WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1147477

Details

Other names	ARRT, THE ARUN & ROTHER RIVERS TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07853698
Registered	2012-05-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Walnut Tree Yard Lower Street Fittlewoth RH20 1JE
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Website	www.wsrt.org.uk

Activities

Objects: 1) TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND IMPROVE THE RIVERS, STREAMS AND OTHER WATERBODIES OF THE ARUN AND WESTERN ROTHER CATCHMENTS AND OTHER RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES IN SUSSEX AND ELSEWHERE IN THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY'S SOUTH EAST REGION AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, OR ANY ASSOCIATION, INSTITUTION, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION, COMPANY, LOCAL AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR PUBLIC BODY OR REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN:(A) THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIVERS, RIVER CORRIDORS AND RIVER CATCHMENTS, INCLUDING THEIR FAUNA, FLORA, BIODIVERSITY, ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL ACTIVITY AND RIVER CATCHMENT B) THE NEED FOR, AND BENEFITS OF, CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.

Activities: Western Sussex Rivers Trust (WSRT) is dedicated to the environmental protection and enhancement of the Western Rother, the Arun and Western Streams including their tributaries. WSRT works with local people & communities, farmers, landowners and the statutory bodies to conserve and improve local rivers.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex
- Hampshire
- Surrey
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£323,697	£348,189	-	-
2024-03-31	£284,516	£254,159	-	-
2023-03-31	£398,348	£158,247	-	-
2022-03-31	£198,664	£174,074	-	-
2021-03-31	£204,136	£144,426	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHARLIE BAKER LVO	Chair	2012-04-30
ANDREW LEE		2025-12-22
DAVE BROWN		2012-04-30
DAVID GREEN		2021-04-26
David Cooper		2023-07-28
David Johnson		2025-09-22
Nick Zoltowski		2026-02-24
Sian MacLeod		2024-04-30
TONY WHITBREAD		2012-04-30

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
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CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FOR

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

F1 CRT Limited
Flat 24 Wellingtonia Court
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region. The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for an benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts and sets out in detail the charitable activities undertaken in the period under review.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the period grants totalling £310,256 (2024 : £283,343) of which £303,256 were restricted in nature and £7,000 were unrestricted were received.

A surplus on unrestricted funds of £1,053 (2024 : Deficit £6,272) was achieved during the year and this has been added to the reserves brought forward of £50,800 to leave £51,853 to be carried forward.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trust to maintain the free reserves of the trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

As at 31st March 2025 the trust had funds of £407,149 (2024 £431,642) of which £355,296 (2024 £380,841) were of a restricted nature.

The unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2025, not represented by fixed assets, were £46,196 (2024 £45,262).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

On the 9th September 2024 the charity changed its name from The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust to Western Sussex Rivers Trust.

Charity constitution

The company was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th May 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Walnut Tree Yard
Lower Street
Fittleworth
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 1JE

Trustees
C Baker
D Brown
Dr A M Whitbread
Dr M J Willing (resigned 20.4.24)
D A Green
D J Cooper
N S Cross (resigned 14.10.25)
A R Lee (resigned 28.11.25)
S Macleod (appointed 7.5.24)
D Johnson (appointed 22.9.25)

Independent Examiner
Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Western Sussex Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

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

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

C Baker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Western Sussex Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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

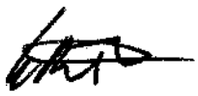
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

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

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

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

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



Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 22nd January 2026

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	19,213	1,129	20,342	1,074
Charitable activities	4				
River conservation		-	303,256	303,256	283,343
Investment income	3	99	-	99	99
Total		19,312	304,385	323,697	284,516
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
River conservation		65,966	282,223	348,189	254,159
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(46,654)	22,162	(24,492)	30,357
Transfers between funds	15	47,707	(47,707)	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,053	(25,545)	(24,492)	30,357
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		50,800	380,841	431,641	401,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		51,853	355,296	407,149	431,642

The notes form part of these financial statements

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	5,657	-	5,657	5,538
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	4,590	-	4,590	49,709
Cash at bank		62,974	357,973	420,947	396,307
		67,564	357,973	425,537	446,016
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(21,369)	(2,676)	(24,045)	(19,912)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		46,195	355,297	401,492	426,104
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		51,852	355,297	407,149	431,642
NET ASSETS		51,852	355,297	407,149	431,642
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				51,852	50,800
Restricted funds				355,297	380,842
TOTAL FUNDS				407,149	431,642

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Baker - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income
Grants
Grants are recognised on an accruals basis, accounted for in relation to the period that they relate. Where grants have been received for capital items the total grant has been disclosed in the SOFA and depreciation, in accordance with the accounting policies, has been charged against that income over the estimated useful economic life of the asset. Where grants are received during the year under review but relate to a later period the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance to the Balance Sheet.

Other Income
All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance in the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis (including irrecoverable VAT) and has been classified under the relevant headings.

(1).Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting grants, voluntary income and fees.

(2).Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(3).Support costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment: 25% on cost

Fixtures and fittings: 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and legacies	13,342	1,074
Grants	7,000	-
	20,342	1,074

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust	7,000	-

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	99	99

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025	2024
		£	£
Grants	River conservation	303,256	283,343

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Brighton & Hove City Council	-	13,930
Chichester District Council	60,000	203
Environment Agency	84,940	50,100
Fittleworth School	648	-
Horsham District Council	11,340	-
Kim Polman	-	4,006
The Rivers Trust	-	7,000
Southbourne Parish Council	842	-
South Downs National Park	79,231	4,654
Southern Water Services Limited	2,336	11,062
United Utilities	63,919	192,388
	303,256	283,343

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	80,998	267,191	348,189

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Consultancy fees	-	1,600
Project costs	69,514	78,962
Travel and mileage	11,484	6,940
	80,998	87,502

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	265,691	1,500	267,191

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025 River conservation	2024 Total activities
	£	£
Staff costs	216,484	139,536
Insurance	2,369	1,786
Office costs	17,398	7,276
Advertising	7,119	754
Subscriptions	5,673	2,426
Bank charges	66	95
Bookkeeping	4,586	4,262
Training	7,977	7,123
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	4,019	1,877
Interest payable and similar charges	-	22
Independent examination	1,500	1,500
	267,191	166,657

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,019	1,877
Independent Examination	1,500	1,500

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

On trustee was re-imbursed £100 for a staff lunch.

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	195,415	128,080
Social security costs	18,292	11,398
Pension costs	7,777	5,058
	221,484	144,536
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
	216,484	139,536
Average number of employees	7	5

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees and the chief executive.The total emoluments paid to the key management personnel was £43,098 (2024 : £28,817).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: none).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	986	88	1,074
Charitable activities			
River conservation	-	283,343	283,343
Investment income	99	-	99
Total	1,085	283,431	284,516
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
River conservation	41,295	212,864	254,159

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(40,210)	70,567	30,357
Transfers between funds	33,936	(33,936)	-
Net movement in funds	(6,274)	36,631	30,357
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	57,072	344,213	401,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	50,798	380,844	431,642

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,283	7,270	8,553
Additions	-	4,136	4,136
At 31 March 2025	1,283	11,406	12,689
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	320	2,693	3,013
Charge for year	321	3,698	4,019
At 31 March 2025	641	6,391	7,032
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	642	5,015	5,657
At 31 March 2024	963	4,577	5,540

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	450	35,100
Due from projects in deficit	2,676	13,145
Prepayments	1,464	1,464
	4,590	49,709

