

**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30 June 2021**



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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 30 June 2021. 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**

The Trust had five key objectives

1. Create additional wetlands & washlands along the rivers. To enable the rivers to better absorb water at time of flooding and to provide connectivity to enable wildlife to flourish.
2. Improve fish passage. A WFD requirement to allow the free passage of migratory and natural movement of non-migratory fish up and down the rivers
3. Improve access for people to the river. We want to see people reconnected with their rivers.
4. Re-naturalize river channels. Extensive canalisation has been undertaken throughout the catchment adversely impacting on its ecology.
5. Promote improved water quality & diffuse pollution control. This remains the greatest threat to the ecology of our rivers.

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## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The most significant event of this year has been the continuance of the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Trust adapted its working practices to deal with the situation, meet the government restrictions and keep our staff and volunteers safe.

### **Covid-19**

It is important to record how the staff at the Trust reacted to this pandemic. Government guidelines were followed exactly and much time was spent monitoring the regulations and keeping up to date. As the projects of the Trust are all funded it was feasible to keep all staff members employed and not have to resort to the Government furlough scheme. The Trust offices were closed down when necessary and all staff worked from home when possible. The important issues were keeping in touch with our team of volunteers and being able to deliver our NHLF Activity Plan. With help from the Lottery team and Heritage Insider, the Team were able to deliver outputs safely using a variety of on-line techniques. It was interesting to hear from the Lottery Team how many other projects had just shut up shop. They were very impressed with the just carry on attitude of the Trust staff and used DCRT as an example of what can be achieved in difficult circumstances.

Summary of the Trust activities during the year:

- Delivery of a the NLHF funded, Hidden Heritage and Secret Streams (HHSS) project, based around community engagement and river heritage.
- Development and delivery of Natural Flood Management projects in the upper Rother Catchment.
- Discussions with the Environment Agency on fish pass priorities.
- Collaboration with the University of Sheffield on an environmental DNA project.
- Continued employment of a managing director and operations director, without specific financial assistance.
- Contribute to the control/removal of invasive plants species.
- Host and contribute to the Don Catchment Partnership.
- Meeting of Yorkshire Rivers Trusts and the national Rivers Trust.
- Periodic meetings with the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.
- Expansion of Trust influence by networking with many local organizations

The Trust was involved in a number of projects during the year:

## **MEETING OF YORKSHIRE RIVERS TRUSTS HUB AND CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIPS HUB**

This is an informal regular series of meetings between the catchment hosts in Yorkshire to exchange ideas to the mutual benefit of the trusts. It is very much supported by the EA and allows all of us to have access to their senior management team. It in no way affects the independence of the trusts and their focus on local issues. The Yorkshire Hub for Catchment Partnerships has now been formed to improve the relationship between Yorkshire Partnerships and to have a co-ordinated view for meetings with the EA.

## **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Trust has continued to make considerable use of the website and it is the primary means of communication with our wider group and enables us to easily and effectively report on issues and achievements. The website is the key to our engagement with the local community and we see this as a key element in our future working. We understand that the website is the first port of call for potential partners and funders to get an understanding of the Trust and its track record. We have also been utilizing other social networking media, Facebook, Twitter etc. Arrangements have been made for the website to be regularly maintained and for updates to be more easily completed.



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## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social media has enabled the Trust to engage with volunteers and the public in an effective way throughout the pandemic. It allowed use to communicate the work of the Trust and help raise awareness of how people can take action to help to improve the rivers in our catchment.

In the last year we have been involved in several social media campaigns, including the Great British Spring Clean, Volunteer Week, Invasive Species Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, End Sewage Pollution and several more.

We have been using Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and have had lots of engagement. Facebook statistics show there has been a huge increase in interactions during the lockdown, which we believe is due partly to staff sharing more material on the platform over this period. Currently we have 1,226 followers on Facebook, 1,679 on Twitter and 470 on Instagram.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE TRUST:**

### **LIVING HERITAGE OF THE RIVER DON PROJECT (LHRD)**

The Living Heritage of the River Don project was completed in December 2018. The Trust continues a watching brief to ensure that the fishpasses continues to work efficiently.

