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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024  
FOR  
WESSEX RIVERS TRUST  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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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 30th June 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims and Public Benefit**

Wessex Rivers Trust is dedicated to the guardianship, protection, enhancement and maintenance of healthy, functioning ecosystems within the river catchments and corridors of the Wessex region.

Its vision is of healthy rivers within the Wessex region which are valued and nurtured by the community and which exhibit:-

- Diverse and abundant wildlife
- High water quality and sustainable natural flows
- Fully functioning ecosystems which link the rivers and their valleys
- Resilience to climate change and future stresses associated with development.

In pursuit of these objectives the Trust undertakes:

- practical enhancements to restore natural river function and diversity in order to tackle historic modification, resulting in a more natural and characteristic flow regime, flora and fauna
- facilitation, coordination and delivery of environmental improvements at catchment scale, resulting in improved stewardship of water, water quality and partnership activity
- delivery of educational activities and resources to improve the understanding and appreciation of rivers in the Wessex region resulting in increased knowledge and involvement in their protection
- survey and monitoring to demonstrate the impact of these activities as well as highlighting issues.

The role of volunteers in the work of the Trust is steadily growing from voluntary trustees only, to those involved in practical conservation and education work. In 2023-24 the Trust recruited and trained educational volunteers who helped to run educational sessions for children in a safe and professional manner.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The three delivery programmes of work are education, catchment coordination and river restoration with monitoring and evidence underpinning these programmes. In addition, the Trust spends a limited amount of time on advocacy and responding to specific consultations. In 2023-24 many activities and projects integrated two or more primary activities, for example evidence gathering on habitat enhancement works and linking education to river restoration projects. Projects are delivered where they align with one or more of the Trust's objectives, and achievements are audited and reported through the management and governance structure to funders and relevant partner organisations. In 2024 objectives and outputs across all programmes and projects were achieved or exceeded.

**Education**

The principal aim of the Trust's work in education is to inform and build awareness of the importance and fragility of river habitats and to inspire a sense of value for them in schools and the broader community.

This area of work attained the Trust's highest levels of both coverage and output to date with several area-based projects running simultaneously, including new delivery on the Isle of Wight and in urban Southampton thanks to new funding from the Ernest Cook Trust targeted at older children. One of the main projects was funded by Southern Water, providing outdoor learning opportunities for primary-aged children in the Test and Itchen catchment, at the same time disseminating messages about water saving and stewardship. The Trust continued its educational delivery under the National Heritage Lottery Funded Watercress & Winterbournes project, and the team continued delivery of educational sessions to schools and uniformed groups through the year, as well as smaller projects on the Rivers Meon and Wylfe.

**Catchment Management and hosting of Catchment Partnerships**

The Trust continues to host the Hampshire Avon Catchment Partnership and co-hosted, working with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, the Test and Itchen Catchment Partnership. The aim of these partnerships, which have been established under DEFRA's Catchment Based Approach initiative, is to obtain the engagement and participation of relevant stakeholders in prioritising and implementing actions to bring about ecological improvements to the rivers and other water bodies within the relevant catchment. This includes NGOs, farmers, user groups such as angling clubs and wildlife organisations, local government, the Environment Agency and Natural England, water companies and other private sector businesses.

During 2023-24 the Trust's Catchment Programme Manager managed the day-to-day activities of the two partnerships in collaboration with the Trust's CEO who also took an active role in chairing the Partnership groups. Participation from stakeholders representing a wide spectrum of interests was facilitated and issues and priorities for action were identified - notably pollution and nutrient enrichment. A significant part of this programme was a continuing focus on liaison with farmer groups, culminating in successful bids for funds for catchment improvements under Defra's Landscape Recovery Scheme. An innovative project was delivered in the headwaters of the Hampshire Avon catchment in partnership with Wiltshire Council aimed at promoting the upgrade of failing septic tanks at scale - a major source of water pollution in these sensitive environments.

Through Environment Agency and water company funding the Trust continued the Test & Itchen Invasive Non-Native Species project to tackle the threats arising from such species at a strategic scale through volunteers and stakeholders. In 2023-4 this work continued with surveys and active delivery of invasive species control in the catchment. Through the Hampshire Avon Catchment Partnership, multi-year projects continued including the Wessex Water-funded Wider Wylfe project and bids were refined under Wessex Water's Water Industry Environment Programme (WINEP).

