

**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**



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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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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 2022. 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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#### ACHIEVEMENT 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.

Summary of the Trust activities during the year:

- Delivery of 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, Dearne and Rother 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.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has enabled the Trust to engage with volunteers and the public in an effective way throughout the pandemic. It allowed us 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.



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#### 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 fish passes continue to work efficiently.

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

Volunteering activities continued throughout this financial period, with volunteers partaking in educational & events volunteering, catchment volunteering and citizen science. Volunteers were offered training courses in floodplain meadow surveying, hedge-laying, first-aid, INNS, fungi-identification, bat identification and underwater camerawork. Corporate volunteers were engaged, such as FLOD, a start-up that created eco-friendly plant pots from plastic and glass collected on river clean-ups, and Fletcher's Waste Management, whose staff took part in two volunteer days and additionally provided heavy machinery for NFM work.

After reduced participation in educational visits during the pandemic of 2020, educational activities were highly sought during this financial period. DCRT worked with several primary schools and uniformed groups on a mixture of events ranging from; earthworm surveys; river-dipping; recycled-material boat races; well-dressing; and art sessions. DCRT worked with young people at Chesterfield College offering a class with special educational needs and disabilities a week of voluntary experience, including industrial archaeology; boat-trips; bird-box making; wetland management; kick-sampling; and a river clean-up. DCRT also offered a week of social action experience to young people on National Citizen Service during their summer break. DCRT welcomed a work experience student for a week and took part in the Kickstart scheme, providing a paid 6-month opportunity to an unemployed, young person. Brook Explorer community events were held in the school holidays, which proved popular with families and included the themes of boat races; nature embroidery; river-dipping; flower-pressing; birdfeeders; and bug-hunting. Several public walks were held during this period with a focus on natural flood management; wildflowers; bats; foraging; canals and industrial history. Two additional interpretation boards were created for the Holme Brook valley trail, of which the artwork was created by children in the nearby infant school. A temporary summer holiday activity trail was also installed for families to take part in. DCRT attended several volunteer fairs, local fêtes and community events with their stall and activities.

In November 2021, planning permission (with conditions) was received for the Natural Flood Management and habitat improvement scheme at Grassmoor Country Park. We tendered for a Designer and Principal Designer to draw up the final scheme ready to discharge the planning conditions. The successful application to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund in the previous financial year, meant that both phases of the scheme could be delivered concurrently in the 2022/23 financial year.

Moss Footpath, as a bolt-on to the HHSS capital works, was established in July on a section of riverside public right of way in the Ridgeway area of the Moss Valley. This section was suffering from poor winter conditions for footpath users, leading to people widening the path to find passage, trampling sensitive adjacent flora. Delivered by local contractors, BikeTrack, we now have a 600m section of footpath which also serves to reduce the amount of sediment entering the river channel, improving instream habitats for fish, invertebrate and aquatic plants. This, along with two scrapes that were built, aims to also improve flood management within the moss catchment.

#### OTHER ENGAGEMENT WORK

DCRT took part in Doncaster "Artbomb", an experimental arts festival designed to provoke debate across current environmental and ecological thinking. Funding was awarded to DCRT and Artbomb to provide artist residencies to local, national and international artists. A series of field trips and research workshops were provided for the artists to inspire artwork to be displayed during the Artbomb summer festival.

DCRT took part in the Data4Nature project and has set up an ongoing monthly bird survey at Wardsend Cemetery, on the river Don, where volunteers record ornithological data.



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#### ALL HANDS ON THE DON - new National Heritage Lottery Project

Following confirmation by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), Stage 2 of the development phase of the application has begun. All Hands on The Don is a major priority for the Trust as it will provide the opportunity to retain the Trust's talented team of staff currently employed on the Hidden Heritage Secret Streams project.

All Hands on the Don is 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 acute deprivation. It will be a mixture of capital works and community engagement with the latter forming the majority of the project over a 3-year period from 2023-2026. Capital works are intended to be undertaken at Sprotbrough Ings, Doncaster, through the creation of ponds and a floodplain meadow, with linked engagement activities. Other sites have also been identified for potential habitat improvement.

Key themes within the project have been agreed as follows:

- Increase health and wellbeing.
- Foster community action, inclusion and cohesion.
- Increase skills and employability.
- Accessing and celebrating river heritage and fostering understanding of the river and river issues.