### **HIDDEN HERITAGE SECRET STREAMS (HHSS)**

Significant progress has been made with the capital works component of the project. Slittingmill Weir, a large weir on the River Rother, was removed in October. This removal of this weir has made a major contribution to the restoration of ecological connectivity in the Rother, and has helped renaturalise river habitat along a 600 m reach of the river.

In conjunction with HHSS the Trust's NFM Officer has also continued to develop a large Natural Flood Management scheme at Grassmoor Country Park. Concept designs were produced, ecological, coal mining and contamination surveys were undertaken, and a planning application was prepared. We can now deliver three of the four project zones the next financial year.

The Trust continued engagement work for the HHSS project over the financial year, despite two government-imposed lockdowns and restrictions to usual activities. Momentum for HHSS was maintained through an online events programme of wildlife identification training sessions, digital tours of the river, history and conservation talks, nature-themed art workshops and photography competitions. By taking the opportunity to use online platforms for engagement, the Trust reached larger, wider audiences and maintained interest in the project. DCRT also worked to offer opportunities for connection and support to volunteers by hosting a weekly online tea-break. During school closures, children's activity packs were provided to the local foodbank and libraries, and local families received well-dressing activity kits to take part in a socially-distant art project.

Six riverside walking trails were established across the project area with the input of the local community who tested walking routes, researched local history, created audio guides and improved access. Four interpretation boards on the natural and industrial heritage of the river have been installed, designed using artwork created during community workshops. An online platform has been launched which maps the six walking trails and hosts the audio guides, developed by social enterprise Kakou.

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Dedicated volunteers continued to donate their time to improve the river environment, even during the lockdown period. Volunteer tasks have included litter-picks on riversides, cleaning up waterways, monitoring wildlife, invasive species control and access improvements. Natural Flood Management tasks have become a larger focus of volunteering, with leaky-dam building days now a regular event. Volunteers continue to bring invaluable skills and knowledge to the Trust, for example a bird-box monitoring project was established.

#### **OTHER ENGAGEMENT WORK**

The Trust took part in the University of Sheffield's Festival of the Mind event, working with Dr Dawson from the Animal and Plant Sciences department to deliver an illustrated walking trail map, podcast and sculpture which celebrated the return of the Salmon to Sheffield. The sculpture remains on display at Sheffield Railway Station, welcoming new visitors to the city.

The Trust completed a community project to celebrate the construction of the Masbrough Weir fishpass in collaboration with Rotherham's creative writing charity Grimm & Co. Nine children participated in six online, after-school sessions where they created characters, a storyline and wrote a script for an animated film about the salmon's return. The short film was shown at an online premiere with the children and other stakeholders.

Supported by Heritage Lottery Community Fund, DCRT were awarded funding to continue offering activities to families using foodbanks during the pandemic, who may have limited access to digital resources. A river animal 'top-trumps' style card game was produced and donated to libraries in deprived areas and foodbanks, who distributed them to children during the lockdown.

#### **CABA – CATCHMENT HOSTING – THE DON NETWORK**

The Trust was reappointed by DEFRA as joint Catchment Hosts for the Don & Rother Catchment Partnership, together with the Environment Agency.

The role of Catchment Host is to provide an environment for getting more people involved and engaged in the catchment based approach (CaBA). We are doing this through the growth of the Don Network (rebranded as the Don, Dearne & Rother Network this year), which has over 200 individual subscribers. We have representations from the public and private sectors, conservation groups and charities, anglers, water sports groups and members of the public passionate about the rivers in the Don Catchment.