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,071	1,329
Social security and other taxes	5,151	3,250
Pensions	1,349	688
Due to general fund	2,676	13,145
Accrued expenses	6,798	1,500
	24,045	19,912

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	50,800	(46,655)	47,707	51,852
Restricted funds				
Aldingbourne Rife	37,616	(11,903)	-	25,713
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	3,168	(3,527)	359	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Enviroment Improvement Fund 2024-2025	-	3,018	(3,000)	18
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,030	-	(3,030)	-
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	9,330	50,554	(3,304)	56,580
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	255,337	(120,387)	(23,206)	111,744
Climate Resilience Playgrounds	-	353	-	353
Downs to the Sea	61	(2,737)	-	(2,676)
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,438	-	-	18,438
Hambrook	-	1,413	-	1,413
Hope Farm	(968)	6,775	-	5,807
Liss Natural Flood Management	5,388	(2,499)	(2,214)	675
River Ems 2023	9,180	54,819	(4,675)	59,324
Rother Partnership	685	33,278	3,130	37,093
River Clean Ups - Litter Picking Equipment	-	498	-	498
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,130	-	(3,130)	-
River Lavant	-	20,074	-	20,074
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	21,093	(13,587)	(1,996)	5,510
Sussex Black Poplar	1,072	9,955	-	11,027
Western Streams Outfall Safari	10,575	(3,934)	(6,641)	-
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	3,706	-	-	3,706
	380,841	22,163	(47,707)	355,297
TOTAL FUNDS	431,641	(24,492)	-	407,149

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,312	(65,967)	(46,655)
Restricted funds			
Aldingbourne Rife	81	(11,984)	(11,903)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	1,540	(5,067)	(3,527)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Enviroment Improvement Fund 2024-2025	15,000	(11,982)	3,018
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	63,919	(13,365)	50,554
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	2,637	(123,024)	(120,387)
Climate Resilience Playgrounds	648	(295)	353
Downs to the Sea	1,233	(3,970)	(2,737)
Hambrook	1,592	(179)	1,413
Hope Farm	11,340	(4,565)	6,775
Liss Natural Flood Management	-	(2,499)	(2,499)
River Ems 2023	98,399	(43,580)	54,819
Rother Partnership	67,499	(34,221)	33,278
River Clean Ups - Litter Picking Equipment	498	-	498
River Lavant	29,999	(9,925)	20,074
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	(13,587)	(13,587)
Sussex Black Poplar	10,000	(45)	9,955
Western Streams Outfall Safari	-	(3,934)	(3,934)
	304,385	(282,222)	22,163
TOTAL FUNDS	323,697	(348,189)	(24,492)

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	46,587	(18,715)	22,928	50,800
Operating fund	10,485	(21,493)	11,008	-
	57,072	(40,208)	33,936	50,800
Restricted funds				
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Aldingbourne Rife	60,808	(23,192)	-	37,616
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	11,232	(7,648)	(416)	3,168
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	(1,200)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	-	2,072	(2,072)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,030	-	-	3,030
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	42,330	(23,695)	(9,305)	9,330
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	154,434	115,015	(14,112)	255,337
Downs to the Sea	-	61	-	61
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	1,788	-	(1,788)	-
Floodplain Meadows	(1)	-	1	-
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,658	(220)	-	18,438
Hope Farm	-	(968)	-	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	3,508	-	5,388
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1	-	(1)	-
River Ems	-	(1,316)	1,316	-
River Ems 2023	(1,150)	10,103	227	9,180
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	834	685
Rother Summit	-	834	(834)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,130	-	-	3,130
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	2,937	(2,936)	-	1
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	35,423	(11,552)	(2,778)	21,093
Stedham Mill	191	-	(191)	-
Sussex Black Poplar	1,322	(250)	-	1,072
SW Wetland Feasibility	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Western Streams Outfall Safari	-	11,192	(617)	10,575
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	5,000	(1,294)	-	3,706
	344,213	70,565	(33,936)	380,842
TOTAL FUNDS	401,285	30,357	-	431,642

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	985	(19,700)	(18,715)
Operating fund	100	(21,593)	(21,493)
	1,085	(41,293)	(40,208)
Restricted funds			
Aldinghourne Rife	-	(23,192)	(23,192)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	5,100	(12,748)	(7,648)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	15,000	(12,928)	2,072
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	6,000	(29,695)	(23,695)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	192,388	(77,373)	115,015
Downs to the Sea	1,265	(1,204)	61
Ford & Brookfields Farm	-	(220)	(220)
Hope Farm	4,006	(4,974)	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	13,929	(10,421)	3,508
River Ems	-	(1,316)	(1,316)
River Ems 2023	15,204	(5,101)	10,103
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	(149)
Rother Summit	3,391	(2,557)	834
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	11,062	(13,998)	(2,936)
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	(11,552)	(11,552)
Sussex Black Poplar	86	(336)	(250)
SW Wetland Feasibility	1,000	-	1,000
Western Streams Outfall Safari	15,000	(3,808)	11,192
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	(1,294)	(1,294)
	283,431	(212,866)	70,565
TOTAL FUNDS	284,516	(254,159)	30,357

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance.Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

Funds in deficit

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Where restricted funds are in deficit bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The following amounts were paid to other charities. David Brown is a trustee of the Western Rivers Trust and a trustee of both Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and South East Rivers Trust.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust - Rent	700	150
South East Rivers Trust - HR Services	532	-



Western Sussex Rivers Trust Annual Report 2024-25

The Western Sussex Rivers Trust (WSRT) Annual Report 2024-25

The Western Sussex Rivers Trust (formerly known as the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust) is a member of the Rivers Trust network in England and Wales, one of 65 regional Trusts supported by the national umbrella body The Rivers Trust.

The Western Sussex Rivers Trust (WSRT) covers the 1600km^2 catchment of the 'Arun and Western Streams' - the Rivers Arun and Rother and the coastal streams which feed Pagham and Chichester Harbours. WSRT works with farmers and landowners, statutory agencies, anglers and other recreational users, community groups and NGOs. By applying for funding, working in partnership and offering advice and practical support we help promote local action to look after and to improve our rivers and their associated riverscapes.

WSRT was formally launched at a public event in Pulborough, West Sussex, on 15th June 2011, under the name of the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), when the original 12 Trustees signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association. ARRT was registered in England & Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 18th November 2011, Company Registration No: 7853698. It became a Charity when it registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, entered on the Register of Charities on 28th May 2012 as Registered Charity No: 1147477. ARRT's Registered Office is c/o The Barlavington Estate Office, Duncton Mill, Dye House Lane, Duncton, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0LF. On 9th December 2024 ARRT officially changed its name to the Western Sussex Rivers Trust.

The Articles of Association set out the Objects for which the Charity is established:
(1) To conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers, streams, and other waterbodies of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's Southeast region as may be deemed appropriate, for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public.
(2) To advance the education of the public, or any association, institution, voluntary organisation, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in: -
(a) The understanding of rivers, river corridors and river catchments, including their fauna, flora, biodiversity, economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
(b) The need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

WSRT is governed by its Trustees, who are Members of the Company and constitute the Board of Trustees of the Charity.

As at 31st March 2025, the Trustees of WSRT were:

Charlie Baker - Chairman

Nicholas Stewart Cross - Vice Chair

Dave Brown

David Green

Andrew Lee

Sian MacLeod

David Cooper

Tony Whitbread

Trustee & Staff Changes

Trustee Changes

Trustee Resignations:
Martin Willing - 20th April 2024

Trustee Appointments:
Sian MacLeod - 30th April 2024

Staff Changes

On 22nd April 2024 we welcomed Mandy Phyffereon as our new Admin and Finance Manager, replacing Tracy Thurlow who has moved to a new role as Project Manager. We thank Tracy for all her work as Business Manager to the Trust. WSRT welcomed Chloe Clarke on 9th September 2024 as Rother Partnership Coordinator, and on 11th November 2024 Kate Whitton joined WSRT as Chalk Stream Resilience Officer for the Lavant and Project Officer for the Aldingbourne Rife.