**River Restoration**

River habitat restoration, the largest programme of activity for the Trust, continued at scale in 2023-24. This included habitat projects for chalk stream biodiversity including reinstating the features which create conditions for the characteristic chalk stream ecology and hydrology - including *Ranunculus*, invertebrates and fish. In practice this work involved reversing the legacy of dredging and straightening by reintroducing native gravels and a more natural profile by restoring banks and woody habitat. In addition this programme comprised projects with a focus on fish passage and ecological connectivity through removal of redundant built structures and investigation and delivery of channels which bypass artificial impoundments for migrating fish such as salmon. The main work was under the Southern Water funded FReSH Water Programme to provide compensatory chalk stream habitat and easements to fish passage, providing resilience to low flows caused if and when water abstraction during droughts is required. This multi-year programme is part of a wider scheme being delivered by three partner organisations in close liaison with Southern Water as part of its environmental commitment; the Trust undertakes design, secures consents, and project manages capital works undertaken by sub-contractors and / or its own staff. 2023-24 saw the third year of practical delivery under this programme, with nearly 2 km of chalk river habitat restored on the River Test and one obstruction to fish migration eased on the River Dever. With funding from the TICP Drought Resilience Fund, 1km of river was restored on the lower River Dever and 380m was restored on the Itchen Navigation, a publicly accessible section of river. The Watercress & Winterbournes programme, funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, saw its fourth year of practical delivery through the Trust in the headwaters of the rivers Itchen and Test, with successful projects undertaken near Andover to both restore habitats and engage communities there.

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On the River Avon, the first phase of delivery involved restoration of 2km of main river under a project funded by National Highways was undertaken to restore river dredging done when the A303 was built. Downstream design work was finalised and preparations were made to bypass a significant barrier to the migration of fish, notably Atlantic salmon, downstream of the A303.

**Monitoring and Evidence Gathering**

As part of routine project monitoring, fish population surveys were undertaken on several watercourses and drone survey methods were refined. In addition, sediment source fingerprinting, pet parasiticide and soil microbiology research, was undertaken, centred on the River Avon, in conjunction with citizen scientists and farmers. Investigations into creating wetlands as nature-based solutions to waste water discharges were conducted for several locations.

**Advocacy**

The Trust engaged in strategic partnerships with Water Companies to help enhance their environmental performance and address poor performance. The Trust made comment to the government, opposing scrappage of nutrient neutrality as a means of preventing the worsening of water pollution arising from development in the region and adding its voice to a campaign for better protection of chalk streams. Ongoing support to the implementation of the Chalk Stream Restoration Strategy was given through various routes.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Trust was incorporated in February 2009. The Trust has adopted a 30 June year end.

Total income in the Trust's year to 30 June 2024 covering both restricted use and unrestricted use funds was £1,334,086 (2023: £1,532,018) and expenditure was £1,135,533 (2023:£1,449,383). Income therefore exceeded expenditure (after transfers between funds) by £198,553 (2023:£82,635); split between £84,767 unrestricted use funds and £113,786 restricted use funds.

Net assets of the Trust as at 30 June 2024 amounted to £629,205 (2023:£430,652).

The Trust is a not for profit organisation. Whilst as at 30 June 2024 it is reporting a surplus of income over expenditure it should be noted that this includes funds received but earmarked for specific projects the costs for which will be incurred in the year 2024/25.

The trustees' reserves policy is to maintain reserves at a level that would permit the Trust to cover its salary costs and overheads for a period of at least three months in the case of unforeseen events. In addition, some grant agreements require the Trust to finance activities and receive payment in arrears. Unrestricted reserves at 30 June 2024 were £389,811. The trustees consider this sum is adequate to meet these two purposes.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The Trust's main activities involve delivery of multi-year projects and programmes, spanning up to 5 years, underpinned by objectives which are agreed by, or in liaison with, funders and partners. The Trust has commenced development of an organisational strategy which, together with programme strategies which will follow, will consolidate the Trust's vision and values and guide future priorities and facilitate effective delivery

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Wessex Rivers Trust is a registered charity and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and without share capital. The governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In 2024 this governing document was amended to include coverage of the Isle of Wight.