The Trust carries out the following activities on behalf of the Network:

- Regular email and social media communication with members, providing news and updates on a wide range of river related issues, including a quarterly newsletter
- Attendance at Network members meetings in the catchment
- Organisation of a 'Don Network Day' with a wide range of speakers attended by over 50 people
- Provision of workshops and training on catchment issues
- Attending the Yorkshire Hub – attended by Yorkshire based catchment partnerships
- Engaged in the River Basin Management Plan consultation

This year, following on from previous workshop events, the decision was taken to re-brand as The Don, Dearne & Rother Network. A new logo was designed, alongside a standalone website and new email address and social media accounts for the Network.

During the year, the Trust and the Environment Agency revised and updated the catchment plan, and this is now hosted on the new DonDearneRother.org website. Thanks to funding from Yorkshire Water via The Rivers Trust we have been able to develop a data hub, and this is presented as a Story Map on the website.



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Owing to lock down restrictions, the annual Network Day was held online via Zoom in December 2020. A range of speakers gave updates on their new and upcoming projects, and the revised Catchment Plan and new website was launched.

The Trust worked with the Environment Agency's Catchment Co-Ordinator to populate a template with information that will form a webpage for the Don, Dearne & Rother Network on the new CaBA Catchment Partnership section of the CaBA website.

### **FISH PASSAGE**

The completion of the construction of the fish pass at Masbrough in the centre of Rotherham spring 2021 was a seminal moment in the restoration of the River Don's salmon population. Following its completion, a number of salmon were observed in the City of Sheffield for the first time in more than 200 years. Even more encouraging was the capture of a salmon parr by a local angler, indicating that the fish are once again reproducing in the river. This event marked the achievement one of the Trust's key objectives. Having reached this milestone, the Trust has not sat back on its laurels. The Trust has removed Slittingmill Weir on the River Rother (see the Hidden Heritage Secret Streams item), and we are now working on identifying further obstructions to fish passage on the upper river and a weir at Stocksbridge has been the focus of attention. Discussions with the Local Authority are well advanced and it is hoped that the structure can be removed within the period of the next Annual Report.

### **NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT - UPPER RIVER ROTHER**

Considerable time has been spent developing the NFM scheme at Grassmoor Country Park (mentioned under the HHSS item), including preparation of all documents required to support the planning permission application. A contract manager and designers for the scheme have also been appointed and a project board of key stakeholders established. Citizen science projects have been set up to start monitoring changes to the landscape and vegetation as a result of the scheme.

Various other NFM projects throughout the Upper Rother catchment are at different stages of development. Regular volunteer days at Newfield Spring Wood at the top of the Moss Valley have seen the installation of numerous leaky barriers of varying designs (leaky dams, mini-dams, spiling) with plans underway to expand into neighbouring woodlands owned by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust

The core works for a farm NFM scheme along the banks of the Rother in Grassmoor have been delivered together with the farmer and volunteers. Interventions include the creation of multiple scrapes and attenuations ponds, soil health improvements (replacement of arable crops with diverse herbal leys), improved hedgerow management, planting a new hedgerow, buffer strip creation, and balsam pulling.

Leaky dam volunteer days have also been held at Holmebrook Valley Park and another project to tackle flooding of a new development in Renishaw is also in the early stages of development.

An application for a bolt-on project to the original ICASP NFM opportunity mapping was successful and will be modelling three sub catchments in greater detail. This will allow priority areas for a wider suite of interventions to be identified as well as quantify the impacts they will have. It is hoped the outputs will aid buy in from landowners and attract funding for delivery.

A number of both virtual and in-person engagement events have taken place over the last year raising awareness of NFM and the activities being undertaken by the Trust to help reduce flood risk in the Upper Rother. These have included guided walks as part of the Chesterfield Walking Festival and online talks for the Trust and as part of Transition Chesterfield's series of events building up to COP26. The NFM Officer also helped organise and co-host an event with the ICASP NFM Community of Practitioners (CoP) which included a virtual site visit to the farm NFM scheme. The event was well received and virtual site visits will now be a regular feature of future NFM CoP activities. The NFM Officer has since joined the Steering Board for the CoP.



