funded by the National Heritage Lottery. In Winter 2024 we started our water quality monitoring project at Llyn Cwellyn. WFD data since 2007 show an increasing trend in nutrients and consequent decline in deep water dissolved oxygen. If these trends were to continue then deep-water refugia habitat for Arctic charr may be reduced. In March the University of Liverpool collected a sediment core from the lake bottom which is now being analysed to assess the nutrient history of the lake. In May 2024 a programme of intensive water quality monitoring will begin in the catchment upstream of Llyn Cwellyn. We have agreed with DCWW for continuous water quality monitoring upstream and downstream of the Rhyd ddu WWTW. Antony will also collect regular spot samples of all inflowing rivers using our new water quality monitoring equipment.

The data collected from the surveys will help us understand nutrient sources and prioritise catchment restoration projects to be delivered later in the project.

At Llyn Padarn we have identified a number of options to restore spawning habitat for Arctic charr and preparation is underway for a full report ready for consultation with stakeholders. These projects will be delivered during the in-river season of 2024 and 2025.

Clwyd

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This year we focused our efforts on the Afon Bach. Currently not achieving good status under the WFD for both fish and invertebrates. We fenced out over 5000m of river bank, creating a connected corridor and riparian buffer strip to filter diffuse pollution. We carried out 8 fencing schemes with a minimum of 2-5m buffer zone from the river bank. This has allowed the over grazed banks to stabilise and the riparian corridor to regenerate and filter out diffuse pollutants.

Small sections of eroded banks were supported with live willow and brush revetments which have allowed for juvenile fish habitat and cover from predation. We have also planted over 500 trees along this section in order to climate proof the rivers and regulate water temperatures for salmonids.

Water quality is a key issue and although we have begun to tackle the agricultural impact we have also created an intensive study on all of the farms in the area to analyse a series of farm management practices and to calculate the potential reductions in ammonia and phosphate being lost to the waterway. Alongside this work we have ascertained the baseline levels of fish species by carrying out Environmental DNA analysis on the Bach which resulted in a return of species that are sensitive to water quality changes such as the bull head.

We combined this with a study on the road run off from the A55. Heavy metals and salinity levels are a potential concern here and we are embarking on a series of baseline tests over the winter. This will form a report on ways to mitigate these losses to the watercourse and groundwaters. On the basis of the results we will then move into phase two where we will look at a series of sustainable drainage interventions, reductions and mitigation techniques in 2024.

Elsewhere in the catchment we have added baffles to a culvert to open up several km of water for fish spawning grounds.

Conwy

In the current year we identified and addressed critical issues in riverbank trampling and the protection of essential spawning grounds. Our focus centered on the region above Llyn Geirionydd, where we undertook substantial measures to tackle these challenges head-on.

We erected a robust 1250-meter-long fence along the riverbank, creating a protective buffer zone spanning 2-5 meters. This proactive approach not only serves to deter cattle from encroaching on the riverbanks but also contributes to mitigating harmful nutrient input. Notably, we've chosen solar-powered arrowhead electric fencing for this stretch, ensuring adaptability to fluctuating river levels. To further strengthen the banks and create an ideal environment for juvenile fish, we introduced willow and alder trees while also helping to maintain cooler water temperatures.

Our commitment extended to smaller yet equally vital enhancements in Llanwrst, including the addition of a V-notch to an existing weir, the installation of step weir baffles, and the creation of wooden easements to facilitate fish passage. Additionally, we've installed an eel pass to enhance migration opportunities for this critically endangered fish.

Looking forward to 2024, we are fully engaged in designing comprehensive plans to expand spawning habitats and enhance overall water quality. Our primary focus for the upcoming year will be on the Lledr, a tributary of paramount importance for spawning, particularly upstream of the Roman bridge.

We have also compiled data on Llanwrst sewage works as the data is showing inconsistencies in outputs and clear breaches of permits- we believe this is having a serious impact on water quality. This will inform a wider series of interventions moving forward.

North Ceredigion/ North Powys

We are pleased to report the successful delivery of a collaborative project with a landowner along the Dyfi tributaries. This initiative involved the installation of 1.5 kilometers of riverbank fencing, complemented by strategic hedgerow planting. These combined efforts will yield significant benefits for fish populations. The fencing and hedgerow planting serve as protective measures to safeguard the riparian zone. In turn, this contributes to the reduction of sedimentation and the stabilization of the riverbanks. As a result, water quality is enhanced, and crucial spawning habitats are preserved.

In addition to these measures, we introduced a wet meadow section into the project. This wet meadow will foster the growth of invertebrates, which are an essential food source for fish. Numerous scientific studies have emphasized the critical role of invertebrates in the aquatic food web, supporting fish growth and survival.

We also planted native deciduous willow and alder species. These trees provide shade, which helps regulate water temperatures, a crucial factor for fish health. They also contribute organic matter to the river, enhancing the overall aquatic ecosystem.

Simultaneously, we conducted a thorough plan to remove a weir in a mining area, which included investigations into mining pollutants affecting the Dyfi tributaries. The insights gleaned from this study will inform our phase two removal plans.

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In the community of Llanbrynmair, we collaborated to remove a road salt pile that had been polluting the nearby watercourse. Powys Council removed the last of the salt in 2023, and we thank the community for their efforts in alerting us and collating data. We also worked significantly with an angler on this catchment who aided our plans and knowledge of the river system. This allowed us to produce initial plans for a series of pilots on the main stem. However, these were not progressed due to landowner permissions. The team also attended site visits with the Leri Flood Talybont group, looking at potential natural flood management mitigation for future projects.

In 2024, we will install a Lab D?r river hub on this section of the river and equip the community with skills and training to monitor the river effectively and pinpoint any issues that need to be addressed. We are also working in partnership with a range of organisations overseen by the Dyfi Biosphere, whom we thank for their time coordinating plans on this catchment

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The North Wales Rivers Trust income this year was £840,026 (2023 £315,389). This reflects the Charity's policy of diversifying funding beyond restricted project funding.

Reserves at the end of the financial year were £504,837 of which £369,704 related to restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees believe that the Charity should hold financial reserves:

- Because many projects are ongoing into the future;
- To enable the charity to continue operating despite unforeseen setbacks;
- To allow the charity to take advantage of change and opportunities to further its objectives.

The trustees believe that the level of free reserves should be the equivalent of six months' essential operating costs.

The Trustees consider that the charity's finances are sufficient to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and for a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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The charity is governed by the trustees (who are also directors) who ensure that North Wales Rivers Trust is solvent, well-run and delivers its charitable purpose. The trustees lead the charity's strategic direction and delegate day-to-day operational decisions to the operations manager. Board meetings are held every three months. The number of trustees is not less than five and a maximum of fifteen

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits (apart from limited travelling expenses). The North Wales Rivers Trust is a founding member Of Afonydd Cymru, the body representing Welsh Rivers Trust and is an associate member of The Rivers Trust, the parent body of English Rivers Trusts

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The governing body of the trust is the board of trustees, which comprises up to 11 trustees. Rivers Trust trustees have the right to nominate and appoint up to six Trustees ("Rivers Trustees") and all members have the right to elect up to five trustees ("Elected Trustees") at an AGM pursuant to Articles 21 and 24. All trustees shall be appointed for a 5-year term and are eligible for re appointment for a consecutive 5-year term. There will be no less than three trustees at any one time.

The recruitment of trustees is by communication with the Rivers Trust community and others. Subject to the Articles, selection is based on environmental or specific rivers trust interest, expertise in environmental or other relevant matters, general experience Of charities and integrity, with the over-riding objective of maintaining a broadly representative body, strong on governance and with the ability to add value. The trust has adopted a skills matrix approach to assist in meeting this objective.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Newly appointed trustees have access to an on-line reference pack which covers the modus operandi of the trust and includes pertinent information on charities, such as the Charity Commission's The Hallmarks of an Effective Charity (Ccio). The pack is continually updated and provides all trustees§ with a dynamic support tool. For ongoing training purposes, the board has agreed that the on-line reference pack, presentations etc. and board papers will maintain standards of governance.