Chairman's Report

2024-2025 marked a year of growth for WSRT. Led by Aimee Felus who joined us in July 2023, now with the title of Chief Executive, the trust has been successful in project development, fundraising and in raising the profile of WSRT with the public and the media.

Projects along the length of the Rother have been put under way under the banner of the Rother Partnership, ably led by Chloe Clark and assisted by a mixture of staff, Trustees and volunteers.

Citizen science has developed at a terrific rate under the guidance of Keir Smith and the volunteers number over 200. Results of water quality testing are collated to form a picture of the health or distress of the rivers. WSRT is now one of the most accomplished Trusts in UK at undertaking citizen science in this way.

Aimee has developed her fundraising skills both with approaches to beneficent trusts and to individuals. On one occasion a kind individual donated a five-figure sum following attendance at one of Aimee's lectures about the activities of WSRT and the conditions of the rivers and rifes. Concentration on core funds has produced very gratifying results. However this success is but a start in the expansion that is needed to make a difference to all the suffering watercourses in West Sussex.

WSRT made a very successful intervention to stop Southern Water pumping untreated sewage into the River Lavant via the village pond in East Dean. The River Lavant is one of our precious chalk streams and through WSRT alerting the local media the water company changed its practice and began to re-line the pipes in the village instead. The efforts of WSRT received coverage in the national press.

WSRT will continue these efforts to save and preserve our rivers despite all the obstacles that we meet. Where rivers pass through built-up areas, there seems to be an irresistible urge for some members of the public to use them as dumping grounds for waste material of many kinds. WSRT has developed teams to help people understand the importance of clean rivers, through educational visits with schools and parish councils.

There is a persistent battle against invasive non-native species etc. There is the constant problem of pollution from sewage treatment works, which simply kills life downstream for varied distances.

And....there is the ever-present issue of abstraction to serve clean water to the ever-growing housing estate. This empties the aquifers which feed the chalk streams in the Southwest of the county and completely alters the balance of nature in the aquatic world. Many species can no longer exist successfully in our chalk streams as a result. It is vital that we can continue to campaign for these rivers to have their share of water for them to live.



Rivers trusts across the land are faced with similar problems. All of them involve nature coming second to human greed, both personal and corporate. Clearly in areas of low population such problems are less severe, but in the over-crowded Southeast they get worse as the population grows and, in some circles, nature gets less respect.

WSRT will continue the fight to restore and revive our countryside and help farmers and landowners in their attempts to save the rivers of West Sussex.

Charlie Baker - WSRT Chairman

Chief Executive's Report

Aldingbourne Rife:
We recruited a dedicated staff member to look after the rife, who made great strides to build relations with landowners and conceive of projects on the rife, also implementing several to tackle invasive non-natives through volunteer days.

Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership:
As hosts for the Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership we have continued to facilitate regular quarterly meetings as well as field visits for the members of the partnership. We have covered a broad range of topics in these meetings, and engagement form partners has been excellent.

The new website has been completed, an excellent tool for existing and potential partners and interested parties to find out about the work of the partnership.

A 'Water in the Park' report and subsequent forum, convened by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) brought representatives from all Catchment Partnerships in the park together to share best practices and experiences and discuss how we could collaborate more strategically. This was useful and enlightening and will be used to inform future direction of the partnership.

Discussions with key partners proved fruitful with commitments for additional staff resource to be forthcoming. These new staff will be hosted by WSRT and recruited in the next financial year.

Ambersham:

The Ambersham Loop has continued to re-naturalise beautifully after water was allowed back to flow through this previously cut off meander. The necessary permission were secured, so WSRT is ready for removal of a sluice and full reconnection of the meander once landowner permissions are in place.

CaSTCo:
Our CaSTCo (Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative) project developed further, with numbers of River Guardian volunteers growing significantly, regularly testing water

quality on their local river. Our Cartographer map was embedded on our website and showing ever growing data points which can be interrogated by any interested party. We compiled additional high-level data and associated map outputs which will have many useful applications, developing River Health Scorecards which will be used to target interventions and track the health of our rivers over time.



Chief Executive Aimee Felus and Trustee Sian MacLeod discussing our River Guardians with BBC Breakfast reporter

Our Demo+ soil health project, SoilSmart, worked with partners and farmers to co-create citizen science soil health testing. A suite of tests were used, with results input to an app which will be used to monitor soil health over time. This approach was broadened out to other citizen scientists with our new Soil Guardians programme.

Both our work on soils and River Guardians were disseminated via the national CaSTCo project and beyond to conferences etc.

Chalk Stream Resilience:
Chichester District Council approved our proposals for their support to fund two Chalk Stream Resilience Officers to work on the Ems, Hambrook and Lavant - thank you to the council for their support.

As a result we were able to increase our dedicated officer time, including recruiting a new Chalk Stream Resilience officer for the Lavant.

On the Ems projects were refined and progressed, including commissioning a feasibility study for river restoration and fish passage improvements. We continue to be concerned by low flows resulting from abstraction and drought, and are working with local groups and national River Trust to increase awareness of this issue and the impact on the Ems in particular.

One the Lavant we begin to build positive relations with landowners, communities and increasing our volunteers. We tendered for a feasibility study for river restoration on the Lavant which will progress during the next year.

Downs to the Sea:
We were delighted to receive news that the SDNPA's bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund was successful, allowing this project to move into the implementation phase.

We successfully recruited our two Water Champions who will work with community groups, parish councils, schools and young people to engage them with our rivers and take action to improve them. These new team members will join the team in the next financial year.

Fittleworth's Climate Resilient Playground:
This project is showcasing raingardens, climate adaptation and nature recovery in the first climate resilient playground in West Sussex. Landscape Architects completed detailed designs, with school staff and students being involved through the design process. Fun workshops engaged children with ecological surveys and baseline monitoring.

Hope Farm:
Thanks to seedcorn funding from Horsham District Council and landowner contributions we were able to progress plans for this project to restore a reach of the Arun, including floodplain reconnection and investigation of restoring a paleochannel. We liaised with neighbours and carried out important surveys and baselining to better inform the approach.

Liss NFM:
We partnered with a member of the Selborne Landscape Partnership to deliver Natural Flood Management in Empshott, thanks to Community Infrastructure Levy funding from the South Downs National Park Authority. Following hedge and tree planting completed

in early 2024, we worked with the landowner to create a series of ponds and scrapes to capture run-off and increase biodiversity.



New pond in Empshott

Rother Partnership:
Thanks to partners SDNPA, South Downs Trust, Southern Water and Chichester District Council we recruited our Rother Partnership Coordinator, who began in earnest to invigorate a wide partnership and begin key engagement work to collaboratively develop the Rother Action plan, a shared vision and plan for improving the ecological status of the Western Rother.

Sussex Black Poplar:
This year's black poplar season was a great success with 650 trees planted. Thanks to the South Downs Trust we were awarded a further grant of £10,000 from Trees for the Downs to continue our work to bring Sussex Black poplar trees back to our riverscapes. We would also like to thank our partners Wakehurst Place, Kew, for their support in growing the trees.

