

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06742270 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1145675

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022  
FOR  
AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)



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**AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 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 31st December 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).

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

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

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

06742270 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1145675

**Registered office**

The Right Bank The Square  
Talgarth  
Brecon  
LD3 0BW

**Trustees**

Ms H Alvis (appointed 7/10/2022)  
Mr S C A Evans  
Mr C Harvey  
The Viscount C Mills  
Mr M R Morris (resigned 1/3/2022)  
Dr R Parry (appointed 9/6/2022)  
Mr J Pimblett (appointed 10/11/2022)  
Mr P Powell  
Mr A Rees  
Mr C C H Roberts (resigned 7/10/2022)  
Mr A J Winstone (resigned 7/10/2022)

**Independent Examiner**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 26/06/2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mills

.....  
The Viscount C Mills - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 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**

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.



Huw Carter FCCA

Carston Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 10/7/2023

**AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	<b>2022 Total funds £</b>	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	<b>47,214</b>	<b>40,840</b>	<b>88,054</b>	103,376
Investment income	4	-	158	158	476
Other income		<u>13,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>60,714</b></u>	<u><b>40,998</b></u>	<u><b>101,712</b></u>	<u>108,852</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
General		<u>55,363</u>	<u>40,196</u>	<u>95,559</u>	<u>73,406</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 <b>5,351</b>	 <b>802</b>	 <b>6,153</b>	 <b>35,446</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>52,628</u>	<u>112,793</u>	<u>165,421</u>	<u>129,975</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u><b>57,979</b></u>	 <u><b>113,595</b></u>	 <u><b>171,574</b></u>	 <u><b>165,421</b></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	11	414	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	12	36,924	125,787
Cash at bank		<u>153,947</u>	<u>147,046</u>
		190,871	272,833
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,711)	(107,412)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>171,160</u>	<u>165,421</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		171,574	165,421
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>171,574</u>	<u>165,421</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	15		
Unrestricted funds		57,979	52,628
Restricted funds		<u>113,595</u>	<u>112,793</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>171,574</u>	<u>165,421</u>

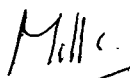
The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
The Viscount C Mills - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	7,295	16,595
Cash received in respect of agency		797,331	1,373,519
Cash paid in respect of agency		<u>(797,331)</u>	<u>(1,379,581)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>7,295</u>	<u>10,533</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(552)	-
Interest received		<u>158</u>	<u>476</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(394)</u>	<u>476</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		6,901	11,009
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>147,046</u>	<u>136,037</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>153,947</u></u>	<u><u>147,046</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	6,153	35,446
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	138	-
Interest received	(158)	(476)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	88,863	(125,787)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(87,701)	107,412
Net cash provided by operations	<u>7,295</u>	<u>16,595</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/12/22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>147,046</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>153,947</u>
	<u>147,046</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>153,947</u>
Total	<u>147,046</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>153,947</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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**1. AGENCY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Funds received during the year and distributed to connected parties under an agency agreement are not treated as income and expenditure of the entity and are not, therefore, presented in the financial statements of the entity.

During the year, funds totalling £797,331 (2021 - £1,287,332) were received and paid out under the terms of the agency agreement.

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

**Expenditure**

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

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery                      -    25% straight line 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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	1,182	1,015
Grants	<u>86,872</u>	<u>102,361</u>
	<u>88,054</u>	<u>103,376</u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other grants	<u>86,872</u>	<u>102,361</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>158</u>	<u>476</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Support costs (see note 6)
	£
General	<u>95,559</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Human resources	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General	<u>1,815</u>	<u>81,648</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>95,559</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	<b><u>81,648</u></b>	<u>60,605</u>
	<b><u>81,648</u></b>	<u>60,605</u>

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

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b><u>3</u></b>	<u>3</u>
General		

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

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

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	38,364	65,012	103,376
Investment income	-	476	476
Other income	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>43,364</u>	<u>65,488</u>	<u>108,852</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	<u>12,682</u>	<u>60,724</u>	<u>73,406</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	30,682	4,764	35,446
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>21,946</u>	<u>108,029</u>	<u>129,975</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>52,628</u>	<u>112,793</u>	<u>165,421</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st January 2022	<b>16,465</b>
Additions	<b><u>552</u></b>
At 31st December 2022	<b><u>17,017</u></b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st January 2022	<b>16,465</b>
Charge for year	<b><u>138</u></b>
At 31st December 2022	<b><u>16,603</u></b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st December 2022	<b><u>414</u></b>
At 31st December 2021	<b><u>-</u></b>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£</b>	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<b><u>36,924</u></b>	<u>125,787</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£</b>	£
Trade creditors	<b>613</b>	103
Other creditors	<b>1,008</b>	-
Accruals and deferred income	<b><u>18,090</u></b>	<u>107,309</u>
	<b><u>19,711</u></b>	<u>107,412</u>