**Organisation**

The Trust is supported by approximately 300 ordinary, life, founder and other supporters. Ordinary supporters pay an annual amount towards the work of the Trust, plus in some cases extra donations are received.

Overall responsibility for the running of the Trust rests with the Board of Trustees which is limited to twenty trustees. Trustees are elected and appointed by the Board. There were both resignations and new nominations to the Board in the year to 30th June 2024. The trustees appoint their own chair from within their ranks.

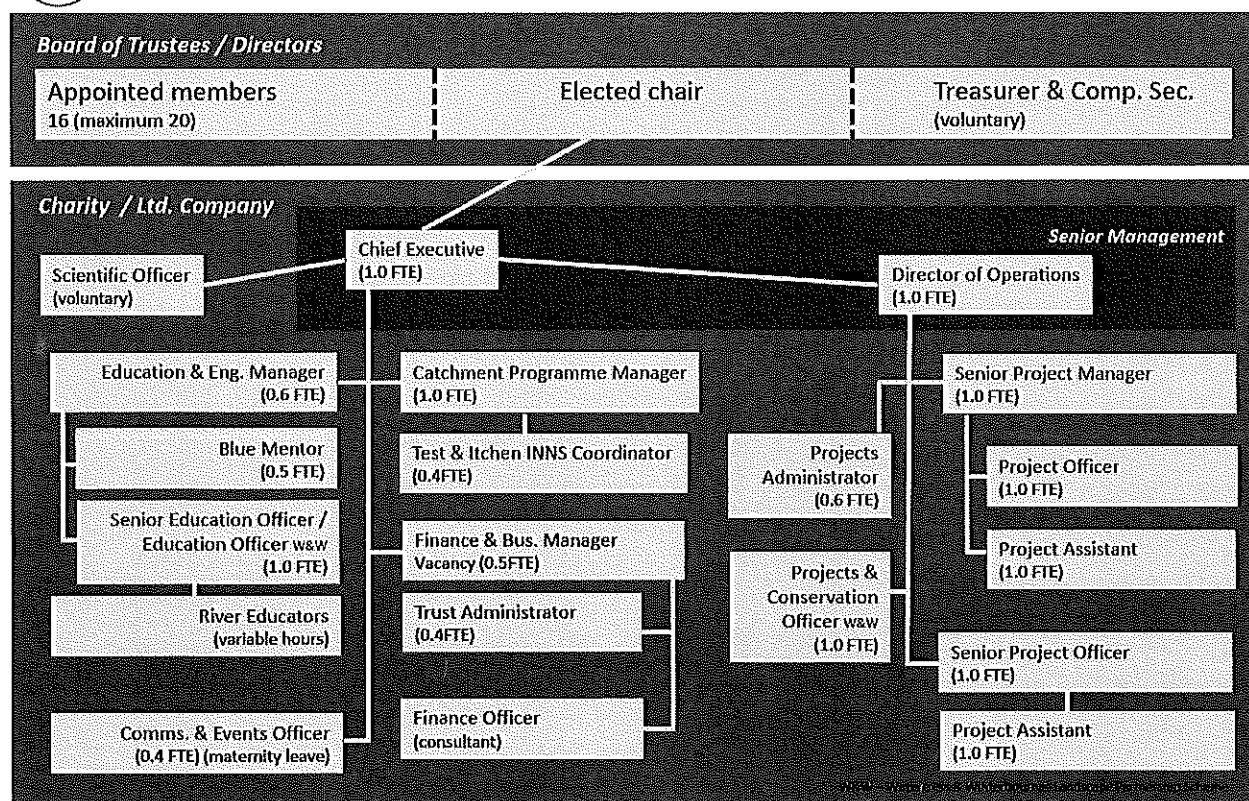
The Trust has a full time Chief Executive Officer (Dr. David Rumble). In addition, as at 30 June 2024 the Trust also employed a Director of Operations (Mr. Michael Blackmore), a Catchment Programme Manager, an Education & Engagement Manager, two Senior Project staff, three Project Officers / Coordinators, two Project Assistants, a Senior Education Officer, an Education Officer, a part-time Communications Officer, two part-time Administrators, a part-time Finance Officer, and three educators on variable hours contracts. The Trust has a volunteer Treasurer and volunteer Research Officer.