Organisational structure and decision-making

The board recognises that as an umbrella organisation representing the Rivers Trust movement there is an obligation on the trust to embrace best governance practice positively. The board meets formally on a quarterly basis, but there is frequent consultation with trustees individual and as groups outside formal meetings. The board has a business, audit and risk committee section, principally to deal with monitoring performance and risk, approving projects and detailed financial matters. This committee is part of the general trustee meetings.

Risk management

A strategic analysis of potential risks to North Wales Rivers Trust is carried out annually. It focusses on:- governance and management; financial; operational; computer system and external factors. Risks are assessed through a scoring system cross-referencing their likelihood with potential impact, to enable issues to be prioritised for action. The highest scoring risks identified in the year were:- insufficient senior capacity to support and implement growth strategies; loss of key staff; lack of long term funding and competition for funding. In each case, measures were identified to reduce the risk to the charity

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
06100324 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1127415

Registered office
Gwel Yr Afon
Llanddoged
Llanrwst
Conwy
LL26 0TY

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Trustees

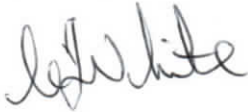
P Ferguson (appointed 4.9.24)
Dr N J Milner (appointed 4.9.24)
R F Thomas
C J White
R White
A J Winston
Dr R Parry (resigned 11.10.23)
I G Roberts (resigned 5.9.23)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

A.Hughes-Jones, Dyson & Co.
Capel Moreia
South Penrallt
Caernarfon
Gwynedd
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



C J White - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



Brian Hughes FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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11th December 2024

North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	18	785,254	785,272	315,389
Other trading activities	3	54,754	-	54,754	-
Total		<u>54,772</u>	<u>785,254</u>	<u>840,026</u>	<u>315,389</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
River Restoration		1,297	413,949	415,246	190,940
Community Education		-	131,389	131,389	-
Total		<u>1,297</u>	<u>545,338</u>	<u>546,635</u>	<u>190,940</u>
NET INCOME					
Transfers between funds	13	53,475 60,189	239,916 (60,189)	293,391 -	124,449 -
Net movement in funds		113,664	179,727	293,391	124,449
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		21,469	189,977	211,446	86,997
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>135,133</u>	<u>369,704</u>	<u>504,837</u>	<u>211,446</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	1,582	18,566	20,148	4,536
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	-	3,056	3,056	53,114
Cash at bank		133,481	349,903	483,384	156,935
		<u>133,481</u>	<u>352,959</u>	<u>486,440</u>	<u>210,049</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	69	(1,820)	(1,751)	(3,139)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>133,550</u>	<u>351,139</u>	<u>484,689</u>	<u>206,910</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>135,132</u>	<u>369,705</u>	<u>504,837</u>	<u>211,446</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>135,132</u>	<u>369,705</u>	<u>504,837</u>	<u>211,446</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	13			135,132	21,469
Restricted funds				369,705	189,977
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>504,837</u>	<u>211,446</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

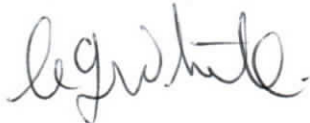
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Balance Sheet - continued

31st March 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C J White', is written over a horizontal line.

C J White - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	I	348,777	38,790
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>348,777</u>	<u>38,790</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(22,328)	(3,477)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(22,328)</u>	<u>(3,477)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>326,449</u>	<u>35,313</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>156,935</u>	<u>121,622</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>483,384</u></u>	<u><u>156,935</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	293,391	124,449
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,716	1,512
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	50,058	(53,114)
Decrease in creditors	(1,388)	(34,057)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>348,777</u>	<u>38,790</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>156,935</u>	<u>326,449</u>	<u>483,384</u>
	<u>156,935</u>	<u>326,449</u>	<u>483,384</u>
Total	<u>156,935</u>	<u>326,449</u>	<u>483,384</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	17	5
Grants	<u>785,255</u>	<u>315,384</u>
	<u>785,272</u>	<u>315,389</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other grants	<u>785,255</u>	<u>315,384</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Consultancy income	54,754	-
	<u>54,754</u>	<u>-</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
River Restoration	401,166	14,080	415,246
Community Education	130,007	1,382	131,389
	<u>531,173</u>	<u>15,462</u>	<u>546,635</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Human resources £
River Restoration	7,826	65	1,817
Community Education	376	-	540
	<u>8,202</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>2,357</u>
	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
River Restoration	1,972	2,400	14,080
Community Education	466	-	1,382
	<u>2,438</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>15,462</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,716	1,512
	<u>6,716</u>	<u>1,512</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	131,679	81,605
	<u>131,679</u>	<u>81,605</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management	1	1
Project	3	2
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	71,171	244,218	315,389
	<u>71,171</u>	<u>244,218</u>	<u>315,389</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
River Restoration	71,331	119,609	190,940
	<u>71,331</u>	<u>119,609</u>	<u>190,940</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(160)	124,609	124,449
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,629	65,368	86,997
	<u>21,629</u>	<u>65,368</u>	<u>86,997</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>21,469</u>	<u>189,977</u>	<u>211,446</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st April 2023	-	16,175	-	16,175
Additions	10,328	-	12,000	22,328
At 31st March 2024	<u>10,328</u>	<u>16,175</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>38,503</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2023	-	11,639	-	11,639
Charge for year	2,582	1,134	3,000	6,716
At 31st March 2024	<u>2,582</u>	<u>12,773</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>18,355</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2024	<u>7,746</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>20,148</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,536</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
VAT	3,056	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	53,114
	<u>3,056</u>	<u>53,114</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	(649)	-
Accrued expenses	2,400	3,139
	<u>1,751</u>	<u>3,139</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	21,469	53,474	60,189	135,132
Restricted funds				
SAF Grants	170,235	(33,791)	(136,444)	-
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	11,107	(9,258)	(1,849)	-
National Lottery	8,635	(9,779)	1,144	-
Esmee Fairbairn	-	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	-	59,932	-	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	-	174,813	-	174,813
River restoration Fund	-	-	76,960	76,960
	<u>189,977</u>	<u>239,917</u>	<u>(60,189)</u>	<u>369,705</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>211,446</u>	<u>293,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504,837</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,772	(1,298)	53,474
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	195,781	(229,572)	(33,791)
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	46,010	(55,268)	(9,258)
National Lottery	-	(9,779)	(9,779)
Esmee Fairbairn	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	310,650	(250,718)	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	174,813	-	174,813
	<u>785,254</u>	<u>(545,337)</u>	<u>239,917</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>840,026</u>	<u>(546,635)</u>	<u>293,391</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

13. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,629	(160)	21,469
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	65,368	104,867	170,235
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	-	11,107	11,107
National Lottery	-	8,635	8,635
	<u>65,368</u>	<u>124,609</u>	<u>189,977</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,997</u>	<u>124,449</u>	<u>211,446</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,171	(71,331)	(160)
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	212,918	(108,051)	104,867
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	21,500	(10,393)	11,107
National Lottery	9,800	(1,165)	8,635
	<u>244,218</u>	<u>(119,609)</u>	<u>124,609</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>315,389</u>	<u>(190,940)</u>	<u>124,449</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	21,629	53,314	60,189	135,132
Restricted funds				
SAF Grants	65,368	71,076	(136,444)	-
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	-	1,849	(1,849)	-
National Lottery	-	(1,144)	1,144	-
Esmee Fairbairn	-	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	-	59,932	-	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	-	174,813	-	174,813
River restoration Fund	-	-	76,960	76,960
	<u>65,368</u>	<u>364,526</u>	<u>(60,189)</u>	<u>369,705</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,997</u>	<u>417,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504,837</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	125,943	(72,629)	53,314
Restricted funds			
SAF Grants	408,699	(337,623)	71,076
Anglesey Council Costal Capacity	67,510	(65,661)	1,849
National Lottery	9,800	(10,944)	(1,144)
Esmee Fairbairn	58,000	-	58,000
WCVA Local Nature partnership	310,650	(250,718)	59,932
WCVA Challenge Fund	174,813	-	174,813
	<u>1,029,472</u>	<u>(664,946)</u>	<u>364,526</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,155,415</u>	<u>(737,575)</u>	<u>417,840</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	17	5
Grants	<u>785,255</u>	<u>315,384</u>
	785,272	315,389
Other trading activities		
Consultancy income	<u>54,754</u>	-
Total incoming resources	840,026	315,389
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	131,679	81,605
River Restoration costs	295,762	87,647
Community education costs	87,405	-
Van expenses	3,247	-
Event costs	-	2,645
PPE costs	-	2,086
Travel expenses	7,498	5,006
Plant and machinery	2,582	-
Motor vehicles	<u>3,000</u>	-
	531,173	178,989
Support costs		
Management		
Office rent and venue hire	2,724	1,374
Insurance	1,263	626
Postage and stationery	162	305
Advertising	-	1,939
Sundries	419	247
Afonydd Cymru fees	2,500	2,500
Fixtures and fittings	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,512</u>
	8,202	8,503
Finance		
Bank charges	65	60
Human resources		
Staff training	2,357	447
Other		
Computer software costs	2,438	301

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North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,400	2,640
Total resources expended	<u>546,635</u>	<u>190,940</u>
Net income	<u>293,391</u>	<u>124,449</u>

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North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

England & Wales - Charity number 1127415

Accounts

THE NORTH WALES RIVERS TRUST
Annual Report 2022

Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

Company no: 06100324 (England and Wales) Charity no: 1127415

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Legal and Administrative Information

Status	The North Wales Rivers Trust (formerly the Clwyd, Conwy, and Gwynedd Rivers Trust) is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.
Trustees/Directors	<p>The directors of the charitable company (“the charity”) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roger Frederick Thomas• Christopher White• Dr Robin Parry• Alan Winstone – Chairman
Secretary	Allan Cuthbert
Honorary President	Lord Elis-Thomas
Trading address & Registered Office	Park Croft Bwlch Tynygongl Anglesey LL74 8RF
Accountants	Messrs. J V Banks & Co Banks house Rhyl LL18 3LW
Independent examiner	Bethan Owen 0692458 (ACCA) Llecyn Braf Talwrn Anglesey LL77 7TF

The trustees of The North Wales Rivers Trust are pleased to present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022. Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Memorandum and Articles of Association and are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The North Wales Rivers Trust (NWRT), formerly the Clwyd, Conwy and Gwynedd Rivers Trust, was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a company limited by guarantee on the 13th February 2007, and there are nineteen Members including the four Trustees. The affairs of the Trust are managed by an “Operational Group”, which is appointed annually, although other persons may be co-opted during the year.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits (apart from limited travelling expenses)

The North Wales Rivers Trust is a founding member of Afonydd Cymru, the body representing Welsh Rivers Trusts and is an associate member of The Rivers Trust, the parent body of English Rivers Trusts. The Chairman of the North Wales Rivers Trust is a director and Trustee of Afonydd Cymru.

The Trust has Policies for the Welfare of Children and other Vulnerable Groups, Health and Safety and data protection.

During the year the Trustees have acted in close liaison with Natural Resources Wales in connection with many of their activities.

Activities and Achievements of the North Wales Rivers Trust

In planning activities for the year, the Trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit at their meetings.

Objective 1

To promote the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments in the catchments and in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey and Gwynedd, and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas in all their aspects.

Objective 2

To promote the conservation, rehabilitation, and protection of the indigenous species of animal and plant life of the rivers, streams, watercourses, water impoundments in the catchments in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Clwyd, Anglesey and Gwynedd and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas thereby enhance the Counties’ diversity.

Objective 3

To advance the education of the public in the understanding of animal and aquatic habitats, their related catchment areas and their plant life and the need for conservation, protection and rehabilitation and improvement of such environments.

Public Benefit

The benefits that arise from the Trust's aims are as follows:

- i) The rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments in the catchments and in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey, and Gwynedd will be protected and improved, which will preserve and improve the natural habitats. There will also be improved access to the area for the public, as the Trust aims to assist in opening some of these areas through nature pathways.
- ii) The public will have a better understanding of aquatic habitats and the need for and methods of protection and improvement of such habitats.
- iii) In the Trustees' view there is no detriment or harm that might arise from the carrying out of the Trust's aims.
- iv) The aims are intended to benefit the public and improve access to and understanding of the environment.
- v) Any private benefit received by riparian landowners because of the work of the Trust is wholly incidental to carrying out of the Trust's work to preserve and improve the natural habitat and improve access to and understanding of the environment.

North Wales Rivers Trust Development Plan

A formal Development Plan was developed during 2008 and the objectives within that document have been advanced during 2020/21

Our Mission statement is: "To enhance the aquatic and ecological habitats of the rivers Clwyd, Conwy and those within Gwynedd and Anglesey to allow more rewarding experiences to its users interests"

Aims of the Trust:

- i) To increase the biodiversity of the habitats, and strengthen the indigenous species of plants and animals, associated with the rivers, streams, still waters and adjacent areas of the Clwyd, Conwy, Anglesey, and Gwynedd river catchments.
- ii) To educate the public in the understanding of riverine habitats and associated wildlife. In addition, to advance understanding in the need for their conservation, protection, and rehabilitation.
- iii) To promote the sustainable use of the river and its environment for economic benefit thus supporting rural regeneration.
- iv) Promote awareness of environmental issues and best river management practice.
- v) Promote recreational and leisure enjoyment of rivers, lakes and wetlands.

vi)) Undertake research and practical work to maintain, restore and enhance environmental habitats within the catchments of the Afon Clwyd, Conwy and diverse rivers in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

The Trust believes in working in partnership with:

- i) Local authorities, government agencies and conservation bodies to investigate and remedy problems of pollution and habitat destruction in the most cost effective and sustainable way.
- ii) Farmers and landowners to encourage greater understanding and appreciation of the environment of the Clwyd, Conwy and Anglesey and Gwynedd catchments and to encourage greater access and usage and thereby enjoyment of the countryside, particularly for young people and those with disabilities.
- iii) Local schools and community groups such as wildlife trusts and angling clubs

Trust Activities during 2021/22

In summary we have:

- Surveyed 85km of river on the Dwyryd, Artro, Dysynni, Bach and Meirchion.
 - Delivered 5 fish passes/easements providing better habitat connectivity for 20km of river
 - Fenced 3km of riverbank protecting water quality and improving riparian habitat.
 - Restored and improved in-stream habitat in 1km of river
- More details of individual schemes are set out below:



Afon Alaw fencing scheme

A fencing scheme carried over from 2020 due to wet weather postponing delivery. Approx. 900m+ of single bank fence with repairs to the opposite bank. The project also involves the installation of mains fed drinking troughs.