These themes will see the Trust conduct engagement which it already knows how to do effectively together with engagement which is new, such as providing more opportunities for people with disabilities and mental health issues.

A full-time Project Development Assistant has been appointed and will commence employment from June 2022 which will allow the development of the project to gather pace.

A project board has been created to monitor the progress of the development phase and is comprised of trustees, staff, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and Doncaster Council.

The NLHF are supportive of the project and the Trust is confident the application to them will be successful. However, if the application is not successful, steps will need to be taken with urgency to consider alternative projects and funding opportunities.

#### CABA – CATCHMENT HOSTING – THE DON, DEARNE & ROTHER NETWORK

The Trust was reappointed by DEFRA in 2021 as Catchment Hosts for the Don & Rother Catchment Partnership. The role of Catchment Host is to provide a focused environment for getting more people involved and engaged in the catchment based approach (CaBA). We are doing this through the growth of the Don, Dearne & Rother Network. The Network contains over 200 members, with a diverse range of focuses and purposes, but all sharing a common interest to improve and care for our rivers together as a catchment. We have representations from the public, private, charity and regulatory sectors, who have varied interests including river users (fishing, canoeing, walkers etc), flood risk management, fishery (fish pass installation & management), habitat improvement and restoration and water quality improvement. All of the catchment partners are passionate about the rivers and waterbodies in the Don Catchment.

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

- Regular email and newsletter updates (bimonthly newsletter).
- Social media communication and campaigns.
- Attendance at Network members meetings in the catchment.
- Organisation of a 'Network Day'.
- Attending the Yorkshire Hub – attended by Yorkshire based catchment partnerships.
- Engaged in the River Basin Management Plan consultation with the Environment Agency.

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This year, following on from a workshop that was organised to help define the role of a potential Catchment Partnership Officer, a role specification was developed, and candidates were interviewed in October, with an Officer appointed in November 2021.

To help increase the resource available to carry out the role, Don Catchment Rivers Trust was able to gain funding from Yorkshire Water in 2021, and this funding will help to develop the Catchment Partnership.

During the first few months in post, the Catchment Partnership Officer looked into ways to help strengthen the Catchment Partnership, and a stakeholder analysis was carried out to help understand who the stakeholders are in the catchment, and where there were possible gaps. Following this an engagement plan was produced, and the Officer worked towards a Network Day for July 2022.

Further improvements to the existing catchment partnership Storymap were made and this was relaunched through the newsletter. Additional Storymaps are being produced to help improve communication of key issues further.

Following the stakeholder analysis and engagement plan work, a key focus area identified has been to strengthen the links and membership in the Catchment Partnership with the agricultural and farming community. This work is deemed particularly important due to the development of Environmental Land Management schemes, and how these will complement and link into the work of the Catchment Partnership going forwards. The Catchment Partnership Officer has been increasing engagement with this sector through contact with farming cluster groups, training events, agricultural focused meetings and agricultural partnerships/organisations.

It was also identified that it will be important for key partners to collaborate in the catchment, and develop the direction of the partnership, and therefore during early 2022 we developed a proposal for a steering group for the catchment partnership. It is proposed that the steering group will also provide a forum for key partners to develop ideas around future projects in the catchment.

#### FISHERIES HABITAT

##### Community Engagement

On Saturday 21st May we hosted an event at Meadowhall Oasis' outside food court to celebrate World Fish Migration Day 2022 – a global event to help promote fish passage. We made fish flags, showed short films about fish migration, including an animation children from Rotherham had made and organised a fish pass walk for the public. It was a fun and worthwhile event that we plan to run again in 2023.

In August, we worked with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to install some large engagement stickers at the Meadowhall Interchange asking people to submit any salmon sightings to us as well as providing some simple information on how to identify a salmon and the context of their initial demise and nascent return.

We have run four 'fish filming workshops' showing people how to use GoPros to take videos of fish within the river. It has proved to be a popular and engaging activity.

##### Habitat improvements

In June, we commissioned Paul Gaskell of the Wild Trout Trust to produce a 'Advisory Visit' report for two sites within the Don Catchment at Salmon Pastures (Don) and The Avenues (Rother). We have started work with gaining consent to allow us to do some of the suggestions for Salmon Pastures to be delivered in 2023/24.