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	<b>2022</b> Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	<b>414</b>	<b>414</b>	-
Current assets	<b>76,682</b>	<b>114,189</b>	<b>190,871</b>	272,833
Current liabilities	<b><u>(18,703)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,008)</u></b>	<b><u>(19,711)</u></b>	<u>(107,412)</u>
	<b><u>57,979</u></b>	<b><u>113,595</u></b>	<b><u>171,574</u></b>	<u>165,421</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	52,628	5,351	57,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	112,793	802	113,595
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>165,421</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>171,574</b>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	60,714	(55,363)	5,351
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	40,998	(40,196)	802
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>101,712</b>	<b>(95,559)</b>	<b>6,153</b>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,946	30,682	52,628
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	108,029	4,764	112,793
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>129,975</b>	<b>35,446</b>	<b>165,421</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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	43,364	(12,682)	30,682
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	65,488	(60,724)	4,764
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>108,852</u>	<u>(73,406)</u>	<u>35,446</u>

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

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,946	36,033	57,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	108,029	5,566	113,595
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>129,975</u>	<u>41,599</u>	<u>171,574</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	104,078	(68,045)	36,033
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General fund - restricted	106,486	(100,920)	5,566
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>210,564</u>	<u>(168,965)</u>	<u>41,599</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2022.



AFONYDD CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	1,182	-	1,182	1,015
Grants	<u>46,032</u>	<u>40,840</u>	<u>86,872</u>	<u>102,361</u>
	47,214	40,840	88,054	103,376
<b>Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	-	158	158	476
<b>Other income</b>				
Other income	<u>13,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	60,714	40,998	101,712	108,852
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Finance</b>				
Insurance	1,677	-	1,677	994
Plant and machinery	<u>-</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,677	138	1,815	994
<b>Human resources</b>				
Wages	41,590	40,058	81,648	60,605
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Sundries	8,554	-	8,554	8,498
Accountancy and legal fees	3,481	-	3,481	2,982
Bank charges	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>327</u>
	<u>12,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>11,807</u>
Total resources expended	<u>55,363</u>	<u>40,196</u>	<u>95,559</u>	<u>73,406</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>5,351</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>35,446</u>

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Company registration number: 06742270

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# Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig

(A company limited by guarantee)

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**



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Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig  
Reference and Administrative Details

**Trustees**

Viscount Chris Mills, Chair

Mr Peter Power

Mr Joe Pimblett

Ms Harriet Alvis

Mr Tony Rees

Dr Robin Parry

Mr Creighton Harvey

Mr Simon Evans

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**Accountant**

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## Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig Trustees' Report

Afonydd Cymru continues to represent the six regional Trusts with Welsh Government and with Wales's statutory environmental body, Natural Resources Wales (NRW). These Trusts, who are all registered charities, are as follows:

- North Wales Rivers Trust
- The Welsh Dee Trust
- The Severn Rivers Trust
- The Wye and Usk Foundation
- South East Wales Rivers Trust
- West Wales Rivers Trust

Our vision is for clean and healthy rivers for every community in Wales, by working towards the following objectives:

1. Contribute towards the overall improvement of river water quality
2. Create an expanded and more effective Afonydd Cymru and Rivers Trust movement in Wales, with a long-term, sustainable funding base
3. Advocate to eliminate the current high levels of pollution
4. Influence and challenge relevant legislation, policy and practice to protect and enhance Wales's freshwater environments
5. Generate greater public awareness of rivers and the work of the Rivers Trust movement in Wales

The areas in which Afonydd Cymru is representing the Rivers Trust movement include:

- The Wales Land Management Forum (WLMF)
- WLMF Alternative Measures Group
- The Wales Water Management Forum
- The Wales Fisheries Forum
- The Independent Environmental Advisory Panel for Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW)
- Wales Environment Link
- WG Task and Finish Groups – Nutrient trading
- NRW Access Forum
- Customer Challenge Group

- Welsh Government Taskforce for Better River Water Quality (Technical Advisor)
- SAC Rivers Oversight Group (SACROG)

Afonydd Cymru continues to advocate through these fora for the improvement of Welsh rivers and their associated biodiversity.

### **Changes in Staff**

We have had a significant change in staff during 2022.

We now have a full-time CEO, have employed a replacement project manager and for the first time have appointed a Communications Manager. Total staff for Afonydd Cymru totals 2.8FTE.