Before fencing was installed



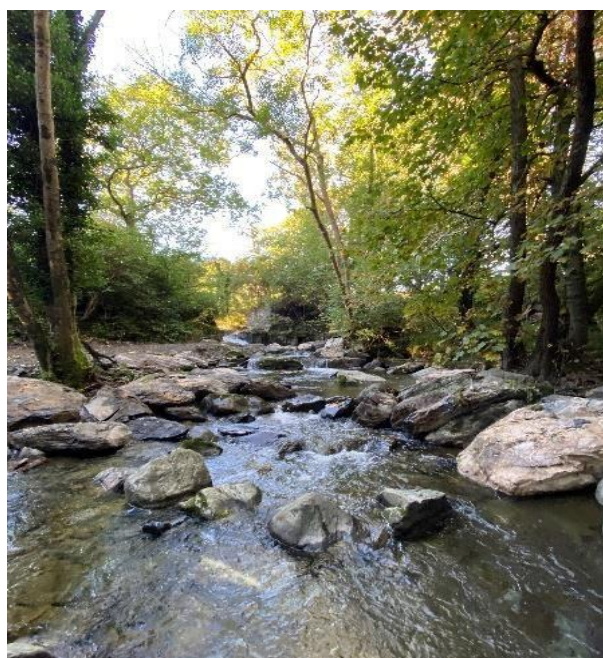
After fencing was installed

Afon Gallen Easement Improvement

Significant improvement to a historic easement that will allow fish passage over a wider range of flows. Will improve access to 8km of spawning headwaters. Over 100 tonnes of boulders were added to the rock-ramp structure to strengthen the pools and a large tree and debris was removed from the upstream fall.



Original Obstruction Pre-easement



After Improvement



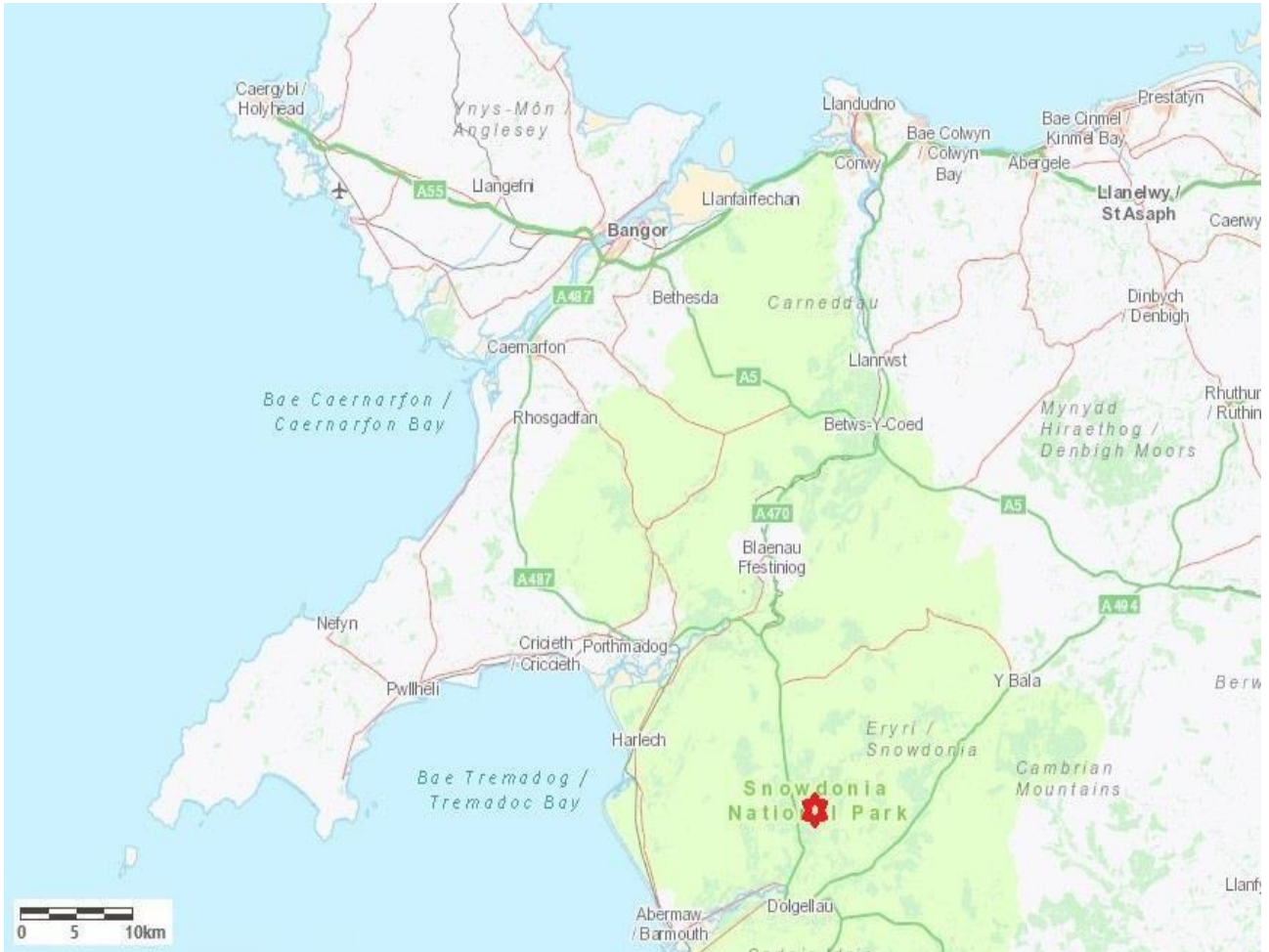
Improvement under Higher Flows

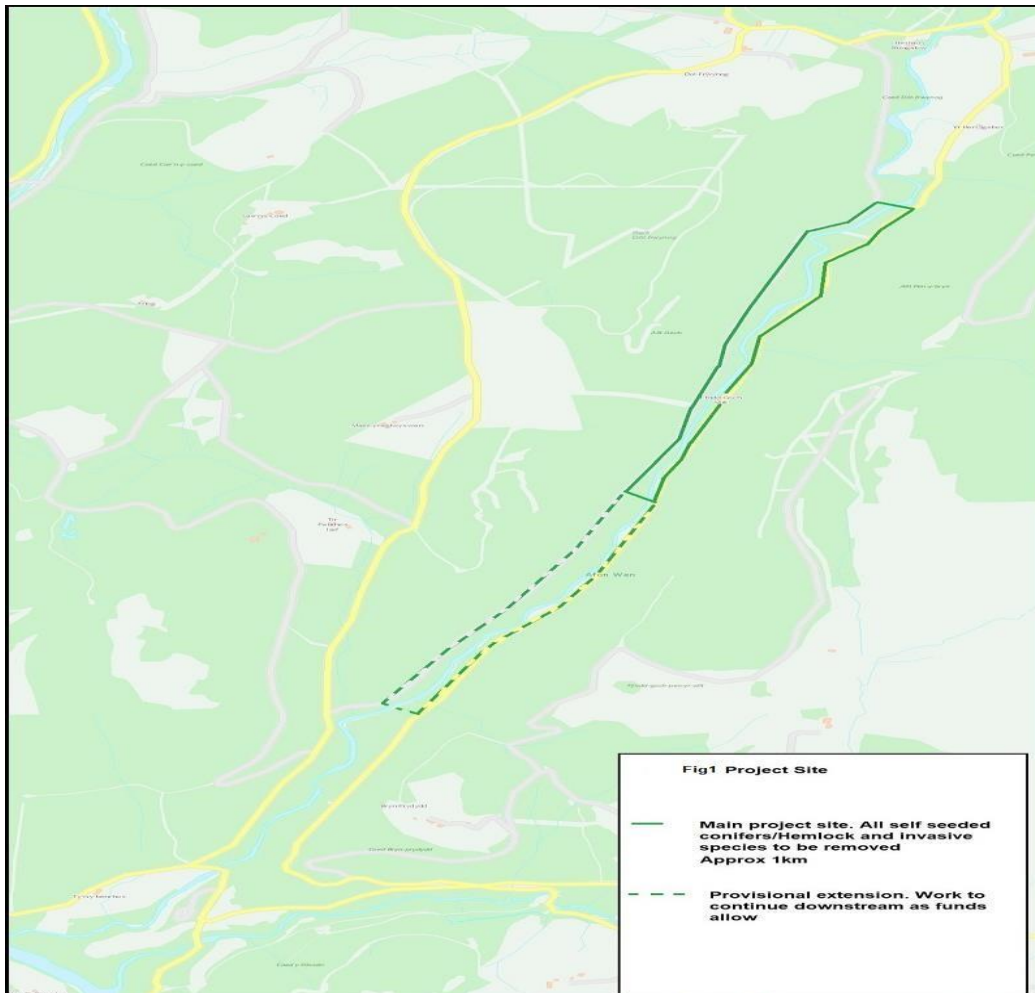
Afon Wen Habitat Restoration

The Afon Wen drains the southern fringe of the Coed-Y-Brenin conifer forest and is one of the few Mawddach tributaries that remains accessible to migratory fish for much of its length. Historically the stream has suffered from heavy metal mine-water pollution, acidification from the forestry and the excavation of the riverbed by gold prospectors. The devastating flood in 2001 stripped much of the spawning gravel from the channel. Recent NWRT and NRW projects have introduced numerous timber gravel traps to help reinstate stable spawning beds with reasonable success. The development of a broad deciduous riparian buffer zone between the forestry roads would help mitigate some of the water quality issues and help the regeneration of the in-river habitat.