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One such scheme is in woodlands within the Moss Valley in collaboration with a private landowner where we held our first NFM volunteer day. Over 20 volunteers helped to install small-scale NFM measures such as gully stuffing with brash and overland spiling that intercept water pathways. Permissions are in place for leaky dam installation once social distancing restrictions allow.

Another example is a large scheme at Grassmoor Country Park where together with support from the councils, EA, Friends of Groups and other stakeholders, key zones have been identified within the park for NFM interventions, comprising features such as multiple series of scrapes, wet grassland with semi-permanent and permeant pools and wet woodland. This work has allowed the Trust to take on delivery of the scheme as part of the HHSS project. So far, circa £19k is being spent on development (including a £5k contribution from DCC), with £108k allocated to design and delivery. Contractors are currently carrying out site investigation works to help inform the designs.

Recent funding bids have also been successful with £13k being awarded from Severn Trent Water's Boost for Biodiversity fund for an extensive NFM scheme on 6 ha of farmland in the Grassmoor area through which the River Rother flows. Work with neighbouring landowners has also begun and shows great promise for further slowing flows in the area, enhancing and creating wildlife habitat, capturing carbon and improving the water quality of the Rother.

The progress made in the Trust's NFM work over the last year and a half was incorporated into another application to the Local Levy for a further three year's funding for the NFM officer from April 2021. This was successful with £116k awarded which will allow for all the projects currently in development to be seen through to completion as well as build on the momentum developed through the project so far and deliver an even wider portfolio of projects throughout the catchment.

#### **AGRICULTURAL OFFICER AND HIGHWAYS ENGLAND - LITTLE DON CATCHMENT PROJECT**

In last year's Trustee report we stated our ambition to appoint an Agricultural Officer to enable us to engage with the farming community and begin to tackle the hitherto neglected issue of diffuse and point source agricultural pollution in the Don Catchment. In June of this year we were able to realise this ambition.

The new role is partially funded by a Highways England project in the Little Don Catchment. The A616 that runs through the catchment is periodically disrupted by pluvial flooding, and so Highways England want to reduce this flooding by paying landowners to deliver interventions that reduce runoff on their land. To do this they needed a locally based organisation to liaise with landowners on their behalf, and so the Trust's new Agricultural Officer can provide this role.

Highway England's Little Don Project trials the use of a reverse auction approach as a means of encouraging willing landowners to propose interventions, enabling Highways England to identify and fund the most cost-effective interventions. It is anticipated that the project will run for five years.

The Agricultural Officer is also funded through the Yorkshire Water Catchment Resilience Fund, and an important part of their role is to develop new projects with landowners that improve the ecological condition of the rivers and streams in the Don Catchment.



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### **WILD WATERWAYS PROJECT**

The Trust has concluded the first year of the Wild Waterways Project, during which potential sites for nature-based solution interventions were identified in the Kearsley Brook and Bentley Mill Stream Catchments. The aim is for the project to go on and deliver some of these nature-based solutions, and in so doing, slow the flow of water, reduce diffuse pollution, create new habitats, and sequester carbon.

### **GREEN RECOVERY CHALLENGE FUND**

In June 2021 the Trust was notified it had been successful in applying to the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund. Our application was mainly for funding that delivered an additional NFM scheme at Grassmoor Country Park that complemented the scheme funded through the Hidden Heritage Secret Streams project. The project also provides funding for the appointment of the Wild Waterways Project Officer.

### **SOMERSALL PARK HABITAT ENHANCEMENT WORKS**

Early 2021 the Trust installed large woody debris (LWD) along the River Hipper as it runs through Somersall Park to improve habitat. LWD is fundamental to many river processes, improving the in-channel habitat for fish as well as providing habitat for other riverine species including the aquatic insects which certain species of fish, bird and bat feed upon. Two information boards were also installed to raise awareness of park users of the importance of woody debris and the multiple benefits it brings to the wildlife you can see at the park.