Sub-committees and working groups have been established consisting of individual trustees, the CEO, and the Treasurer covering specific issues such as finance, health and safety and appointments. The link between the governance and the executive is shown in the scheme below. Decision-making is regulated by a procedure for delegating authorisation to different levels in the Trust's structure depending on financial scale and / or risk.



**Organisational Structure (anonymised)**

May 2024



**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees review these risks at least annually, aided by a comprehensive Risk Register. New Trustees are given the option of receiving training from the Chair or via the Charity Commission.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Remuneration**

Changes to pay at all staff levels, including adjustments for inflation, are based on benchmarks provided by the Rivers Trust nationally and are approved by the board of Trustees.

**Relationships with Related Parties and other Charities**

When considering areas of policy, the Trust remains fully autonomous and chooses whether to adopt policies and practices from the wider network of Rivers Trusts based on local parameters and the charity's own priorities. The Trust seeks to cooperate and gain efficiencies by working with other Rivers Trusts in the pursuit of shared objectives. Declarations of trustee's interest are monitored through the Statements of Related Parties and set out at governance meetings.

**Major Risks**

The Trust confirms that, as well as maintaining a Risk Register, major risks have been reviewed on a case-by-case basis with reporting to the full Board and statutory bodies as required by law.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

06822819 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1130991

**Registered office**

The Granary Phillips Lane  
Stratford Sub Castle  
Salisbury  
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**Trustees**

Mr A N J Baring (Vice Chair)  
Mr R D Borrás  
Ms F Bowles  
Mr C M Brendish (resigned 6.2.24)  
Ms J Brown  
Mr J R Dunn (appointed 9.5.24)  
Mr J H Durrant (appointed 6.2.24)  
Mr N Freeman (resigned 6.2.24)  
Ms J Hall (resigned 28.11.24)  
Mr P S Leonard  
Dr G J Mantle MBE  
Mr H Mills  
Dr R O'Neill  
Mr R G B Parker  
Mr M A Potter  
Ms V Reed (resigned 20.8.24)  
Mr G E S Seligman (Chair)  
Mr T J Sykes  
Mr R A Wills (resigned 6.11.23)

**Company Secretary**

Mr D Brookes

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**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE**

During the accounting period and as at 30 June 2024 no funds were held as custodian trustee.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Wessex Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duties in Section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Langdowns DFK Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr G E S Seligman (Chair) - Trustee



## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF WESSEX RIVERS TRUST**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wessex Rivers Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30th June 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF WESSEX RIVERS TRUST**

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of our audit planning procedures we identify the significant laws and regulations applicable to the company based upon our knowledge of the company, the industry in which it operates and from making enquiries with management. We consider those laws and regulations where non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements and those which have a direct impact on the financial statements. We identified that the most significant laws and regulations applicable during the year were compliance with the requirements of both the Companies Act 2006 and with charity law and regulations and compliance with environmental regulations.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team in relation to laws and regulations include making enquiries of management as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance, maintaining awareness throughout the course of the audit as to any indications of instances of non-compliance, undertaking a review of central records of accidents and incidents for indications of instances of non-compliance, reviewing legal and professional invoices and undertaking a review of the disclosures in the financial statements to supporting information and to disclosure checklists.

We also consider areas that are at a higher risk of causing material misstatement in the financial statements due to irregularities, including those resulting from fraud and how such fraud may occur. We discuss with senior management the key controls in place to mitigate the risk of fraud and enquire as to whether they are aware of, or suspect, any fraudulent activities having taken place.