This scheme removed self-seeded conifers over a 1km length of the Afon Wen downstream of the natural fall and footbridge (Fig1). After this clearing, areas have been identified that are suitable for new broadleaf tree planting and other invasive species (rhododendron and Japanese knotweed) have

been revealed that will be removed in 2022. This area contains the established gravel trap spawning bed works and the scheme will assist the development of a healthy deciduous riparian buffer.





Typical riparian reach showing self-seeded conifers in the foreground



Contractors removing the trees within the project area



The cleared corridor between the two forestry roads showing brush piles in the foreground

Afon Perthi habitat improvement

The Afon Perthi is a small spawning stream that enters the Afon Seiont approx 550m upstream of Pont Rhyhallt, Llanrug near Caernarfon. A NWRT survey in 2020 identified seatrout spawning in the lower reaches but found extensive cattle poaching and nutrient runoff from nearby feeders.

The project completed double bank fencing over 300m of channel with associated crossings and access gates. Numerous debris blockages were removed, improving migratory fish access and two large boulders at a ford were re-positioned to the same effect.

Riparian vegetation regrowth post scheme implementation has been prolific and numerous trout fry have been observed that indicate a successful 2020 spawning season.



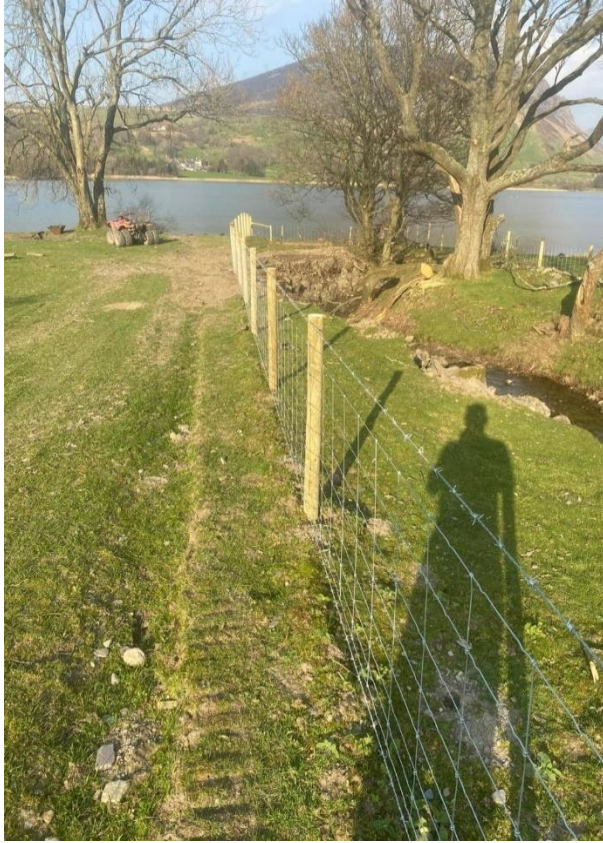
Crossing Installation



Riparian Vegetation After Fence Installation

Nantlle Habitat Fencing

A small mountain stream at Ffridd Farm enters Llyn Nantlle approx 170m south of the river Llyfni outflow. Although small, this is an important spawning stream for seatrout and trout migrating from the lake. The project completed double bank fencing over 130m of the lower channel with associated access gates. Numerous debris blockages on old fence crossings were removed, improving migratory fish access. Repairs were also carried out on approx 500m of fence in the upper reaches that help to restrict stock access.



New fencing on the lower section entering the lake



Repairs to the upper moorland fence line.

Nant Y Goron easements

The Nant Y Goron is an important salmon and sea trout spawning tributary that enters the river Conwy just upstream of Llanrwst on the true right bank. A survey in 2020 identified a small weir downstream of the Nebo Rd at Cae Melwr Farm which presents an obstruction to fish migration on low flows due

to the uniformly shallow nature of the concrete sloped face. Approximately 200m upstream of the road bridge there is also a sloped rock face (possibly man-made/unknown) that similarly restricts fish passage under low flow. An old EAW project constructed a boulder pre-barrage at this site to address the issue but has become damaged by severe flooding.

The NWRT project helped to improve fish passage over both structures by constructing a boulder pre-barrage at the farm weir and repairing the historic barrage at the upstream site. A timber baffle/baulk was also attached to the concrete weir face to provide a focused access route for migration.

In addition, approx 350m of stock fencing was installed upstream of the road bridge to prevent the further poaching of riverbank by cattle.



Weir Before Pre – barrage



Pre – barrage Construction

Afon Meirchion (Elwy) Fencing Scheme

A fencing and alternative livestock drinking water scheme was carried out on a large cattle and sheep farm on upper Afon Meirchion near Henllan in the Elwy catchment where extensive poaching by cattle was taking place. Approximately 600 m of new stock fencing was installed and 300 m of broken fence replaced. The fencing has excluded livestock from a large riparian buffer zone of mature deciduous woodland and a solar powered watering system supplying 3 fields was installed.



Poached area before scheme



Example of Fenced off Area

Ogwen Bank Weir

Cbec eco-engineering UK Ltd was commissioned to undertake a feasibility assessment of restoration options to improve fish passage on the Afon Ogwen at Ogwen Bank, where a weir represents a significant barrier to fish migration upstream. Key project aims were to assess initial options for modification of the weir to improve fish passage with consideration of stakeholder aspirations, including exploring opportunities to maintenance and, where possible, enhance the amenity value and aesthetics of the site and make recommendations for further work, including design and surveys, where required. The Preferred Option at Ogwen Bank was a rock ramp at the existing notch in the weir crest and the report recommended that additional assessments are conducted to inform the design and construction phases and minimise uncertainty or risks associated with weir modification.