This project was funded by the Environment Agency's Fisheries Improvement Programme (FIP) and was supported by Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and Robinson Packaging (landowner).

### **APPRENTICE POST WITHIN DCRT**

With support from the National Heritage Lottery, DCRT has been able to provide an opportunity for an apprentice to work in our NHLF project. This year the apprentice has been able to complete the Level 3 apprenticeship in environmental conservation course. This involved completing a series of work relevant units which provided a wide range of skills and experiences to help with a future career.

These units included planning, delivering and evaluating environmental projects, habitat management, managing volunteer work, producing interpretive media and several more units. This year provided a new challenge as the whole country was shut down due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This resulted in lots of the planned work for the summer being cancelled. A different approach was required to come up with creative solutions to complete course working from home. Over the last few years the Don Catchment Rivers Trust has provided work opportunities on many exciting tasks including natural flood management, wetland restoration, volunteer activities, sign/bench installations and the production of a leaflet for the Don Valley Way.

### **KICKSTART SCHEME**

The Government's Kickstart Scheme provides funding to create new jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit. By participating in the scheme the Trust has recruited a Young Persons Conservation Assistant for a six month placement. The assistant works with Trust staff to create resources and activities that will encourage young people to care for their natural environment. They also participate in volunteering days and other events, and promote work via social media.

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust is very grateful to have been awarded a total of £472,738 grants during the year, the main ones of which were as follows: -

Environment Agency	£193,439
Lottery Heritage Fund	£109,131
Derbyshire County Council	£5,000
Severn Trent Water	£13,000
Yorkshire Water	£155,000
The Rivers Trust	£2,000
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust	£2,510
The University of Sheffield	£1,000
Groundwork	£1,000
Rotherham Borough Council were repaid	(£10,571)

The total expenditure for the year of the Trust was £367,555

The main areas of expenditure were:

External Services	£134,579
Staff costs plus overheads	£194,683
Office costs	£17,460
Travel and conferences	£5,364
General overheads	£13,542

The total funds at 30 June 2021 are £453,696, with £371,852 being restricted and £81,844 unrestricted.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the Trust for Reserves is to retain sufficient funds to continue to operate for three months in the event of the Trust getting into financial difficulties. This would include staff redundancy costs. However, the Trust only undertakes projects for which funding has already been confirmed thus covering staff costs and project staff who are engaged on fixed contracts. Thus the potential redundancy costs are minimised. Larger projects have redundancy costs built into the project costs.

The Trust is a project oriented charity, so whatever additional funds are accumulated will be used to fund the start-up of new projects. This is an area of expenditure where it is very difficult to get funders to directly fund.

The Trust's operational policy is that it only undertakes projects for which it has obtained funding. It does not undertake projects using its own funding. However, it does need to be able to develop projects to a level where they can properly be presented to funders and funding sought. It is the Trust's policy to have fully developed and costed projects awaiting funding ready on the shelf awaiting a funding opportunity. Funding opportunities quite often arise with a very short time window for applications. It is only by having projects on the shelf that these opportunities can be exploited.

As the Trust only undertakes project which are fully funded it is able to devote all unrestricted funding to meeting its Reserves Policy including the initial developing of new projects.

The Trust will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the policy in the light of the changing funding and financial climate and other risks.



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**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE WAY AHEAD**

While the Trust has made important progress in achieving its objectives, the Don Catchment still faces many issues and a vast amount of work remains to be done. For this reason, it is important that the Trust not only sustains its current staff but that it also continues to grow as an organisation and increases the positive impact it has on the rivers and streams of our catchment.