### **Funding Secured during 2022**

#### ***Restricted***

<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Funder</i></b>
River Restoration - European Maritime Fisheries Fund	WG*
Strategic Allocation funding – Fisheries Restoration	WG via NRW*
Nature Networks Fund proposal to reconnect the salmon rivers of Wales with Swansea University	HLF via Swansea Uni
Gravel Augmentation	APEM
Development of Carbon and Tree Planting for Wales	Fishmongers Company
Afon Clwyd- Feasibility for Nutrient Removing Wetlands	DCWW
Afon Teifi – Support to WWRT on the Feasibility of Nutrient Removing Wetlands	WWRT
Supply Chain Mapping for Pembrokeshire – Support to WWRT	WWRT
Support to the West Wales Nutrient Management Boards in the development of governance and Nutrient Management Plan development	Carmarthenshire CC

During 2022, Afonydd Cymru agreed a change in arrangement with NRW such that all river restoration funding historically managed by us and discharged to the regional rivers trusts will now go directly to

those trusts. This includes funding for Alternative Mitigation. Afonydd Cymru has retained a focussed role to maintain the All-Wales restoration database and mapping of restoration activity for NRW for fisheries restoration. Funds received in 2022 for Strategic Allocation Funding, Alternative Mitigation and European Maritime Fisheries Fund were therefore all in arrears for work completed in 2021. In a similar way, we provide minor support to Swansea University in delivery of the Nature Networks Fund for river restoration activity by West Wales Rivers Trust and the Wye and Usk Foundation on barrier removal.

We worked with APEM for delivery of gravel augmentation downstream of three reservoirs: Portsticiff, Llwynon and Talybont with South East Rivers Trust and the Wye and Usk Foundation. In 2022, work focused on morphological and fluvial studies, securing appropriate gravel sites, grading of gravel and permissions. We hope that the augmentation of important spawning gravels can now be delivered within 2023.

We are very grateful to Fishmongers Company for financial support for tree planting in Wales. Current woodland strategies in Wales are frustrating delivery of the right tree in the right place and we have been working hard on advocacy to ensure appropriate tree planting regimes are part of the Sustainable Farming Scheme, working with Woodland Trust Cymru, Welsh Government and NRW on riparian corridor planting proposals. We were also part of the Welsh Government deep dive on Natural Flood Management Strategy. We have raised considerable concern this year on multiple individual tree planting decisions which will adversely impact river water quality. We will continue to raise our concerns, with an aim to support regional rivers trust tree planting schemes in Wales during 2023.

Our main focus during 2022, however, has been advocacy in relation to phosphorus impacts to our rivers and to drive forward means to provide solutions to these issues. This has included high profile media input, providing evidence to Scrutiny Committee's, support to Wales Environment Link, advocacy to Welsh Government and NRW and working across the full spectrum of impacts and causes of excessive phosphorus in our rivers. We have also specifically focussed on increasing the knowledge and technical capability of our regional rivers trusts, who have led understanding of nutrient-removal constructed wetlands including the first nutrient offsetting wetland in Herefordshire with planning permission secured for two others, feasibility and technical assessments for other wetlands across the Wye, Usk, Teifi and Clwyd.

We have also been supporting local authorities across Wales, and in particular Carmarthenshire County Council, in support of the recommendations from the First Minister Phosphate Summit including technical input into the development of Nutrient Management Boards, a nutrient

management plan, the governance and accountability to underpin these processes, challenges to NRW regarding data, compliance assessments and plans. Whilst we see considerable progress across these areas, we remain frustrated by the pace at which these challenges are being delivered. We will continue to provide advocacy in this area in 2023 and support our regional rivers trusts to enable delivery on the ground of the necessary solutions we need to see.

### ***Unrestricted***

We were very grateful for vital grant funding from Esmee Fairbairn, which is for a period of three years. This funding has driven significant change in Afonydd Cymru as follows:

- In 2022, we secured a full time CEO, appointed a Communications Manager and supported the recruitment of a new project manager
- We have developed for the first time a communications strategy and plan, this has delivered a significant increase in our media presence with interviews across all media streams through the year, a new website and a x increase in our media presence.
- The funds are essential to providing advocacy across Wales across the broad spectrum of areas which are currently impacting our rivers.
- We have developed knowledge share hubs with our regional rivers trusts, providing additional support to them to develop and expand. Every trust in Wales now has a paid CEO and are in a stable position to support on-ground delivery.

### **Financial Summary**

In the calendar year 2022, Afonydd Cymru secured a total funding of £ 797,331, a decline from 2021 primarily due to delays in funding mechanisms during the period.



This annual report has been approved by the Trustees of Afonydd Cymru and signed on its behalf by:

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Viscount Mills

Chair

Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig  
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of Afonydd Cymru Cyfyngedig for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accountancy Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

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

Approved by the Trustees of the charity (date: 26/06/2023) and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Powell, Treasurer



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