Current Weir showing fishpass not working



Proposed Rocky Ramp

Fisheries River Restoration Reports:

Surveys were completed on behalf of NRW for the following catchments and reports will be available in due course:

- Dysynni
- Dwyrdd
- Artro

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General meeting on 9 June 2022 that Bethan Owen be reappointed as independent examiner to the charity for the ensuing year.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies subject under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the directors at the AGM on 9 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Christopher White Director

Company number: 06100324 (England and Wales)

Independent Examiners Report to the Directors of North Wales Rivers Trust

I report on the Accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 19 to 22.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charitable company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 and Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company's directors consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the accounts does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and in seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation have not been met,

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Bethan Owen 0692458 (ACCA)
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Signed and dated
24 July 2022

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2022

The North Wales Rivers Trust
Activities to 31 March 2022

The North Wales Rivers Trust
Activities to 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Incoming resources							
Incoming resources from generated funds:							
Voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income and interest		-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from Charitable activities:							
Grant Yns Mon Anglesey Projects	4	-	-	-	-	11,036	11,036
River Restoration Grants 20/21		-	-	-	-	209,599	209,599
SAF Grants via Affondd Cymru		10,837	205,906	216,743	-	-	-
NRW Fisheries Fund Grants		-	22,300	22,300	-	-	-
Bodorgan Environmental Grant		-	2,649	2,649	-	-	-
HMRC fine reversal for Corp Tax		-	100	100	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		10,837	230,955	241,793	-	220,635	220,635
Resources expended							
Costs of generating funds:							
Charitable activities	5	-	294,914	294,914	-	203,086	203,086
Governance costs	6	2,033	-	2,033	2,510	-	2,510
Total resources expended		2,033	294,914	296,947	2,510	203,086	205,596
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		8,804	(63,959)	(55,155)	(2,510)	17,548	15,038
Reserves brought forward		10,797	131,355	142,152	13,307	113,807	127,114
Total funds at 31 March 2021		19,601	67,396	86,997	10,797	131,355	142,152

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet on 31 March 2021

The North Wales Rivers Trust Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Fixed assets	8	903	1,668	2,571	402	740	1,142
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		23,019	98,603	121,622	12,323	128,687	141,010
		23,019	98,603	121,622	12,323	128,687	141,010
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
Other creditors		-	-	-	-	-	-
Accruals		-	37,196	37,196	-	-	-
		-	37,196	37,196	-	-	-
Net current assets (liabilities)		23,019	61,407	84,426	12,323	128,687	141,010
Net assets		23,922	63,075	86,997	23,421	62,147	85,568
Funds							
Unrestricted		23,922	-	23,922	23,421	-	23,421
Restricted		-	63,075	63,075	-	62,147.0	62,147
Total funds		23,922	63,075	86,997	23,421	62,147	85,568

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Board By proxy on 9 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Christopher White Director

Company number: 06100324 (England and Wales)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small company.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.3 Voluntary income is received by way of gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Interest received is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Income from grants receivable is accounted for on receipt

1.4 Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the company in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the company and include accountancy costs and costs linked to the strategic management of the company.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15% reducing balance

2. Turnover

The income of the charity is wholly undertaken in the UK.

3. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax.

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4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Welsh Water River restoration projects	-	-	-	-	24,198	24,198
Welsh Water Dwr llal	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
NRW River Restoration projects	-	-	-	-	180,401	180,401
Grant Ynys Mon Anglesey Project	-	-	-	-	11,036	11,036
SAF Grants via Affondd Cymru	-	216,743	216,743	-	-	-
NRW Fisheries Fund Grants	-	22,300	22,300	-	-	-
Bodorgan Environmental Grant	-	2,649	2,649	-	-	-
HMRC fine reversal for Corp Tax	100.00	-	100	-	-	100
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	100.00	241,693	241,793	-	220,635	220,735

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Anglesey Project Yns Mon	-	-	-	-	-	-
River Restoration projects	-	294,914	294,914	-	203,086	203,086
Total	-	294,914	294,914	-	203,086	203,086

6. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
Insurance/Co Hse filing/ICO	627	-	627	510	-	510.00
Website/Sundries/training	15	-	15	1,028	-	1,028.00
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Afonydd Cymru fees 2019 & 2020	1,391	-	1,391	-	-	-
Administration transfers	(500)	500	-	(500)	500.00	-
Accountancy and audit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,533	500	2,033	1,038	500	1,538

7. Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the period. No travel expenses were paid to trustees during the period.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment		Total (2021/2022)
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	11,134	11,134	
Additions in 2021/22	1,564	1,564	
At 31 March 2021	12,698	12,698	
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	9,020	8,048	
Charge for the year	972	972	
At 31 March 2020	9,992	9,020	
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	2,706		
		3,678	
At 31 March 2022	2,571		
		2,571	

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Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Status	The North Wales Rivers Trust (formerly the Clwyd, Conwy and Gwynedd Rivers Trust) is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.
Trustees/Directors	The directors of the charitable company (“the charity”) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows: Roger Frederick Thomas Christopher White Dr Robin Parry Alan Winstone – Chairman
Secretary	Allan Cuthbert
Honorary President	Lord Elis-Thomas
Company Number	06100324 (England and Wales)
Trading address & Registered Office	Park Croft Bwlch Tyn-y-Gongl Anglesey LL74 8RF
Accountants	Messrs. J V Banks & Co., Banks house, 3 Paradise Street, Rhyl, LL18 3LW
Independent examiner	Bethan Hughes 0692458 (ACCA) Llecyn Braf Talwrn Anglesey LL77 7 TF

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees of The North Wales Rivers Trust are pleased to present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021. Legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Memorandum and Articles of Association and are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The North Wales Rivers Trust (NWRT), formerly the Clwyd, Conwy and Gwynedd Rivers Trust, was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a company limited by guarantee on the 13th February 2007, and there are nineteen Members including the four Trustees. The affairs of the Trust are managed by an “Operational Group”, which is appointed annually, although other persons may be co-opted during the year.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits (apart from limited travelling expenses)

The North Wales Rivers Trust is a founding member of Afonydd Cymru, the body representing Welsh Rivers Trusts and is an associate member of The Rivers Trust, the parent body of English Rivers Trusts. The Chairman of the North Wales Rivers Trust is a director and Trustee of Afonydd Cymru.

The Trust has Policies for the Welfare of Children and other Vulnerable Groups, Health and Safety and data protection.

During the year the Trustees have acted in close liaison with Natural Resources Wales in connection with many of their activities.

Activities and Achievements of the North Wales Rivers Trust

In planning activities for the year, the Trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit at their meetings.

Objective 1

To promote the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments in the catchments and in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey and Gwynedd, and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas in all their aspects.

Objective 2

To promote the conservation, rehabilitation, and protection of the indigenous species of animal and plant life of the rivers, streams, watercourses, water impoundments in the catchments in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Clwyd, Anglesey and Gwynedd and adjacent areas of their banks, riparian lands and catchment areas thereby enhance the Counties’ diversity.

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Objective 3

To advance the education of the public in the understanding of animal and aquatic habitats, their related catchment areas and their plant life and the need for conservation, protection and rehabilitation and improvement of such environments.

Public Benefit

The benefits that arise from the Trust's aims are as follows:

- i) The rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments in the catchments and in the counties of Denbighshire, Conwy, Anglesey, and Gwynedd will be protected and improved, which will preserve and improve the natural habitats. There will also be improved access to the area for the public, as the Trust aims to assist in opening some of these areas through nature pathways.
- ii) The public will have a better understanding of aquatic habitats and the need for and methods of protection and improvement of such habitats.
- iii) In the Trustees' view there is no detriment or harm that might arise from the carrying out of the Trust's aims.
- iv) The aims are intended to benefit the public and improve access to and understanding of the environment.
- v) Any private benefit received by riparian landowners because of the work of the Trust is wholly incidental to carrying out of the Trust's work to preserve and improve the natural habitat and improve access to and understanding of the environment.

North Wales Rivers Trust Development Plan

A formal Development Plan was developed during 2008 and the objectives within that document have been advanced during 2020/21

Our Mission statement is: "To enhance the aquatic and ecological habitats of the rivers Clwyd, Conwy and those within Gwynedd and Anglesey to allow more rewarding experiences to its users interests"

Aims of the Trust:

- i) To increase the biodiversity of the habitats, and strengthen the indigenous species of plants and animals, associated with the rivers, streams, still waters and adjacent areas of the Clwyd, Conwy, Anglesey, and Gwynedd river catchments.
- ii) To educate the public in the understanding of riverine habitats and associated wildlife. In addition, to advance understanding in the need for their conservation, protection, and rehabilitation.
- iii) To promote the sustainable use of the river and its environment for economic benefit thus supporting rural regeneration.
- iv) Promote awareness of environmental issues and best river management practice.
- v) Promote recreational and leisure enjoyment of rivers, lakes and wetlands.