Fundraising:
We have made good progress this year in securing grants from trusts and foundations, and raising our profile to attract support from individual donors. We have received

significant investment from partner organisations. Both our project profile and core funds have grown significantly throughout the year as a result, increasing our financial stability.

Reserves policy:
Our policy is to hold 3 months running costs in reserves. This year has seen WSRT in a significant growth trajectory, and at year end we were below our target on reserves, largely due to the increase in National Insurance employer contributions and higher costs of insurance, fuel and energy. The Board authorised this short-term dip of reserves as part of a broader plan addressing full-cost recovery in project budgets and pursuing unrestricted income. We have continued to gradually increase our reserves by contributing through full-cost recovery, and through funders donating unrestricted funding.

Risk management:
Risk management is controlled through our risk register and updated at each Board meeting, with significant risks discussed, including in project updates via email or in discussion with the Chair between Board meetings as the need arises.

Future plans:
Our targeted activities for the year 25-26 include:

- As hosts, to continue to grow and diversify the Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership, including recruitment of 2 dedicated officers to drive forward partnership projects.
- Increase volunteer activity, recruiting new volunteers, increasing our coverage and offering a larger suite of activities for volunteers
- CaSTCo will move into the wrapping up and evaluation phase, with our priority on securing funds for the continuation of these posts, in particular the citizen science/volunteering strands.
- Expand SoilSmart to new catchments and communities via partner organisations.
- Progress plans for river restoration and improvements to fish passage on our chalk streams, including detailed design of three schemes.
- Water Champions work to begin in schools, youth groups, community groups and with parish councils.
- Tender and beginning of phased construction of Fittleworth Primary School's climate resilient playground
- Continued development of plans to restore the 'Lost River of Hope Farm'
- Continue our work to increase numbers of black poplars and the establishment of black poplar woodland in our catchment
- Development of the Rother Partnership, including a Rother Summit and landowner events to draw together a shared vision and Rother Action plan
- Further promotion to a wide range of audiences and fundraising focus, particularly on core and reserves
- Establish new methods of communicating to our audiences such as an official newsletter and webinars

Aimee Felus - Chief Executive

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Trustee Changes

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Stephen Simmonds – 11 September 2023
John Whiting – 19 September 2023
Sebastian Anstruther – 31 March 2024
Richard Hammond – 31 March 2024
Martin Willing – 20 April 2024

Trustee Appointments
Nicholas Cross – 20 September 2023
Andrew Lee – 19 March 2024
Sian MacLeod – 7 May 2024

Staff Changes

Trust Manager Sandra Manning Jones resigned in May 2023, Trustees extend their thanks for Sandra's dedication and hard work.
The Trust welcomed Aimee Felus as Trust Manager, Aimee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to WSRT along with enthusiasm, passion and drive for our riverscapes and the continued development and growth of the Trust.

Chairman's Report

2023-2024 has seen changes of people and changes of emphasis compared to previous reporting periods. I must pay tribute to the work and dedication of Sandra Manning-Jones who resigned as Trust Manager in May '23. Her outstanding contribution enhanced the name of the Trust across all stakeholders in the catchment. She is now working as a contractor for the Trust.

The appointment of Aimee Felus as Trust Manager in July 2023 saw a change in emphasis, bringing an energetic and inclusive management style. Having a company office for the first time, initially at Parham, has updated and improved the working arrangements of all concerned and increased the interaction between Trustees and staff.

The Rother Partnership which came into being in 2023-24 is a very ambitious and wide-ranging Trust led partnership with the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Southern Water as the principal leaders along with Chichester District Council. More details in the Project report but the aim is to 'clean up' the Rother, preserving the healthy and beautiful stretches and restoring the derelict and ugly ones. This will include the removal of redundant structures and obstacles to natural flow.

Fundraising, particularly for unrestricted funds, is one of the most pressing needs and most challenging tasks of all rivers trusts and it was widely perceived that The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) was an unhelpful title for donors to understand and appreciate the value and motivation of the trust and it's financial needs.

Following the appointment of an agency, WayForward Group, the proposal was made to work on a new title for the Trust and then to launch a professional fund-raising campaign. After professionally chaired sessions it was decided by a fully representative meeting to change from ARRT to WSRT, Western Sussex Rivers Trust. The name change was almost in place by the year end in April 2024. Fund-raising campaigns are planned to take shape in Autumn 2024.

Liaison with the Rivers Trust and exchanges of expertise and ideas have improved during the year. However, the inability of the Rivers Trust to help with such matters as insurance and other potential standardisation remains a frustration.

Andrew Lee has joined as a Trustee after a long and distinguished career in the environmental sector; latterly with the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) as Director of Countryside and Management.

We mourn the death of John Whiting following his resignation. He gave his energy, knowledge and experience to the Trust in its early years which was invaluable.

We salute the retirement of Sebastian Anstruther, Richard Hammond and Steve Simmonds. Sebastian founded the Trust in 2011 and chaired it until 2017. His leadership was inspirational and his contribution was immense. Richard was Vice Chairman until his retirement and ran the Finance and Administration. His experience and wisdom were legendary throughout. Steve was active on matters regarding fishing, and we wish him well in retirement.

Charlie Baker - ARRT Chairman

Chief Executive's Report

Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership:

The AWSCP has been reinvigorated this year with regular in-person partnership meetings, along with a field visit to learn about a neighboring catchment partnership project – Watercress and Winterbournes, a highly valuable day which enlightened us all. Members also benefitted from a Natural Capital Mapping workshop.



Some of the attendees at the Watercress and Winterbournes visit – March 2024

The Catchment Management Plan was progressed and drawn together into an interactive pdf.

Following consultation and surveys undertaken at CP meetings work was begun to redesign the AWSCP website including new features to better allow partners to make use of the excellent information contained within the Catchment Management Plan, as well as hosting the plan itself.

The value of Catchment Partnerships was clear with a number of sub-catchment groups emerging, notably for the Rother and Arun, as well as providing a point of further cross-pollination between organisations for working up future projects.

Ambersham:

Working with our neighboring Rivers Trust OART, in October 2023 we removed the sluice gates on the Ambersham Loop to allow flow into the previously redundant channel. Monitoring of flow, morphology and fixed-point photography continued, demonstrating that the Ambersham Loop began to naturalise well. There were no changes along the canal which still channeled the majority of flow. All evidence suggests a positive outlook for when the full sluice is removed in the coming year. This will open up 14km of river to fish passage up and downstream, as well as restoring this important habitat.



Team briefing on the banks of the Rother at Ambersham - October 2023

CaSTCo:

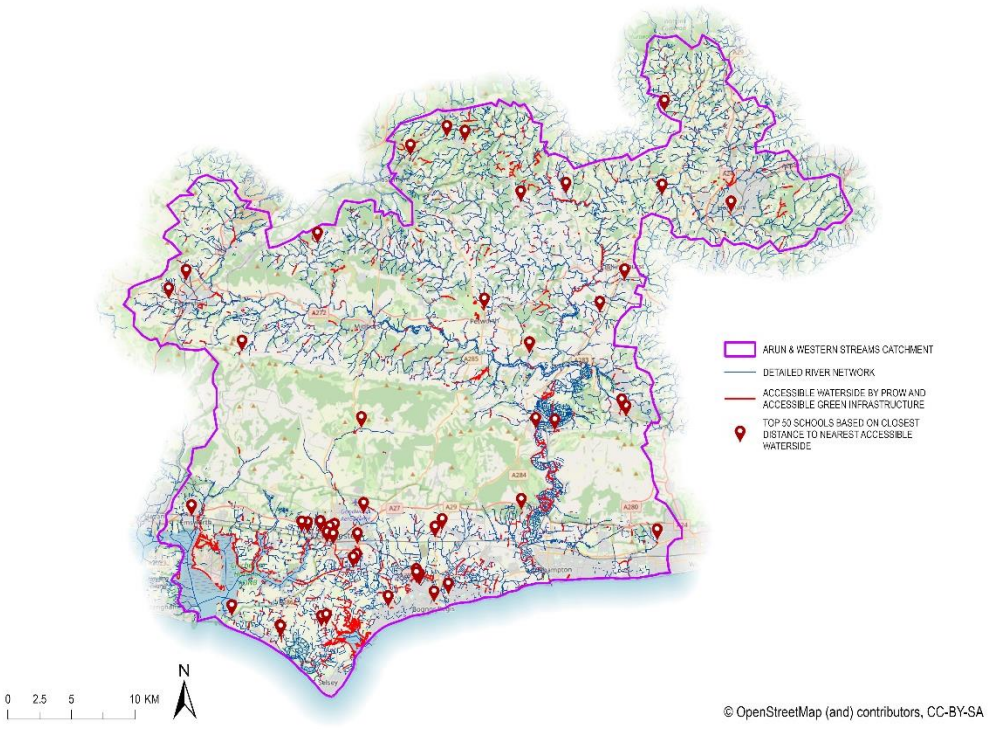
Our CaSTCo (Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative) project became well established. The Citizen Science water quality testing programme was launched in January with well-attended and inspiration volunteer workshops, and later named River Guardians by the volunteers themselves. It has proven very popular, with approx. 50 volunteers signed up by the end of March 2024. Our account with Cartographer was set up so volunteers can submit their data for display on the map, which will be incorporated into our new website. We invested in the Better Impact volunteer management system.

Our Demo+ soil health project was named SoilSmart, and held its first farmer workshops, which were well received with some in-depth and honest discussions to begin the process of co-creating the citizen science soil health testing. Together the staff team and farmers began the process of deciding which platform and app to use to log data collected and began considering options to expand the programme to other citizen scientists beside land managers.

Downs to the Sea:

Planning continued in the development phase of the NHLF project which would give WSRT two Water Champions to focus on engaging schools and parish councils – much needed roles. Consultation was undertaken with schools, and a mapping and prioritisation exercise undertaken to plan initial approaches to schools and parishes should the project be successful.

Example prioritisation map – Top 50 schools based on closest accessible watercourse



Ems:

The Ems Catchment Appraisal and Restoration Plan were completed thanks to Sandra Manning-Jones and the input of many members of the Ems community. Regrouping with Portsmouth Water and the Environment Agency allowed us to re-focus on the Ems and jointly plan next steps priority actions under the EA chalk stream funding.

Chichester District Council indicated positive support for our chalk streams which would support additional officer time on the Ems, allowing us to dedicate next year's EA Chalk Stream funding to deliverables and capital works.

We keep in mind John Whiting's wish for us to look after the Ems as the driving spirit spurring us onwards.

Fittleworth's Climate Resilient Playground:

This project is showcasing SuDS, climate adaptation and nature recovery in the first climate resilient playground in West Sussex. Landscape Architects completed initial feasibility studies

and began work on outline design, with school staff and students being involved through the design process. Fun workshops engaged children with climate resilience, ecosystem services and sustainable water management.

Hope Farm:
Following an approach from a landowner we embarked on investigating feasibility for restoration of a significant meander on the Upper Arun near Billingshurst. Supported by our neighboring Wessex Rivers Trust a storymap was developed outlining opportunities, challenges and next steps for restoring the 'Lost River of Hope Farm'. Bringing in colleagues from the EA and Sussex Wildlife Trust, it was agreed that this presents a fantastic opportunity for river restoration for multiple benefits. Next steps are to seek seedcorn funding to further develop the project.

Lavant:
We were shocked and dismayed to discover the extent and severity of Southern Water's over-pumping practice on the Lavant. Press coverage was good both nationally and locally, with our social media seeing an exponential increase in the days and weeks following the release, and the EA taking enforcement action. This scenario demonstrated that we need greater focus on the Lavant, and a sub-catchment group of interest parties began forming from parish councillors, local residents and representatives of Goodwood, West Dean and the SDNPA. We have applied to CDC for funding to provide some officer time for the Lavant. There is so much potential here for us to seize upon and help be a catalyst for action.

Liss NFM:
We partnered with a member of the Selborne Landscape Partnership to deliver NFM in Empshott. Hardy volunteers worked in sometimes rather horrible conditions, and we spent tiring but very satisfying days on site. We have built a good relationship with the landowner and are already making plans for further NFM work together.

Outfall safari:
Cartographer is set up to receive data and the volunteers are all trained to undertake Outfall Safari, primarily on the Aldingbourne Rife. However, this investment from the EA has allowed us to put in place the foundations to run more outfall safaris for other catchments with minimal funding in future.

Rother Partnership:
Following an excellent 'Rother Summit' organised by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA), a collective has been established to draw together a shared vision and action plan for the Rother. WSRT drew together a library of data and evidence which will set the path for action. A Board has been formed with SDNPA, South Downs Trust, Southern Water and Chichester District Council to steer the project, and MoU signing is imminent.

Sussex Black Poplar:

This year's black poplar season was a great success with 509 trees planted.

Communication and rebranding:

This year saw a process of rebranding better allow us to communicate with a wider range of audiences and funders, furthering our objectives to advance education in the understanding of rivers, and need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments. It was economically efficient to undertake this exercise at the same time as the redevelopment of our website. Both have been well received with many positive comments, particularly on the ease of use and comprehensive information found on our website.

Reserves policy:

Reserves are running low in comparison with our target of 3 months' salary and operating costs. We are working to increase this, including in conjunction with professional fundraisers Wayforward.

Risk management:

Risk management is controlled through our risk register and updated at each Board meeting, with significant risks discussed, including in project updates via email or in discussion with the Chair between Board meetings as the need arises.

Future plans:

Our targeted activities for the year 24-25 include:

- Completion of the new AWSCP website
- Full removal of Ambersham sluice to reinstate loop
- Increase volunteer activity, recruiting new volunteers, increasing our coverage and offering a larger suite of activities for volunteers
- Expand SoilSmart to new catchments and communities
- Secure funding for Chalk Stream Resilience staff and projects on the Ems, Hambrook and Lavant, and recruitment of staff for these posts
- Creation of two Water Champions posts to work with schools and parishes (dependent on successful funding decision due Sep 2024)
- Construction of Fittleworth's climate resilient playground
- Continued development of plans to restore the 'Lost River of Hope Farm'
- Completion of Liss NFM project including creation of scrapes and ponds
- Completion of outfall safari on Aldingbourne Rife and roll out to other catchments
- Recruitment of Rother Partnership Coordinator, reinvigoration of partnership and initial work with landowners and stakeholders
- Securing of funding to enable distribution and planting of more Sussex Black poplars
- Further promotion to a wide range of audiences and fundraising focus, particularly on core and reserves.

Aimee Felus – Chief Executive

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147477

CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

F1 CRT Limited
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST (FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region. The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for an benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts and sets out in detail the charitable activities undertaken in the period under review.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the period grants totalling £283,343 (2023 : £358,951) all of which were restricted in nature were received.

A deficit on unrestricted reserves of £6,272 was incurred during the year and this has been deducted from the reserves brought forward of £57,072 to leave £50,800 to be carried forward.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trust to maintain the free reserves of the trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

As at 31st March 2024 the trust had funds of £431,662 (2023 £401,285) of which £380,842 (2023 £344,213) were of a restricted nature.

The unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2024, not represented by fixed assets, were £48,261 (2023 £56,804).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

On the 9th September 2024 the charity changed its name from The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust to Western Sussex Rivers Trust.

Charity constitution

The company was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th May 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Barlavington Estate Office
Dye House Lane
Duncton
Petworth
West Sussex
GU28 0LF

Trustees
S P C Anstruther (resigned 31.3.24)
C Baker
D Brown
Dr A M Whitbread
Dr M J Willing (resigned 20.4.24)
R W R Hammond (resigned 31.3.24)
J Whiting (resigned 19.9.23)
S P Simmonds
D A Green
D J Cooper (appointed 28.7.23)
N S Cross (appointed 20.9.23)
A R Lee (appointed 19.3.24)
S Macleod (appointed 7.5.24)

Independent Examiner
Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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C Baker - Trustee

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of Western Sussex Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Western Sussex Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 7th November 2024

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST (FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	986	88	1,074	39,318
Charitable activities	4				
River conservation		-	283,343	283,343	358,951
Investment income	3	99	-	99	77
Total		1,085	283,431	284,516	398,346
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
River conservation		41,293	212,866	254,159	158,246
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(40,208)	70,565	30,357	240,100
Transfers between funds	15	33,936	(33,936)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,272)	36,629	30,357	240,100
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		57,072	344,213	401,285	161,185
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285

The notes form part of these financial statements

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	2,539	2,999	5,538	268
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	13,145	35,100	48,245	71,980
Prepayments and accrued income		1,464	-	1,464	1,577
Cash at bank		40,419	355,888	396,307	347,673
		55,028	390,988	446,016	421,230
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,767)	(13,145)	(19,912)	(20,213)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		48,261	377,843	426,104	401,017
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285
NET ASSETS		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				50,800	57,072
Restricted funds				380,842	344,213
TOTAL FUNDS				431,642	401,285

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



C Baker - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income
Grants
Grants are recognised on an accruals basis, accounted for in relation to the period that they relate. Where grants have been received for capital items the total grant has been disclosed in the SOFA and depreciation, in accordance with the accounting policies, has been charged against that income over the estimated useful economic life of the asset. Where grants are received during the year under review but relate to a later period the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance to the Balance Sheet.

Other Income
All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance in the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis (including irrecoverable VAT) and has been classified under the relevant headings.

(1).Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting grants, voluntary income and fees.

(2).Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(3).Support costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment: 25% on cost

Fixtures and fittings: 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies	1,074	4,318
Grants	-	35,000
	1,074	39,318

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Garfield Weston	-	35,000

The grant of £35,000 from Garfield Weston in 2023 had previously been included within Donations and Legacies in that years published accounts.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	99	77

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Grants	River conservation	283,343	358,951

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brighton & Hove City Council	13,930	-
Chichester District Council	203	-
Environment Agency	50,100	29,990
Kim Polman	4,006	-
Portsmouth Water	-	24,920
The Rivers Trust	7,000	-
Rural Payments Agency	-	36,145
South Downs National Park	4,654	-
Southern Water Services Limited	11,062	54,434
Carried forward	90,955	145,489

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward	90,955	145,489
United Utilities	192,388	213,462
	283,343	358,951

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	87,502	166,657	254,159

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Consultancy fees	1,600	8,610
Project costs	78,962	78,039
Travel and mileage	6,940	2,538
	87,502	89,187

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	165,157	1,500	166,657

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 River conservation	2023 River conservation
	£	£
Staff costs	139,536	52,343
Insurance	1,786	1,612
Office costs	7,276	3,192
Advertising	754	1,740
Administration support	-	2,600
Subscriptions	2,426	586
Bank charges	95	83
Bookkeeping	4,262	2,444
Interest	-	173
Training	7,123	120
Recruitment	-	1,572
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	1,877	164
Interest payable and similar charges	22	-
Independent examination	1,500	2,430
	166,657	69,059

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,877	164
Independent Examination	1,500	2,430

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	128,080	50,397
Social security costs	11,398	4,185
Pension costs	5,058	1,946
	144,536	56,528
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(4,185)
	139,536	52,343
Average number of employees	5	2.33

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees who received no remuneration.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: none).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	39,316	2	39,318
Charitable activities			
River conservation	-	358,951	358,951
Investment income	77	-	77
Total	39,393	358,953	398,346
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
River conservation	26,976	131,270	158,246

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	12,417	227,683	240,100
Transfers between funds	12,684	(12,684)	-
Net movement in funds	25,101	214,999	240,100
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	31,971	129,214	161,185
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	57,072	344,213	401,285

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	-	1,406	1,406
Additions	1,283	5,864	7,147
At 31 March 2024	1,283	7,270	8,553
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	-	1,138	1,138
Charge for year	321	1,556	1,877
At 31 March 2024	321	2,694	3,015
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	962	4,576	5,538
At 31 March 2023	-	268	268

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	35,100	57,942
Due from projects in deficit	13,145	14,038
	48,245	71,980

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,329	2,304
Social security and other taxes	3,250	1,056
Pensions	688	323
Due to general fund	13,145	14,039
Accrued expenses	1,500	2,491
	19,912	20,213

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	46,587	(18,715)	22,928	50,800
Operating fund	10,485	(21,493)	11,008	-
	57,072	(40,208)	33,936	50,800
Restricted funds				
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Aldingbourne Rife	60,808	(23,192)	-	37,616
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	11,232	(7,648)	(416)	3,168
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	(1,200)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	-	2,072	(2,072)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,030	-	-	3,030
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	42,330	(23,695)	(9,305)	9,330
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	154,434	115,015	(14,112)	255,337
Downs to the Sea	-	61	-	61
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	1,788	-	(1,788)	-
Floodplain Meadows	(1)	-	1	-
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,658	(220)	-	18,438
Hope Farm	-	(968)	-	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	3,508	-	5,388
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1	-	(1)	-
River Ems	-	(1,316)	1,316	-
River Ems 2023	(1,150)	10,103	227	9,180
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	834	685
Rother Summit	-	834	(834)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,130	-	-	3,130
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	2,937	(2,936)	-	1
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	35,423	(11,552)	(2,778)	21,093
Stedham Mill	191	-	(191)	-
Sussex Black Poplar	1,322	(250)	-	1,072
SW Wetland Feasibility	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Western Streams Outfall Safari	-	11,192	(617)	10,575
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	5,000	(1,294)	-	3,706
	344,213	70,565	(33,936)	380,842
TOTAL FUNDS	401,285	30,357	-	431,642

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	985	(19,700)	(18,715)
Operating fund	100	(21,593)	(21,493)
	1,085	(41,293)	(40,208)
Restricted funds			
Aldingbourne Rife	-	(23,192)	(23,192)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	5,100	(12,748)	(7,648)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	15,000	(12,928)	2,072
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	6,000	(29,695)	(23,695)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	192,388	(77,373)	115,015
Downs to the Sea	1,265	(1,204)	61
Ford & Brookfields Farm	-	(220)	(220)
Hope Farm	4,006	(4,974)	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	13,929	(10,421)	3,508
River Ems	-	(1,316)	(1,316)
River Ems 2023	15,204	(5,101)	10,103
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	(149)
Rother Summit	3,391	(2,557)	834
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	11,062	(13,998)	(2,936)
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	(11,552)	(11,552)
Sussex Black Poplar	86	(336)	(250)
SW Wetland Feasibility	1,000	-	1,000
Western Streams Outfall Safari	15,000	(3,808)	11,192
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	(1,294)	(1,294)
	283,431	(212,866)	70,565
TOTAL FUNDS	284,516	(254,159)	30,357