A major priority for the Trust is to retain the Trust's talented team of staff currently employed on the Hidden Heritage Secret Streams so that we can continue to put their skills to good use, and to this end the Trust has been working on a National Lottery Heritage Fund Heritage Grant application for a project based around the natural and historic heritage of the Lower Don. This area has been relatively neglected in terms of river restoration projects, and many of the adjacent communities suffer from deprivation. The proposed project, called All Hands on the Don, will have a major emphasis on the Trust learning how to co-deliver social good along with our traditional activities; for example, creating more opportunities for people with disabilities. Another new direction for the Trust is the plan to create a floodplain meadow; a type of intervention which has a lot of potential to provide ecological gains in the Lower Catchment. The application deadline is August 2021 and the outcome should be received before the end of the year. If successful, the Trust will start a 12 month development phase in 2022. If an unsuccessful outcome is received, then the Trust will need to reassess its strategy.

In addition to the lottery project, in the next financial year we intend to appoint a Fisheries Habitat Officer and a Catchment Partnership Officer. The former will provide the Trust with capacity to develop and deliver more fish pass and other fisheries related projects, something much needed in the Don Catchment. The latter role will strengthen and promote the Don, Dearne & Rother Network, our Catchment Partnership, helping all organisations concerned with improving the catchment's rivers work together more effectively.

Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic the prospects for DCRT remain good and we expect to achieve more than ever before in the coming year.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust was formed with the incorporation, on the 12th June 2008, as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Trust gained charitable status on 22nd February 2010.

The Trust was set up to promote good practice in the conservation and improvement to the habitats of the rivers, wetlands and water bodies situated within the catchments of the rivers Don, Rother and Dearne.

Charitable Objectives as stated in our registration:

Undertake, advise upon, create, conserve and support use, management conservation, protection, rehabilitation, improvement of and community benefits from the rivers, streams, watercourses, water impoundments and other aquatic environments of catchments comprising the rivers Don, Rother and Dearne including their tributaries and adjacent estuarine and coastal areas.

An association, charity, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in,

(1) The understanding or rivers, river corridors and catchment, including their fauna, flora and economic or social activity, and river catchment management.

(2) The need for, and benefit of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments, and

(3) The benefits to the community of effective and competent management and use of river catchments.

The Project work is undertaken by the original Trustees, the Director, the Project Manager and the Project Team.

During this last year the number of projects undertaken by the Trust has increased. This has necessitated a restructuring of the organisation. The Director has been renamed Managing Director, with primary responsibilities for securing future projects and funding. The project management role has been upgraded to Operations Director, with responsibilities for all project delivery.

We rely on our own expertise and that of The Rivers Trusts. Its role is primarily as an umbrella organisation, promoting the development of the movement, and building its capacity to deliver the Trust's objectives through regional or local river trusts which include environmental improvements across England & Wales and Northern Ireland.

We work closely with our other partners, Local and Regional Councils, Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, RSPB, the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and Local Community Groups.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Company number

06618848 (England and Wales)

##### Registered Charity number

1134414



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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered office

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##### Trustees

There were nine Trustees on the Board:

Dr Will Brown  
Chris Firth MBE  
Dr Paul Gaskell

Andrew Newton  
Roger Parker  
David Rowley, chairman

Bob Sedgwick  
Peter Worrall  
Carys Hutton

Dr Edward Shaw, a former trustee, continues in the role of director on a part time basis. His prime responsibility is to secure the future of the Trust with a succession of new projects.

##### Company Secretary

D W Rowley

##### Independent examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th Feb 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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D W Rowley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Don Catchment Rivers Trust ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