Throughout the audit, we maintain an appropriate level of professional scepticism when provided with information and explanations. We consider the appropriateness of significant accounting journals that were processed during the year, assess the reasonableness of any significant accounting estimates and consider whether there were any indications of bias by management during the year that represents a risk of material misstatement due to fraud. We also carry out analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected variances to expectations as these may be an indication of management over-ride or management bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	45,282	-	45,282	17,731
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement		-	1,211,669	1,211,669	1,459,837
General		50,562	-	50,562	40,000
Other trading activities	4	13,903	-	13,903	14,450
Investment income	5	12,670	-	12,670	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>122,417</b>	<b>1,211,669</b>	<b>1,334,086</b>	<b>1,532,018</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement		33,741	1,101,792	1,135,533	1,449,383
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,741</b>	<b>1,101,792</b>	<b>1,135,533</b>	<b>1,449,383</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>88,676</b>	<b>109,877</b>	<b>198,553</b>	<b>82,635</b>
Transfers between funds	18	(3,909)	3,909	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>84,767</b>	<b>113,786</b>	<b>198,553</b>	<b>82,635</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		305,044	125,608	430,652	348,017
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>389,811</b>	<b>239,394</b>	<b>629,205</b>	<b>430,652</b>

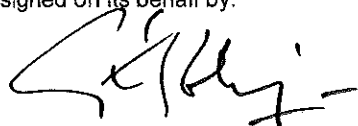
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**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 06822819)****BALANCE SHEET**  
**30TH JUNE 2024**

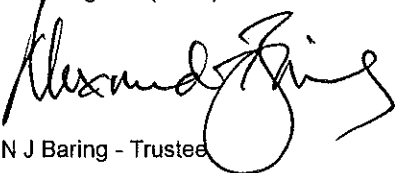
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	14	<b>3,002</b>	-	<b>3,002</b>	4,328
Investments	15	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		<b>3,003</b>	-	<b>3,003</b>	4,329
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	16	<b>2,850</b>	<b>95,945</b>	<b>98,795</b>	64,366
Cash at bank		<u><b>411,492</b></u>	<u><b>336,714</b></u>	<u><b>748,206</b></u>	<u><b>876,116</b></u>
		<b>414,342</b>	<b>432,659</b>	<b>847,001</b>	940,482
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u><b>(27,534)</b></u>	<u><b>(193,265)</b></u>	<u><b>(220,799)</b></u>	<u><b>(514,159)</b></u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>386,808</b></u>	<u><b>239,394</b></u>	<u><b>626,202</b></u>	<u><b>426,323</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>389,811</b></u>	<u><b>239,394</b></u>	<u><b>629,205</b></u>	<u><b>430,652</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>389,811</b></u>	<u><b>239,394</b></u>	<u><b>629,205</b></u>	<u><b>430,652</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds				<b>389,811</b>	305,044
Restricted funds				<u><b>239,394</b></u>	<u><b>125,608</b></u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><b>629,205</b></u>	<u><b>430,652</b></u>

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 28th January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr G E S Seligman (Chair) - Trustee



Mr A N J Baring - Trustee

**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST****CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(139,981)</u>	<u>(313,544)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(139,981)</u>	<u>(313,544)</u>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(599)	-
Interest received		<u>12,670</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>12,071</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
 <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(127,910)</b>	<b>(313,544)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>876,116</u>	<u>1,189,660</u>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>748,206</u></u>	<u><u>876,116</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	198,553	82,635
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,925	2,850
Interest received	(12,670)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(34,429)	6,901
Decrease in creditors	<u>(293,360)</u>	<u>(405,930)</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(139,981)</u>	<u>(313,544)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.7.23</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>At 30.6.24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>876,116</u>	<u>(127,910)</u>	<u>748,206</u>
	<u>876,116</u>	<u>(127,910)</u>	<u>748,206</u>
Total	<u>876,116</u>	<u>(127,910)</u>	<u>748,206</u>

**1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Wessex Rivers Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales without share capital, the guarantors being the members to the extent of £1 each. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. 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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the functional currency of the company.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees believe that the budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for a period of 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

**Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The financial statements contain information about Wessex Rivers Trust as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

**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.

Donations are included when received.

The charity receives government grants in respect of habitat improvement and river restoration projects. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Supporters income, including life membership, is included on a receipts basis. All other income is included on an accruals basis.

**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, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered, 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.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs associated with education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees. Governance costs are no longer shown as a separate expense category but are allocated between expense categories accordingly.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

The trustees carry out fundraising on behalf of the charity free of charge.