In January, we provided some additional habitat features at Somersall Park, Chesterfield following the installation of several Large Woody Dams within the channel. We organised a volunteer day, showing attendees the technique for 'hinging' a small tree into the river to provide marginal cover for fish.



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#### Volunteer Activities

Dedicated volunteers continued to donate their time to improve the river environment. Volunteer tasks have included litter-picks on riversides, cleaning up waterways, monitoring wildlife, invasive species control, tree planting, waymarking 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. Volunteers have also been invaluable in their work on the Hidden Heritage Secret Streams project and working to help maintain the Don Valley Way.

#### FISH PASSAGE

Now that the final fish pass at Masbrough, Rotherham has been completed, free passage has been established for migratory species as far as the northern end of Sheffield. To ensure that the passes are properly maintained the Trust has established a working group consisting of representatives from all the organisations who own the structures. The group meet on a quarterly basis to ensure that the passes remain in a serviceable condition.

Stocksbridge weir removal has moved along further this year and we were able to appoint FishTek as consultants to design and build (i.e. dismantle the weir). To get to this place, we were required to apply for some additional funds through the EA's FIP and WEIF and engage with landowners and other interested parties. Consultants have been appointed and will start work at the beginning of 2023 with an aim to have the project delivered by the end of summer 2023.

#### NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT - UPPER RIVER ROTHER & GRASSMOOR COUNTRY PARK

Considerable time has been spent continuing the development of the NFM and habitat enhancement scheme at Grassmoor Country Park including preparation of the documents required to discharge the conditions of planning approval which was granted in November 2021. New designers were appointed after the original designers failed to meet the brief and the tender for contractors to deliver the project was released in June 2021. Regular meetings have been held with the project board throughout and public engagement has been ongoing to continue raising awareness and support for the scheme which will be pivotal to its success. Citizen science projects to monitor changes to the landscape and vegetation as a result of the project have also continued.

Regular NFM volunteer days have continued including monthly activities at Newfield Spring Woods in the Moss Valley. Over 60 features have now been installed in this 12ha woodland to help slow the flow including 16 leaky dams and over 40 smaller leaky barriers. A monitoring project has also been set up in the wood to assess the impact of the leaky dams on the river channel and surrounding woodland flora, undertaken by volunteers in the spring and summer months. The NFM Officer has been collaborating with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust to expand the leaky dam works into the neighbouring Moss Valley reserve. Suitable locations have been agreed and consent granted with delivery planned to begin in autumn 2022. NFM volunteers have also been involved with the continued management of a farm NFM scheme along the banks of the Rother in Grassmoor by removing Himalayan Balsam and laying a section of hedgerow. Corporate volunteer days delivered both leaky dams at Newfield Spring Wood and the restoration of three attenuation ponds in Holmebrook Valley Park.

A bolt-on project to the original ICASP NFM opportunity mapping that will identify priority areas for NFM and the most effective intervention types in three Upper Rother sub-catchments has been progressing well. Two stakeholder workshops have been held to incorporate local knowledge and expertise and engage local landowners. The focus will be on monitoring and delivery of the model findings going forward.



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

The Trust's newly appointed Agricultural Officer was inducted into the role and was introduced to the National Highways Little Don NFM Fund Project. The Agricultural Officer worked with the seven participating landowners, with the support of Atkins Consultancy, to finalise and draw up the Trust / Landowner scheme agreements. The Trust further supported the landowners by offering and providing technical and process advice and support and signposting, as necessary. Measures delivered through the scheme this year include leaky barriers, soil aeration and cross-slope planting. Measures planned for next year include four online storage ponds (which require full planning permission), the remaining leaky barriers, a flow pathway bund and further cross-slope planting. In December 2021, National Highways launched a second, smaller, auction round so further schemes were drawn up; a new measure (mixed species herbal ley) was introduced to the pilot. The Trust held an information event about the project for local stakeholders including the Environment Agency.

An application to Yorkshire Water's Biodiversity Enhancement Fund to run a farm environment project was successful. The funding awarded has enabled the formation of the Dearne Valley Farmer Cluster group and the running of 11 training events, 21 free farm advice visits and soil / biodiversity monitoring schemes between May 2022 and June 2024. The Trust is working in partnership with lead farmer (Chris Harrap, Tyers Hall Farm, Barnsley) and independent farm-environment advisor (Ann Hanson, Yorkshire Farming and Wildlife Partnership) to deliver the project. This year, six farmers applied for the Countryside Stewardship scheme and several farmers accessed the Catchment Sensitive Farming advice service. Furthermore, one training event - entitled Soil and Water - was run, which raised awareness of soil health, government support and regulations.