**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**

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



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Date: 15 February 2022

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 funds £	Total 2020 funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Brelms		-	-	-	-
Catchment Based Approach		-	17,000	17,000	15,000
Natural Flood Management		-	88,200	88,200	-
Wild Waterways		-	23,298	23,298	-
Masborough Weir Fish Pass Delivery		-	(10,571)	(10,571)	640,000
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Delivery		-	344,149	344,149	116,761
Somersall		-	2,923	2,923	-
Stocksbridge		-	2,800	2,800	-
Unrestricted					
General Grants		2,511	2,428	4,939	10,092
Investment income	3	32	-	32	443
Other income		8,900	-	8,900	10,000
<b>Total</b>		11,443	470,227	481,670	792,296
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Brelms			99	99	-
Catchment Based Approach		-	9,340	9,340	11,427
Natural Flood Management		-	32,354	32,354	30,928
Sprotbrough Ings		-	3,838	3,838	-
Masborough Weir Fish Pass Development		-	-	-	14,434
Masborough Weir Fish Pass Delivery		-	28,901	28,901	435,664
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Delivery		-	130,309	130,309	116,146
Wild Waterways		-	2,969	2,969	-
Unrestricted Activities		-	-	-	-
Other		76,562	83,183	159,745	108,246
<b>Total</b>		76,562	290,993	367,555	716,845
<b>NET INCOME</b>		(65,119)	179,234	114,115	75,451
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Transfers		57,265	(57,265)	-	-
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		89,698	249,883	339,581	264,130
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		81,844	371,852	453,696	339,581

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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AT 30 June 2021

	Not es	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 funds £	Total 2020 funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets		-	2,050	2,050	4,459
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9		24,253	24,253	25,438
Cash at bank		<u>81,844</u>	<u>351,460</u>	<u>433,304</u>	<u>310,584</u>
		81,844	375,713	457,557	336,022
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	-	5,911	5,911	900
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>81,844</u>	<u>369,802</u>	<u>451,646</u>	<u>335,122</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>81,844</u>	<u>371,852</u>	<u>453,696</u>	<u>339,581</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>81,844</u>	<u>371,852</u>	<u>453,696</u>	<u>339,581</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				81,844	89,698
Restricted funds				<u>371,852</u>	<u>249,883</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>453,696</u>	<u>339,581</u>

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**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED**  
**AT 30 June 2021**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 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.

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 on ..... *12th Feb 2022* and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
D W Rowley - Trustee

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**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**  
**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>122,688</u>	<u>65,546</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		32	443
Purchase of Fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<u>32</u>	<u>443</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>122,720</u>	<u>65,989</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>310,584</u>	<u>244,595</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>433,304</u></u>	<u><u>310,584</u></u>

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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	114,115	75,451
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	2,409	4,683
Interest received	(32)	(443)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,185	(3,183)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>5,011</u>	<u>10,962</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>122,688</u>	<u>65,546</u>

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## DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Don Catchment Rivers Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number is 06618848 and registered office is 34 Middle Street South, Driffeld, East Yorkshire, YO25 6PS.

#### 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.

##### **Income**

All income, including grants, are 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.

##### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Vehicles	-25% on cost
Office Equipment	-25% on cost
Computer Equipment	-33% on cost

##### **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.

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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Deposit account interest	<u>32</u>	<u>443</u>

### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2021 £	2020 £
Grants	Wild Waterways	23,298	-
Grants	Catchment Based Approach	17,000	15,000
Grants	Natural Flood Management	88,200	-
Grants	The Masborough Weir Fish Pass	(10,571)	640,000
Grants	Somersall	2,923	-
Grants	Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Del	344,149	116,761
Grants	Stocksbridge	2,800	-
	General Grants	<u>4,939</u>	<u>10,092</u>
		<u>472,738</u>	<u>781,853</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Other grants	<u>472,738</u>	<u>781,853</u>

### 5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	2,409	4,683
Independent Examiners Remuneration	<u>926</u>	<u>1,063</u>

### 6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2021 nor for the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### Trustees' expenses

During the year there was £185 (2020 - £1,189) of travel expenses reimbursed to one trustee.