**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Tangible fixed assets**

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 33% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

**Taxation**

The company 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 note 18 to the financial statements.

**Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

Contributions payable by the charitable company are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Cash at bank**

Cash at bank comprises cash held at bank which is immediately available.

**Leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are included in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**Investments in subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	20,129	14,357
Legacies	21,963	-
Membership income	3,190	3,374
	<u>45,282</u>	<u>17,731</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,643	2,750
Sponsorships	12,260	11,700
	<u>13,903</u>	<u>14,450</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>12,670</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

£339,282 (2023: £202,172) of government grants were received from the Environment Agency and National Highways which were used to prepare, design and deliver a number of habitat improvement and river restoration projects in the catchments of the Avon and Test. The grants covered the direct and indirect costs of staff time, consultant and contractor fees as well as the purchase of materials, consumables and small equipment.

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement	<u>1,119,864</u>	<u>15,669</u>	<u>1,135,533</u>
	<u>1,119,864</u>	<u>15,669</u>	<u>1,135,533</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	451,607	435,084
Contractors	500,004	699,469
Meeting rooms and sundries	276	308
Travel	29,986	27,914
Consultancy fees	9,227	9,864
Materials	44,943	180,111
Equipment	1,706	2,272
Insurance	10,021	8,434
Telephone and broadband	4,245	3,691
Printing, postage and stationery	1,439	1,621
Sundries	5,010	5,612
Administrator's fee & book-keeping	17,235	16,472
Office facilities	24,707	26,641
Office repairs & renewals	6,363	4,035
Advertising	2,067	2,478
Programme development officer's equipment	2,154	1,018
Computer consumables and software	4,740	3,537
Training	4,048	3,981
Legal fees	86	73
	<u>1,119,864</u>	<u>1,432,615</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
General	<u>15,669</u>

Included in governance costs is £13,620 (2023: £13,800) of fees payable to the reporting auditor/accountant.

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	1,925	2,850
Auditors remuneration	13,620	13,800
Operating lease rentals	<u>20,880</u>	<u>22,213</u>

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2024 nor for the year ended 30th June 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no expenses reimbursed to trustees during the year ended 30 June 2024 or 30 June 2023.

**12. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	403,197	377,113
Social security costs	19,476	29,305
Other pension costs	<u>28,934</u>	<u>28,666</u>
	<u>451,607</u>	<u>435,084</u>

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

	2024	2023
Executive officer	1	1
Catchment officers & manager	3	2
Project & Senior project officers, Director	11	11
Education officers & manager	2	2
Support officers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management team. The total employee benefits comprising salary, pension contributions and the related Employers National Insurance Contributions of the key personnel of the charity were £60,117 (2023: £62,573). The number of key personnel during the year was 1 (2023:1).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	17,731	-	17,731
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement	-	1,459,837	1,459,837
General	40,000	-	40,000
Other trading activities	14,450	-	14,450
<b>Total</b>	<u>72,181</u>	<u>1,459,837</u>	<u>1,532,018</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Education, research, advocacy, conservation and habitat enhancement	48,545	1,400,838	1,449,383
<b>Total</b>	<u>48,545</u>	<u>1,400,838</u>	<u>1,449,383</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	23,636	58,999	82,635
Transfers between funds	(3,152)	3,152	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	20,484	62,151	82,635
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	284,560	63,457	348,017
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>305,044</u>	<u>125,608</u>	<u>430,652</u>

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st July 2023	1,800	7,194	6,960	15,954
Additions	-	-	599	599
At 30th June 2024	<u>1,800</u>	<u>7,194</u>	<u>7,559</u>	<u>16,553</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st July 2023	450	5,655	5,521	11,626
Charge for year	360	513	1,052	1,925
At 30th June 2024	<u>810</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>6,573</u>	<u>13,551</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30th June 2024	<u>990</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>986</u>	<u>3,002</u>
At 30th June 2023	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>1,439</u>	<u>4,328</u>

**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024****15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Shares in group undertakings £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1st July 2023 and 30th June 2024	<u>1</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30th June 2024	<u>1</u>
At 30th June 2023	<u>1</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

**Wessex Rivers Services Limited**

Registered office: The Granary Phillips Lane, Stratford-Sub-Castle, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3YR.