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,933	22,845	8,809	46,587
Operating fund	17,038	(10,428)	3,875	10,485
	31,971	12,417	12,684	57,072
Restricted funds				
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Aldingbourne Rife	74,195	(13,387)	-	60,808
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	9,267	2,465	(500)	11,232
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	-	1,200
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	4,844	(8,690)	3,846	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-2021	7,610	-	(7,610)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	394	-	(394)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-2023	-	6,163	(6,163)	-
Arun Water Environment Grant	(12,593)	12,998	(405)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,090	(60)	-	3,030
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	-	44,270	(1,940)	42,330
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	(560)	156,771	(1,777)	154,434
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	-	1,788	-	1,788
Floodplain Meadows	1	(402)	400	(1)
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,658	-	-	18,658
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	-	-	1,880
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	8,288	(2,667)	(5,620)	1
River Ems	4,016	(13,572)	9,556	-
River Ems 2023	-	(1,150)	-	(1,150)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,625	(495)	-	3,130
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	-	2,937	-	2,937
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	37,500	(2,077)	35,423
Stedham Mill	191	-	-	191
Sussex Black Poplar	3,108	(1,786)	-	1,322
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	5,000	-	5,000
	129,214	227,683	(12,684)	344,213
TOTAL FUNDS	161,185	240,100	-	401,285

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,397	(16,552)	22,845
Operating fund	(4)	(10,424)	(10,428)
	39,393	(26,976)	12,417
Restricted funds			
Aldingbourne Rife	(1)	(13,386)	(13,387)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	14,990	(12,525)	2,465
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	-	(8,690)	(8,690)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-2023	15,000	(8,837)	6,163
Arun Water Environment Grant	36,146	(23,148)	12,998
Barnham Rife Community Project	-	(60)	(60)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	51,011	(6,741)	44,270
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	162,451	(5,680)	156,771
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	9,920	(8,132)	1,788
Floodplain Meadows	(1)	(401)	(402)
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1	(2,668)	(2,667)
River Ems	10,001	(23,573)	(13,572)
River Ems 2023	-	(1,150)	(1,150)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	-	(495)	(495)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	16,935	(13,998)	2,937
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	37,500	-	37,500
Sussex Black Poplar	-	(1,786)	(1,786)
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	5,000	-	5,000
	358,953	(131,270)	227,683
TOTAL FUNDS	398,346	(158,246)	240,100

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance.Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Funds in deficit

Where restricted funds are in deficit bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147477

CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

F1 CRT Limited
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
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WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST (FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region. The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for an benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts and sets out in detail the charitable activities undertaken in the period under review.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the period grants totalling £283,343 (2023 : £358,951) all of which were restricted in nature were received.

A deficit on unrestricted reserves of £6,272 was incurred during the year and this has been deducted from the reserves brought forward of £57,072 to leave £50,800 to be carried forward.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trust to maintain the free reserves of the trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

As at 31st March 2024 the trust had funds of £431,662 (2023 £401,285) of which £380,842 (2023 £344,213) were of a restricted nature.

The unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2024, not represented by fixed assets, were £48,261 (2023 £56,804).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

On the 9th September 2024 the charity changed its name from The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust to Western Sussex Rivers Trust.

Charity constitution

The company was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th May 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Barlavington Estate Office
Dye House Lane
Duncton
Petworth
West Sussex
GU28 0LF

Trustees
S P C Anstruther (resigned 31.3.24)
C Baker
D Brown
Dr A M Whitbread
Dr M J Willing (resigned 20.4.24)
R W R Hammond (resigned 31.3.24)
J Whiting (resigned 19.9.23)
S P Simmonds
D A Green
D J Cooper (appointed 28.7.23)
N S Cross (appointed 20.9.23)
A R Lee (appointed 19.3.24)
S Macleod (appointed 7.5.24)

Independent Examiner
Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
F1 CRT Limited
Flat 24 Wellingtonia Court
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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C Baker - Trustee

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of Western Sussex Rivers Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Western Sussex Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 7th November 2024

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST (FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	986	88	1,074	39,318
Charitable activities	4				
River conservation		-	283,343	283,343	358,951
Investment income	3	99	-	99	77
Total		1,085	283,431	284,516	398,346
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
River conservation		41,293	212,866	254,159	158,246
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(40,208)	70,565	30,357	240,100
Transfers between funds	15	33,936	(33,936)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,272)	36,629	30,357	240,100
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		57,072	344,213	401,285	161,185
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285

The notes form part of these financial statements

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST
(FORMELY THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST)

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	2,539	2,999	5,538	268
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	13,145	35,100	48,245	71,980
Prepayments and accrued income		1,464	-	1,464	1,577
Cash at bank		40,419	355,888	396,307	347,673
		55,028	390,988	446,016	421,230
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,767)	(13,145)	(19,912)	(20,213)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		48,261	377,843	426,104	401,017
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285
NET ASSETS		50,800	380,842	431,642	401,285
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				50,800	57,072
Restricted funds				380,842	344,213
TOTAL FUNDS				431,642	401,285

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



C Baker - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income
Grants
Grants are recognised on an accruals basis, accounted for in relation to the period that they relate. Where grants have been received for capital items the total grant has been disclosed in the SOFA and depreciation, in accordance with the accounting policies, has been charged against that income over the estimated useful economic life of the asset. Where grants are received during the year under review but relate to a later period the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance to the Balance Sheet.

Other Income
All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance in the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis (including irrecoverable VAT) and has been classified under the relevant headings.

(1).Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting grants, voluntary income and fees.

(2).Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(3).Support costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment: 25% on cost

Fixtures and fittings: 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies	1,074	4,318
Grants	-	35,000
	1,074	39,318

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Garfield Weston	-	35,000

The grant of £35,000 from Garfield Weston in 2023 had previously been included within Donations and Legacies in that years published accounts.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	99	77

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Grants	River conservation	283,343	358,951

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brighton & Hove City Council	13,930	-
Chichester District Council	203	-
Environment Agency	50,100	29,990
Kim Polman	4,006	-
Portsmouth Water	-	24,920
The Rivers Trust	7,000	-
Rural Payments Agency	-	36,145
South Downs National Park	4,654	-
Southern Water Services Limited	11,062	54,434
Carried forward	90,955	145,489

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward	90,955	145,489
United Utilities	192,388	213,462
	283,343	358,951

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	87,502	166,657	254,159

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Consultancy fees	1,600	8,610
Project costs	78,962	78,039
Travel and mileage	6,940	2,538
	87,502	89,187

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
River conservation	165,157	1,500	166,657

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 River conservation	2023 River conservation
	£	£
Staff costs	139,536	52,343
Insurance	1,786	1,612
Office costs	7,276	3,192
Advertising	754	1,740
Administration support	-	2,600
Subscriptions	2,426	586
Bank charges	95	83
Bookkeeping	4,262	2,444
Interest	-	173
Training	7,123	120
Recruitment	-	1,572
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	1,877	164
Interest payable and similar charges	22	-
Independent examination	1,500	2,430
	166,657	69,059

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,877	164
Independent Examination	1,500	2,430

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	128,080	50,397
Social security costs	11,398	4,185
Pension costs	5,058	1,946
	144,536	56,528
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(4,185)
	139,536	52,343
Average number of employees	5	2.33

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees who received no remuneration.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: none).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	39,316	2	39,318
Charitable activities			
River conservation	-	358,951	358,951
Investment income	77	-	77
Total	39,393	358,953	398,346
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
River conservation	26,976	131,270	158,246