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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

### 7. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	180,239	173,671
Other pension costs	<u>14,445</u>	<u>11,699</u>
	<u>194,683</u>	<u>185,370</u>

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

	2021 <u>7</u>	2020 <u>7</u>
Project officers		

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

### 8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Dearne Connectivity Project			
Catchment Based Approach		15,000	15,000
Living Heritage of The River Don			
The Masborough Weir Fish Pass	55,000	585,000	640,000
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Delivery		116,761	116,761
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Development			
Unrestricted General Grants	10,092		10,092
Investment income	443		443
Other income	<u>10,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	75,535	716,761	792,296
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Natural Flood Management	30,928		30,928
Catchment Based Approach		11,427	11,427
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams Delivery		116,146	116,146
The Moss Brook			
The Masborough Weir Fish Pass Development		14,434	14,434
The Masborough Weir Fish Pass Delivery		435,664	435,664
Other	<u>27,774</u>	<u>80,472</u>	<u>108,246</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>58,702</u>	<u>658,143</u>	<u>716,845</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	16,833	58,618	75,451

**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021**

**8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – continued**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Transfers	(25,104)	25,104	
Total funds brought forward	97,969	166,161	264,130
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>89,698</u>	<u>249,883</u>	<u>339,581</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>24,253</u>	<u>25,438</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	
Social security and other taxes	4,998	
Other creditors		
Accruals and deferred income	<u>913</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>5,911</u>	<u>900</u>

**11. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	<u>12,240</u>	<u>12,240</u>



**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/07/20 £	Net movement in funds	At 30/06/21 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	89,698	(65,119)	
Project Completed – Catchment Based Approach		9,872	
- Masborough Fees		42,000	
- Brelms		5,017	
- Tesco Bags of Help 1		376	81,844
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	249,883	179,234	
Project Completed – Catchment Based Approach		(9,872)	
- Masborough Fees		(42,000)	
- Brelms		(5,017)	
- Tesco Bags of Help 1		(376)	371,852
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>339,581</u>	<u>114,115</u>	<u>453,696</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	68,708	76,562	(7,854)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	412,962	290,993	121,969
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>481,670</u>	<u>367,555</u>	<u>114,115</u>

**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 01/07/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/06/20 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	97,969	(8,271)	89,698
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted	166,161	83,722	249,883
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>264,130</u>	<u>75,451</u>	<u>339,581</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	50,431	(58,702)	(8,271)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	741,865	(658,143)	83,722
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>792,296</u>	<u>(716,845)</u>	<u>75,451</u>

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

	At 01/07/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/06/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,969	(16,125)	81,844
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	<u>166,161</u>	<u>205,691</u>	<u>371,852</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>264,130</u>	<u>189,566</u>	<u>453,696</u>

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

### 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	119,139	(135,264)	(16,125)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	1,154,827	(949,136)	205,691
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,273,966</u>	<u>(1,084,400)</u>	<u>189,566</u>

### 13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2021.

### 14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost		Office Equip £	Computer Equip £	Vehicles £	Total £
Opening Balance	01/07/2020	1,719	6,757	8,198	16,674
Disposals					
		1,719	6,757	8,198	16,674
Additions					
Closing Balance	30/06/2021	1,719	6,757	8,198	16,674
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Opening Balance	01/07/2020	1,718	6,397	4,100	12,215
Disposals					
Charge for the year			359	2,050	2,409
Closing Balance	30/06/2021	1,718	6,756	6,150	14,624
Net book Value	30/06/2021	1	1	2,048	2,050



# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	32	443
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	472,738	781,853
<b>Other income</b>		
Covid Grant	<u>8,900</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	481,670	792,296
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	140,725	139,859
Insurance	2,044	1,359
Telephone	1,545	1,784
Office costs		1,544
Travel	3,038	6,563
Project work undertaken	134,579	479,681
Motor expenses	2,141	2,623
Donations		67
Training	2,152	3,228
Professional Fees		<u>5,450</u>
	286,224	642,158
<b>Other</b>		
Pensions	14,445	11,699
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	39,514	33,813
Office rent	12,240	14,958
Insurance	4,842	3,207
Recruitment	448	-
Office costs	4,584	2,671
Sundries	188	360
Travel	185	1,189
Training		-
Subscriptions	1,550	1,044
Accountancy	926	1,063
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	<u>2,409</u>	<u>4,683</u>
	<u>66,886</u>	<u>62,988</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	367,555	716,845
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>114,115</u></u>	<u><u>75,451</u></u>