The Agricultural Officer attended the Groundswell Regenerative Agricultural Conference.

The Trust also launched a paid Countryside Stewardship advice service and supported one landowner with a Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship application.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust is very grateful to have been awarded a total of £857,152 grants during the year, the main ones of which were as follows: -

Environment Agency	£108,761
Yorkshire Water	£80,982
National Lottery Heritage	£192,763
European Open Rivers Trust	£16,318
Wild Trout Trust	£600
National Highways	£447,955
Coalfield Regeneration	£5,054
Derbyshire County Council	£2,000
Other Donations	£2,719

The total expenditure of the Trust was £534,496

The main areas of expenditure were:

Project work £127,372  
Staff costs plus overheads £291,362  
Phones and office costs £24,215  
Travel + conferences £8,026  
Professional Fees £60,729  
General overheads £22,792

The total funds at 30 June 2022 are £776,561, with £492,051 being restricted and £284,510 unrestricted.

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#### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE WAY AHEAD**

While the Trust has made important progress in achieving its objectives, the rivers and streams of the Don Catchment remain ecologically impoverished and are still facing many threats. A large 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 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 called All Hands on the Don, which is based around the natural and historic heritage of the Lower Don. This area has been relatively neglected in terms of river projects, and many of the adjacent communities suffer from deprivation. The proposed project places 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.

The Trust's Stage 1 application to the lottery (made in 2021) was successful, and the Trust is now working up a Stage 2 application to be submitted in February 2023 (see the All Hands on the Don section above). If successful, the Trust will deliver the 36 month project between summer 2023 and summer 2026. If an unsuccessful outcome is received then the Trust will need to reassess this strategy.

In addition to the lottery project, the Trust has also appointed a Fisheries Habitat Officer and a Catchment Partnership Officer. The former provides 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 is strengthening and promoting the Don, Dearne & Rother Network, our Catchment Partnership, helping all organisations concerned with improving the catchment's rivers work together more effectively.

If and when the All Hands on the Don project starts then the Trust will explore other ways it can meet its objectives, such as through the creation of Integrated Constructed Wetlands, or participation in Biodiversity Net Gain or green finance schemes.



# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 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 and the Project Officer.

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, the Water Company and Local Community Groups.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Company number

06618848 (England and Wales)

#### Registered Charity number

1134414

#### Registered office

34 Middle Street South  
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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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### Trustees

C J Firth  
D W Rowley  
R Sedgwick  
A J Newton  
Dr W Brown  
P Worrall  
Dr P Gaskell  
Mrs C Hutton  
R Parker (resigned 1/7/2021)

Mr Roger Parker resigned during the year. Dr Edward Shaw, a former trustee, continues in the role of managing 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 14 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



D W Rowley - Trustee



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

## 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 2022.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



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14 March 2023

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)		-	34,903	34,903	17,000
The Masbrough Weir Fish Pass		-	-	-	(10,571)
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams		-	131,952	131,952	344,149
Natural Flood Management		-	38,098	38,098	88,200
Wild Waterways		-	-	-	23,298
Somersall		-	-	-	2,923
Stocksbridge		-	47,489	47,489	2,800
Agricultural Engagment		-	116,503	116,503	-
All Hands On The Don		-	25,241	25,241	-
Green Recovery Challenge		-	90,600	90,600	-
National Highways Farmer		-	283,842	283,842	-
General Grants		88,524	-	88,524	4,939
Investment income	3	209	-	209	32
Other income		-	-	-	8,900
<b>Total</b>		<b>88,733</b>	<b>768,628</b>	<b>857,361</b>	<b>481,670</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)		-	25,982	25,982	9,340
The Masbrough Weir Fish Pass		-	-	-	28,901
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams		-	216,954	216,954	129,589
Natural Flood Management		-	35,809	35,809	32,354
Wild Waterways		-	-	-	2,969
Somersall		-	1,328	1,328	-
Stocksbridge		-	22,939	22,939	-
Brelms		-	-	-	99
Spotbrough lngs		-	-	-	3,838
Agricultural Engagment		-	27,102	27,102	-
All Hands On The Don		-	12,759	12,759	-
Green Recovery Challenge		-	11,004	11,004	-
National Highways Farmer		-	118,494	118,494	-
Other		57,639	5,146	62,785	160,465
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,639</b>	<b>477,517</b>	<b>535,156</b>	<b>367,555</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>31,094</b>	<b>291,111</b>	<b>322,205</b>	<b>114,115</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	<b>170,912</b>	<b>(170,912)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>202,006</b>	<b>120,199</b>	<b>322,205</b>	<b>114,115</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		81,844	371,852	453,696	339,581