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- vi)) Undertake research and practical work to maintain, restore and enhance environmental habitats within the catchments of the Afon Clwyd, Conwy and diverse rivers in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

The Trust believes in working in partnership with:

- i) Local authorities, government agencies and conservation bodies to investigate and remedy problems of pollution and habitat destruction in the most cost effective and sustainable way.
- ii) Farmers and landowners to encourage greater understanding and appreciation of the environment of the Clwyd, Conwy and Anglesey and Gwynedd catchments and to encourage greater access and usage and thereby enjoyment of the countryside, particularly for young people and those with disabilities.
- iii) Local schools and community groups such as wildlife trusts and angling clubs

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Trust Activities during 2020

1) Administration:

In 2020 the Trust's Secretary, John Eardley decided to step down from the role. The Trust is indebted to John for all the work he has carried out on behalf of the Trust and in particular his efforts to improve the habitat and fisheries on the Mawddach catchment. Allan Cuthbert volunteered to take on the Secretary role again and the Trust is pleased to welcome him back. 2020 has been a challenging year for the Trust with the Covid Pandemic significantly affecting delivery of Projects due to lockdowns, difficulties undertaking site visits, discussion with landowners and the availability of contractors. Despite these difficulties the Trust has progressed a number of Projects which are described below. This has been achieved by the hard work of our two Project Officers, Richard white and Marie Madigan with the support of our volunteers, Trustees and Operation Group members.

2) Funding:

The following funds were received:

- Anglesey County Council's AONB Sustainable Development Fund for a 'rocky ramp' weir easement on the Afon Meddanen (Wyggyr) and a habitat survey of the Tan R'Allt catchment (Alaw) on Anglesey.
- Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water's Biodiversity Fund for the Clwyd and Conwy Easements Project.
- Natural Resources Wales Mitigation Funding via Afonydd Cymru, for the Mawddach and Seiont catchments.
- Natural Resources Wales Strategic Allocated Funding, via Afonydd Cymru, for the Inland Fisheries and Water Quality Project.
- Natural Resources Wales Fisheries Restoration Project funding via Afonydd Cymru.

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3) Afon Meddanen Weir Easements:

A rocky ramp easement was constructed on a weir which was a total barrier to upstream migrating fish:



Before



After

Easements were also completed on two small concrete weirs at the confluence with the Wygyr and Meddanen near Cemaes Anglesey. The structures are associated with a historic water works and could not be removed. The weirs were notched at centre and removable timber pre-barrages installed to reduce the overall height. The project also involved the clearing of an obstructive reed bed at the confluence and selective thinning of dense overshading vegetation upstream



Weir Before work



Weir with notch and removable timber pre-barrage

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4) Afon Concwest Easements:

The Afon Concwest is a tributary of the Clywedog sub-catchment of the Clwyd near Cyffylliog, Ruthin. A Fisheries Habitat Restoration Survey by the Trust identified a barrier to fish migration consisting of a natural fall (approx.3m) augmented with a man-made wall near the confluence with the Clywedog. The project was completed in Sept 2020 and improved fish passage over the structure by removing a portion of the wall and installing a boulder rock-ramp downstream.



Before

After

The Trust also identified a barrier to fish migration consisting of a large debris/boulder blockage in a gorge near the confluence with the Clywedog. NRW electrofishing surveys have found no salmonids upstream of this point, while good stocks remain downstream. The project aimed to improve fish passage over the structure by removing the obstruction and installing a boulder pre-barrage downstream.



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The large (2.5m) boulder and fallen tree/debris blockage in a gorge just upstream of a rock-ramp easement. The cleared obstruction with boulder pre-barrage in the foreground.



Two trout/seatrout redds observed upstream of the fish easements in November 2020. This is significant as NRW electrofishing data shows no salmonids upstream of the project site in recent years.

5) Clywedog Restoration:

The site is located on the lower Clywedog near Pentre-Llanrhaeadr, approx.3km upstream of the confluence with the Afon Clwyd. Overzealous flood alleviation works carried out by the landowner had effectively dredged approx. 560m of the Afon Clywedog, leaving a featureless, canalized section, lacking in any in-stream habitat diversity. Gravel had been removed from the channel and deposited on the true right bank to bolster an existing flood embankment. The scheme aims to restore the habitat diversity and in-river pool/riffle structure over the dredged length. Natural materials were used to introduce instream structures such as channel constrictors, flow diverters, brush/timber revetment etc to restore a pool/riffle profile that increases biodiversity. Individual boulders were placed at intervals to disrupt the flow and provide refuge areas for fish and other species.

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Before

After (river in flood)



Detail of nearside and far bank brush revetment and in-river boulder placement to give flow variation and refuge structure. The project had to be completed during a period of high flow and a proportion of the restoration material was set aside for further repair if needed after the winter.

6) Llyn Cloc Weir Removal:

The Project involved the removal of a redundant concrete gauging weir across the Afon Eden near Aber Serw Farm, Ganllwyd. The in-river low level concrete weir and associated metalwork was removed to facilitate fish migration under low flows and restore the channel to its natural state. The man-made boulder weir upstream was strategically adjusted to improve flow through the structure and similarly ease fish migration.

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Before



After

7) Ffos y Dial Improvement:

The Ffos Y Dial is a small tributary of the Afon Seiont that joins the main river on the true right bank approximately 1km downstream of the Crawia bridge near Llanrug. It is an important spawning stream for brown trout and sea trout and is unusual in the Seiont catchment as it has no natural barriers to fish migration. The project completed in early March focused on the lower 600m near the confluence and aimed to preserve and enhance spawning capacity in this area. The site consists of marshland with a dense cover of willow, gorse and blackthorn. At the confluence the stream flows through a narrow pipe culvert that both hinders fish migration and frequently blocks with debris, flooding the surrounding area. The scheme has purchased a larger capacity square section box culvert that will be installed by the landowner in May. The first phase of the scheme addressed the poor state of the existing fence and the contractor has replaced approx 350m of flood damaged fence and repaired the remaining 600m.



Before



Fence replacement

The second but complementary phase of the project involved extensive coppicing and thinning of the vegetation choked and overshadowed areas of the watercourse. This will

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allow more light into the overgrown areas, promoting the growth of trailing bankside vegetation that provides refuge for juvenile fish. All larger coppiced timber was stacked for use by Rivers Trust volunteers to install in-river habitat features and spawning gravel traps.



Before



After

8) Nant y Goron Habitat Improvement:

The Nant y Goron is a salmon and sea trout spawning tributary of the river Conwy at Llanrwst. Natural cascades and waterfalls restrict migratory fish access upstream of the village of Melin y Coed, thereby elevating the importance of the lower reaches. The area between the B5427 and the village consists of predominantly agricultural pasture and has been impacted by overgrazing and bankside poaching by cattle. The existing riparian fencing had fallen into disrepair and severe flooding of the area had further damaged cattle drinking bays and similar infrastructure. The project installed approx. 800m of new stock fence, repairing or replacing three drinking bays and a number of access gates. Extensive coppicing and clearing of flood debris had to be undertaken to prepare the site for fencing.



Typical flood damaged fence



Replaced fence

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Old drinking bay destroyed by flooding

Installation of new drinking bay

9) Afon Wheeler habitat Improvement:

The Wheeler originates on the slopes of Moel Evan upstream of Nannerch and flows west to meet the Afon Clwyd at Pontruffydd. It is prone to erosion of the soft, sandy soil, especially in overgrazed areas and this fine material easily smothers the abundant spawning gravel. The Old Forge Trout Farm in Bodfari was closed in 2020 and the site infrastructure removed. Discussions with the landowner initially investigated the potential to fence approx. 200m of pasture to exclude stock from the river channel. Recent flooding into this field precluded the installation of a stock netting fence as this would have trapped debris and caused significant damage. The riparian strip was heavily overshadowed, suppressing the growth of marginal vegetation and the project evolved to coppice and thin this area to promote regeneration. An opportunity arose to landscape and plant native species on approx. 0.8 acres of the old fish-farm site that would have otherwise been turned to agricultural pasture. Decommissioning works had damaged the riparian embankment, leaving tree roots exposed and the scheme imported topsoil to re-profile the banks prior to tree planting. In total the project has helped create almost one acre of riparian woodland, repaired over 100m of bank and encouraged the growth of marginal vegetation by coppicing approx. 300m of overshadowed channel.