Nature of business: Cultural Education

Class of share:	% holding	2024	2023
Ordinary	100	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		<u>3,064</u>	<u>3,740</u>
Loss for the year		<u>(676)</u>	<u>(7,758)</u>

**16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>98,795</u>	<u>64,366</u>

**17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,471	2,741
Social security and other taxes	7,645	11,929
Other creditors	12,077	18,044
Deferred income	184,986	468,845
Accrued expenses	<u>13,620</u>	<u>12,600</u>
	<u>220,799</u>	<u>514,159</u>

**17. DEFERRED INCOME**

	Under 1 year	Over 1 Year	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st July 2023	468,845	-	468,845
Additions during the year	184,986	-	184,986
Amounts released to income	<u>(468,845)</u>	-	<u>(468,845)</u>
As at 30th June 2024	<u>184,986</u>	-	<u>184,986</u>

Income has been deferred pending completion of specific conditions relating to the grant agreement and terms.

**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	305,044	88,676	(3,909)	389,811
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Wessex Salmon & Rivers Trust	-	-	-	-
Rivers Test & Itchen Catchment Based Approach - joint hosting	35,550	(26,479)	-	9,071
River Avon Catchment Based Approach - hosting	3,321	12,961	-	16,282
Education	10,521	47,319	103	57,943
Research & Monitoring	17,714	(9,020)	-	8,694
River Stour - Capital Projects	7,634	4,554	-	12,188
Rivers Test & Itchen - Capital Projects	19,021	98,128	-	117,149
River Avon - Capital Projects	31,847	(17,586)	3,806	18,067
	<u>125,608</u>	<u>109,877</u>	<u>3,909</u>	<u>239,394</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>430,652</u>	<u>198,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>629,205</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	122,417	(33,741)	88,676
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Rivers Test & Itchen Catchment Based Approach - joint hosting	2,001	(28,480)	(26,479)
River Avon Catchment Based Approach - hosting	42,102	(29,141)	12,961
Education	146,207	(98,888)	47,319
Research & Monitoring	20,000	(29,020)	(9,020)
River Stour - Capital Projects	68,629	(64,075)	4,554
Rivers Test & Itchen - Capital Projects	654,682	(556,554)	98,128
River Avon - Capital Projects	278,048	(295,634)	(17,586)
	<u>1,211,669</u>	<u>(1,101,792)</u>	<u>109,877</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,334,086</u>	<u>(1,135,533)</u>	<u>198,553</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	284,560	23,636	(3,152)	305,044
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Wessex Salmon & Rivers Trust	64	(64)	-	-
Rivers Test & Itchen Catchment Based Approach - joint hosting	6,607	28,943	-	35,550
River Avon Catchment Based Approach - hosting	3,738	(417)	-	3,321
Education	4,037	6,484	-	10,521
Research & Monitoring	7,055	10,659	-	17,714
River Stour - Capital Projects	11,241	(3,607)	-	7,634
Rivers Test & Itchen - Capital Projects	10,456	8,565	-	19,021
River Avon - Capital Projects	20,259	8,436	3,152	31,847
	<u>63,457</u>	<u>58,999</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>125,608</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>348,017</u>	<u>82,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,652</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	72,181	(48,545)	23,636
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Wessex Salmon & Rivers Trust	-	(64)	(64)
Rivers Test & Itchen Catchment Based Approach - joint hosting	62,500	(33,557)	28,943
River Avon Catchment Based Approach - hosting	26,000	(26,417)	(417)
Education	89,983	(83,499)	6,484
Research & Monitoring	27,000	(16,341)	10,659
River Stour - Capital Projects	30,539	(34,146)	(3,607)
Rivers Test & Itchen - Capital Projects	1,120,795	(1,112,230)	8,565
River Avon - Capital Projects	103,020	(94,584)	8,436
	<u>1,459,837</u>	<u>(1,400,838)</u>	<u>58,999</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,532,018</u>	<u>(1,449,383)</u>	<u>82,635</u>

The charity recognises that the following funds are held for specific purposes:

Wessex Salmon and Rivers Trust - Net assets received from the Wessex Salmon and Rivers Trust, a charity which has been dissolved, which are to be used for the purpose of making an educational film about Salmon. Production of the film was delayed due to the Covid-19 lockdowns but was completed in the year to 30th June 2021.