The notes form part of these financial statements



**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>283,850</u>	<u>492,051</u>	<u>775,901</u>	<u>453,696</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	-	8,588	8,588	2,050
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	-	4,572	4,572	24,253
Cash at bank and in hand		286,832	487,469	774,301	433,304
		<u>286,832</u>	<u>492,041</u>	<u>778,873</u>	<u>457,557</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,982)	(8,578)	(11,560)	(5,911)
		<u>283,850</u>	<u>483,463</u>	<u>767,313</u>	<u>451,646</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>283,850</u>	<u>483,463</u>	<u>767,313</u>	<u>451,646</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>283,850</u>	<u>492,051</u>	<u>775,901</u>	<u>453,696</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>283,850</u>	<u>492,051</u>	<u>775,901</u>	<u>453,696</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				283,850	81,844
Restricted funds				<u>492,051</u>	<u>371,852</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>775,901</u>	<u>453,696</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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## DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

### BALANCE SHEET - continued 30 JUNE 2022

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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 14 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



D W Rowley - Trustee

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	352,472	122,688
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>352,472</u>	<u>122,688</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(11,684)	-
Interest received		209	32
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(11,475)</u>	<u>32</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>340,997</u>	<u>122,720</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>433,304</u>	<u>310,584</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>774,301</u></u>	<u><u>433,304</u></u>

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**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

<b>1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
	2022 £	2021 £	
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	322,205	114,115	
<b>Adjustments for:</b>			
Depreciation charges	5,146	2,409	
Interest received	(209)	(32)	
Decrease in debtors	19,681	1,185	
Increase in creditors	5,649	5,011	
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>352,472</u>	<u>122,688</u>	
 <b>2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS</b>			
	At 1/7/21 £	Cash flow £	At 30/6/22 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	433,304	340,997	774,301
	<u>433,304</u>	<u>340,997</u>	<u>774,301</u>
 <b>Total</b>	 <u>433,304</u>	 <u>340,997</u>	 <u>774,301</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**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, Driffield, 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, is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

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

**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.

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.



# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### 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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	209	32

### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants		
Activity		
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)	34,903	17,000
Grants		
The Masbrough Weir Fish Pass	-	(10,571)
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams	131,952	344,149
Natural Flood Management	38,098	88,200
Wild Waterways	-	23,298
Somersall	-	2,923
Stocksbridge	47,489	2,800
Agricultural Engagment	116,503	-
All Hands On The Don	25,241	-
Green Recovery Challenge	90,600	-
National Highways Farmer	283,842	-
General Grants	88,524	4,939
	<u>857,152</u>	<u>472,738</u>

### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)	22,855	3,127	25,982
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams	197,393	19,561	216,954
Natural Flood Management	34,792	1,017	35,809
Somersall	1,328	-	1,328
Stocksbridge	22,363	576	22,939
Agricultural Engagment	24,511	2,591	27,102
All Hands On The Don	11,945	814	12,759
Green Recovery Challenge	10,703	301	11,004
National Highways Farmer	118,494	-	118,494
Other	-	62,785	62,785
	<u>444,384</u>	<u>90,772</u>	<u>535,156</u>

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Totals £
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)	3,125	2	3,127
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams	19,561	-	19,561
Natural Flood Management	1,017	-	1,017
Stocksbridge	570	6	576
Agricultural Engagment	2,591	-	2,591
All Hands On The Don	814	-	814
Green Recovery Challenge	301	-	301
Other	62,621	164	62,785
	<u>90,600</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>90,772</u>

### 7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,146</u>	<u>2,409</u>

### 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### Trustees' expenses

During the year there was £298 (2021 - £185) of travel expenses reimbursed to two trustees.