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Old trout farm site before works



During landscaping works

10) Blaen Pennant Habitat Improvement:

Blaen Pennant is located at the head of the Cwm Pennant valley on the upper Afon Dwyfor. The river at this point is relatively small but nevertheless an important area for seatrout spawning and many of the tributaries in this region are inaccessible due to natural waterfalls. The channel has been partially fenced in the past but has fallen into disrepair and suffered from recent flood damage, rendering it ineffective. The project aimed to double bank fence the watercourse over an 900m length, including the installation of several drinking bays and replacement or repair of footpath bridges. The naturally boggy moorland terrain restricted the use of large machinery and much of the fencing had to be done manually, accessing the site with a quad bike.



Typical flood damaged and redundant fence New fence installed

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Old ineffective fence

New fence being installed

11) Fisheries River Restoration Reports:

Reports were completed on behalf of NRW for the following catchments:

- Conwy
- Anglesey
- Glaslyn
- Dyfi

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Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General¹ meeting held on 8 June 2021 that Bethan Owen be reappointed as independent examiner to the charity for the ensuing year.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies subject under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the directors by proxy (see appendices) and signed on its behalf by



Christopher White Director

Company number: 06100324 (England and Wales)

¹ Due to COVID-19 restrictions the AGM was held over the internet. Accounts were circulated to Trustees by email and asked to confirm their approval. Copies of proxy forms attached as appendices.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Directors of North Wales Rivers Trust

I report on the Accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 19 to 21.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charitable company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 and Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company's directors consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the accounts does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and in seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

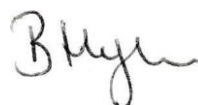
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation have not been met,

Or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Bethan Hughes 0692458 (ACCA)
Llecyn Braf
Talwrn
Anglesey
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Signed and dated: 25.7.2021

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the
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The North Wales Rivers Trust Activities to 31 March 2021						
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Notes	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from Charitable activities:						
Grant Yns Mon Anglesey Projects	4	11,036	11,036	-	27,386	27,386
Grant NRW River Restotation	-	14,000	14,000	633	5,367	6,000
Grant NRW River Restotation	-	10,198	10,198	339	22,859	23,198
Grants Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	-	5,000	5,000	-	40,794	40,794
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt1	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt1	-	18,467	18,467	-	20,000	20,000
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt2	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt2	-	18,467	18,467	-	-	-
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt3	-	34,476	34,476	-	-	-
Grant Afonydd Cymru SAF Pt3	-	68,991	68,991	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	-	220,635	220,635	972	136,406	137,378
Resources expended						
Costs of generating funds:						
Charitable activities	5	203,086	203,086	-	84,411	84,411
Governance costs	6	1,538	1,538	1,831	-	1,831
Total resources expended	1,538	203,086	204,624	1,831	84,411	86,242
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(1,538)	17,548	16,010.35	(1,831)	17,548	15,717
Reserves brought forward	13,307	79,360	92,667	15,138	61,812	76,950
Total funds at 31 March 2021	11,769	96,908	108,677	13,307	79,360	92,667

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet on 31 March 2021

The North Wales Rivers Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
Fixed assets	8	402	740	1,142	423	1,691	2,114
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Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		12,323	128,687	141,010	8,961	116,039	125,000
		12,323	128,687	141,010	8,961	116,039	125,000
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
Other creditors		-	-	-	-	-	-
Accruals		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
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Net current assets (liabilities)		12,323	128,687	141,010	8,961	116,039	125,000
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Net assets		12,725	129,427	142,152	9,384	117,730	127,114
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Funds							
Unrestricted		12,725	-	12,725	9,384	-	9,384
Restricted		-	129,427.4	129,427	-	117,730	117,730
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Total funds		12,725	129,427	142,152	9,384	117,730	127,114
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The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Board By proxy on 20 August 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Christopher White Director

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Company number: 06100324 (England and Wales)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small company.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.3 Voluntary income is received by way of gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Interest received is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. Income from grants receivable is accounted for on receipt

1.4 Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the company in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the company and include accountancy costs and costs linked to the strategic management of the company.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15% reducing balance

2. Turnover

The income of the charity is wholly undertaken in the UK.

3. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax.

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4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

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4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
Welsh Water River restoration projects	-	24,198	24,198	-	30,794	30,794
Welsh Water Dwr llal	-	5,000	5,000	-	10,000	10,000
NRW River Restoration projects	-	-	-	-	29,198	29,198
Grant Ynys Mon Anglesey Project	-	11,036	11,036	-	27,386	27,386
Grant Afonydd Cymru (NRW Mitigation Mawddach)	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
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NRW Projects SAF1	-	38,467	38,467	-	-	-
NRW Projects SAF2	-	38,467	38,467	-	-	-
NRW Projects SAF3	-	68,991	68,991	-	-	-
NRW Projects SAF3	-	34,476	34,476	-	-	-
	-	220,635	220,635	-	137,378	137,378

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
Anglesey Project Yns Mon	-	-	-	-	34,825	34,825
River Restoration projects	-	203,086	203,086	-	49,586	49,586
Total	-	203,086	203,086	-	84,411	84,411

6. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
Insurance/Co Hse filing/ICO	510	-	510.00	689	-	689
Website/Sundries/training	1,028	-	1,028.00	392	-	392
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Afonydd Cymru fees 2019 & 2020	-	-	-	750	-	750
Administration transfers	(500)	500.00	-	(500)	500	-
Accountancy and audit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,038	500	1,538	1,331	500	1,831

7. Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the period. No travel expenses were paid to trustees during the period.

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8. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	11,134	11,134
Additions in 2019/20	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>11,134</u>	<u>11,134</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	9,020	8,048
Charge for the year	<u>972</u>	<u>972</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>9,992</u>	<u>9,020</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,142</u>	<u>2,114</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,085</u>	<u>2,008</u>

Appendices

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions it has not been possible to hold the Trusts 2021 AGM other than by the internet.

To obtain approval, the annual report and the Trusts 2020/21 accounts Trustees have been sent a copy of the accounts and asked to complete a proxy form either accepting or rejecting the accounts. Electronic signatures are attached. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted an AGM will be re-scheduled.

Acceptance of the North Wales Rivers Trust 2020/21

I **Alan Winstone** as a Trustee of the North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd having read the annual report accepts that this is a true reflection of the work carried out by the Trust.

Having examined the report on the annual accounts and the declaration by the independent examiner I approve these accounts as accurate.

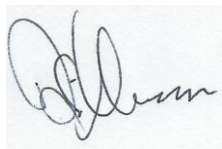


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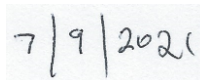
I **Roger Frederick Thomas** as a Trustee of the North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd having read the annual report accepts that this is a true reflection of the work carried out by the Trust.

Having examined the report on the annual accounts and the declaration by the independent examiner I approve these accounts as accurate.



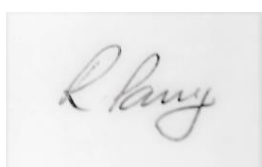
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Dated



I **Dr Robin Parry** as a Trustee of the North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd having read the annual report accepts that this is a true reflection of the work carried out by the Trust.

Having examined the report on the annual accounts and the declaration by the independent examiner I approve these accounts as accurate.



Signed

Dated 7.9.21