Rivers Test & Itchen Catchment Based Approach joint hosting - Funds received from contributors to co-host the Test & Itchen Catchment Partnership with the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, a Defra national initiative to obtain the engagement and participation of all relevant stakeholders in prioritising and implementing actions to bring about ecological improvements to the rivers and other water bodies within the relevant catchment.

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

River Avon Catchment Based Approach hosting - Funds received from contributors to host the River Avon Catchment Partnership, a Defra national initiative to obtain the engagement and participation of all relevant stakeholders in prioritising and implementing actions to bring about ecological improvements to the rivers and other water bodies within the relevant catchment.

Education - Funds received from contributors to educate, inform and build awareness of the importance and fragility of river habitats and to inspire a sense of value for them in the broader community.

Research & Monitoring - Various projects including work funded through the HDH Wills Charitable Trust to investigate the status of the River Stour through assessing invertebrate populations.

River Stour Capital Projects - Developing and delivering habitat enhancement projects on the River Stour through an Enforcement Undertaking.

Rivers Test & Itchen Capital Projects - Funds received for river habitat improvement projects, ongoing at the year end.

River Avon Capital Projects - Funds received from various sources were partially expended on habitat design and delivery. The work was ongoing at the year end.

**Transfers between funds**

The trustees have agreed to the following contributions from unrestricted funds: Education £103 (2023: £NIL) and River Avon - Capital Projects £3,806 (2023: £3,152).

**19. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

Total future financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies which are not included in the balance sheet amount to £24,400 (2023: £44,700).

This amount is in relation to operating lease commitments which are payable over the next one to two years (2023: one to three years).

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charitable company is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

During the year, the charity was gifted £1,997 (2023: £9,755) from it's trading subsidiary Wessex Rivers Services Limited.

G.E.S. Seligman is also a trustee of the Wild Trout Trust a charity with whom Wessex Rivers Trust collaborates on various activities and projects.

During the year a staff member of the charity attended meetings with the Environment Agency regarding the future of a lake situated on the estate of one of the trustees. These meetings took place at the request of the Environment Agency and these visits fell within the charity's charitable purposes. In total the value of this staff time amounted to £1,811.

Donations totalling £2,000 were received from the trustees.

**21. LEGAL STATUS OF THE TRUST**

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the maximum amount by which each member is liable to contribute is £1.



**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST****DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	20,129	14,357
Legacies	21,963	-
Membership income	<u>3,190</u>	<u>3,374</u>
	45,282	17,731
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	1,643	2,750
Sponsorships	<u>12,260</u>	<u>11,700</u>
	13,903	14,450
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	12,670	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>1,262,231</u>	<u>1,499,837</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>1,334,086</b>	<b>1,532,018</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	403,197	377,113
Social security	19,476	29,305
Pensions	28,934	28,666
Contractors	500,004	699,469
Meeting rooms and sundries	276	308
Travel	29,986	27,914
Consultancy fees	9,227	9,864
Materials	44,943	180,111
Equipment	<u>1,706</u>	<u>2,272</u>
	1,037,749	1,355,022
<b>Other</b>		
Insurance	10,021	8,434
Telephone and broadband	4,245	3,691
Printing, postage and stationery	1,439	1,621
Sundries	5,010	5,612
Administrator's fee & book-keeping	17,235	16,472
Office facilities	24,707	26,641
Office repairs & renewals	6,363	4,035
Advertising	2,067	2,478
Programme development officer's equipment	2,154	1,018
Computer consumables and software	4,740	3,537
Training	4,048	3,981
Legal fees	<u>86</u>	<u>73</u>
	82,115	77,593

**WESSEX RIVERS TRUST**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy fees	13,620	13,800
Bank charges	124	118
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,925</u>	<u>2,850</u>
	<u>15,669</u>	<u>16,768</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>1,135,533</u>	<u>1,449,383</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>198,553</u>	<u>82,635</u>