### 9. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	257,674	180,239
Other pension costs	20,411	14,445
	<u>278,085</u>	<u>194,684</u>

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

	2022	2021
Project officers	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

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



# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)	-	17,000	17,000
The Masbrough Weir Fish Pass	-	(10,571)	(10,571)
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams	-	344,149	344,149
Natural Flood Management	-	88,200	88,200
Wild Waterways	-	23,298	23,298
Somersall	-	2,923	2,923
Stocksbridge	-	2,800	2,800
General Grants	2,511	2,428	4,939
Investment income	32	-	32
Other income	8,900	-	8,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,443</b>	<b>470,227</b>	<b>481,670</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
DDRN (Formerly Catchment Based Approach)	-	9,340	9,340
The Masbrough Weir Fish Pass	-	28,901	28,901
Hidden Heritage Secret Streams	-	129,589	129,589
Natural Flood Management	-	32,354	32,354
Wild Waterways	-	2,969	2,969
Brelms	-	99	99
Spotbrough Ings	-	3,838	3,838
Other	76,562	83,903	160,465
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,562</b>	<b>290,993</b>	<b>367,555</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(65,119)</b>	<b>179,234</b>	<b>114,115</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>57,265</b>	<b>(57,265)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(7,854)</b>	<b>121,969</b>	<b>114,115</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	89,698	249,883	339,581
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>81,844</b>	<b>371,852</b>	<b>453,696</b>

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 July 2021	1,719	8,198	6,757	16,674
Additions	-	9,588	2,096	11,684
At 30 June 2022	1,719	17,786	8,853	28,358
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 July 2021	1,718	6,150	6,756	14,624
Charge for year	1	4,445	700	5,146
At 30 June 2022	1,719	10,595	7,456	19,770
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30 June 2022	-	7,191	1,397	8,588
At 30 June 2021	1	2,048	1	2,050

### 12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	-	24,253
Prepayments	4,572	-
	4,572	24,253

### 13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	323	-
Social security and other taxes	8,611	4,998
Other creditors	466	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,160	913
	11,560	5,911

### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/6/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	81,844	31,094	170,912	283,850
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	371,852	291,111	(170,912)	492,051
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	453,696	322,205	-	775,901

# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	88,733	(57,639)	31,094
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	768,628	(477,517)	291,111
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>857,361</u>	<u>(535,156)</u>	<u>322,205</u>

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/7/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/6/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	89,698	(65,119)	57,265	81,844
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	249,883	179,234	(57,265)	371,852
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>339,581</u>	<u>114,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>453,696</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	11,443	(76,562)	(65,119)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	470,227	(290,993)	179,234
<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 2022

### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1/7/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/6/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	89,698	(34,025)	228,177	283,850
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted	249,883	470,345	(228,177)	492,051
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>339,581</u>	<u>436,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>775,901</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	100,176	(134,201)	(34,025)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	1,238,855	(768,510)	470,345
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,339,031</u>	<u>(902,711)</u>	<u>436,320</u>

### 15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	209	32
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	857,152	472,738
<b>Other income</b>		
Covid grants	-	8,900
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	857,361	481,670
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	222,772	140,725
Pensions	17,343	-
Insurance	-	2,044
Telephone	-	1,545
Travel	6,879	3,038
Project work undertaken	127,372	134,579
Motor expenses	3,353	2,141
Training	4,037	2,152
Professional fees	55,855	-
Staff costs	3,210	-
Volunteer costs	3,563	-
	444,384	286,224
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	34,902	39,514
Pensions	3,068	14,445
Office rent	12,240	12,240
Insurance	2,250	4,842
Light and heat	-	448
Telephone	2,216	-
Office costs	9,759	4,584
Advertising	3,083	-
Sundries	2,972	188
Travel	1,147	185
Motor expenses	2,557	-
Training	880	-
Subscriptions	1,699	1,550
Accountancy	2,220	926
Professional fees	4,874	-
Carried forward	83,867	78,922

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# DON CATCHMENT RIVERS TRUST

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Management</b>		
Brought forward	83,867	78,922
Recruitment	693	-
Staff costs	678	-
Volunteer costs	216	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	5,146	2,409
	<u>90,600</u>	<u>81,331</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	172	-
Total resources expended	<u>535,156</u>	<u>367,555</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>322,205</u></u>	<u><u>114,115</u></u>

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