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	12,417	227,683	240,100
Transfers between funds	12,684	(12,684)	-
Net movement in funds	25,101	214,999	240,100
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	31,971	129,214	161,185
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	57,072	344,213	401,285

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	-	1,406	1,406
Additions	1,283	5,864	7,147
At 31 March 2024	1,283	7,270	8,553
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	-	1,138	1,138
Charge for year	321	1,556	1,877
At 31 March 2024	321	2,694	3,015
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	962	4,576	5,538
At 31 March 2023	-	268	268

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	35,100	57,942
Due from projects in deficit	13,145	14,038
	48,245	71,980

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,329	2,304
Social security and other taxes	3,250	1,056
Pensions	688	323
Due to general fund	13,145	14,039
Accrued expenses	1,500	2,491
	19,912	20,213

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	46,587	(18,715)	22,928	50,800
Operating fund	10,485	(21,493)	11,008	-
	57,072	(40,208)	33,936	50,800
Restricted funds				
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Aldingbourne Rife	60,808	(23,192)	-	37,616
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	11,232	(7,648)	(416)	3,168
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	(1,200)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	-	2,072	(2,072)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,030	-	-	3,030
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	42,330	(23,695)	(9,305)	9,330
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	154,434	115,015	(14,112)	255,337
Downs to the Sea	-	61	-	61
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	1,788	-	(1,788)	-
Floodplain Meadows	(1)	-	1	-
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,658	(220)	-	18,438
Hope Farm	-	(968)	-	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	3,508	-	5,388
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1	-	(1)	-
River Ems	-	(1,316)	1,316	-
River Ems 2023	(1,150)	10,103	227	9,180
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	834	685
Rother Summit	-	834	(834)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,130	-	-	3,130
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	2,937	(2,936)	-	1
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	35,423	(11,552)	(2,778)	21,093
Stedham Mill	191	-	(191)	-
Sussex Black Poplar	1,322	(250)	-	1,072
SW Wetland Feasibility	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Western Streams Outfall Safari	-	11,192	(617)	10,575
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	5,000	(1,294)	-	3,706
	344,213	70,565	(33,936)	380,842
TOTAL FUNDS	401,285	30,357	-	431,642

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	985	(19,700)	(18,715)
Operating fund	100	(21,593)	(21,493)
	1,085	(41,293)	(40,208)
Restricted funds			
Aldingbourne Rife	-	(23,192)	(23,192)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	5,100	(12,748)	(7,648)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2023-2024	15,000	(12,928)	2,072
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	6,000	(29,695)	(23,695)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	192,388	(77,373)	115,015
Downs to the Sea	1,265	(1,204)	61
Ford & Brookfields Farm	-	(220)	(220)
Hope Farm	4,006	(4,974)	(968)
Liss Natural Flood Management	13,929	(10,421)	3,508
River Ems	-	(1,316)	(1,316)
River Ems 2023	15,204	(5,101)	10,103
Rother Partnership	-	(149)	(149)
Rother Summit	3,391	(2,557)	834
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	11,062	(13,998)	(2,936)
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	(11,552)	(11,552)
Sussex Black Poplar	86	(336)	(250)
SW Wetland Feasibility	1,000	-	1,000
Western Streams Outfall Safari	15,000	(3,808)	11,192
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	(1,294)	(1,294)
	283,431	(212,866)	70,565
TOTAL FUNDS	284,516	(254,159)	30,357

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,933	22,845	8,809	46,587
Operating fund	17,038	(10,428)	3,875	10,485
	31,971	12,417	12,684	57,072
Restricted funds				
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Aldingbourne Rife	74,195	(13,387)	-	60,808
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	9,267	2,465	(500)	11,232
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	-	1,200
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	4,844	(8,690)	3,846	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-2021	7,610	-	(7,610)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	394	-	(394)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-2023	-	6,163	(6,163)	-
Arun Water Environment Grant	(12,593)	12,998	(405)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,090	(60)	-	3,030
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	-	44,270	(1,940)	42,330
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	(560)	156,771	(1,777)	154,434
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	-	1,788	-	1,788
Floodplain Meadows	1	(402)	400	(1)
Ford & Brookfields Farm	18,658	-	-	18,658
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	-	-	1,880
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	8,288	(2,667)	(5,620)	1
River Ems	4,016	(13,572)	9,556	-
River Ems 2023	-	(1,150)	-	(1,150)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,625	(495)	-	3,130
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	-	2,937	-	2,937
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	37,500	(2,077)	35,423
Stedham Mill	191	-	-	191
Sussex Black Poplar	3,108	(1,786)	-	1,322
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	5,000	-	5,000
	129,214	227,683	(12,684)	344,213
TOTAL FUNDS	161,185	240,100	-	401,285

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,397	(16,552)	22,845
Operating fund	(4)	(10,424)	(10,428)
	39,393	(26,976)	12,417
Restricted funds			
Aldingbourne Rife	(1)	(13,386)	(13,387)
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	14,990	(12,525)	2,465
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	-	(8,690)	(8,690)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-2023	15,000	(8,837)	6,163
Arun Water Environment Grant	36,146	(23,148)	12,998
Barnham Rife Community Project	-	(60)	(60)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	51,011	(6,741)	44,270
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	162,451	(5,680)	156,771
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	9,920	(8,132)	1,788
Floodplain Meadows	(1)	(401)	(402)
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1	(2,668)	(2,667)
River Ems	10,001	(23,573)	(13,572)
River Ems 2023	-	(1,150)	(1,150)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	-	(495)	(495)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	16,935	(13,998)	2,937
Southern Water / Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	37,500	-	37,500
Sussex Black Poplar	-	(1,786)	(1,786)
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	5,000	-	5,000
	358,953	(131,270)	227,683
TOTAL FUNDS	398,346	(158,246)	240,100

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance.Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Funds in deficit

Where restricted funds are in deficit bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1147477

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147477

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

FOR

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9HJ

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region.The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for and benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

During the period grants totalling £393,951 were received (2022: £196,959) £358,951 of which were restricted in nature. The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain the free reserves of the Trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs. At 31st March 2023 the Trust had funds of £401,286 of which £344,214 were of a restricted nature.

FUTURE PLANS

It will be the continued policy of the Trust to develop and maintain the existing activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Barlavington Estate Office
Dye House Lane
Duncton
Petworth
West Sussex
GU28 0LF

Trustees
S P C Anstruther Director
C Baker Director
D Brown Director
Dr A M Whitbread Director
Dr M J Willing Director
R W R Hammond Director
J Whiting Director
J C Archer Director (resigned 6.2.2023)
S P Simmonds Director
D A Green Director
D J Cooper (appointed 28.7.2023)

Independent Examiner
James Angus Burnett ACA
Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9HJ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

C Baker - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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



James Angus Burnett ACA

Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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Date: 17th October 2023

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**39,317**	**358,954**	**398,271**	198,664
Investment income	3	**77**	-	**77**	-
Total		**39,394**	**358,954**	**398,348**	198,664
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Non-specific project costs		**26,977**	-	**26,977**	17,919
Riverfly project		-	-	-	60
Ford & Brooklands Farms		-	-	-	211
Project Development Consultant		-	-	-	1,622
Barnham Rife Community Project		-	**60**	**60**	90
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund		-	**495**	**495**	14,990
Arun Water Environment Grant		-	**23,148**	**23,148**	21,420
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project		-	**13,998**	**13,998**	-
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project		-	**2,668**	**2,668**	52,877
Floodplain Meadows		-	**401**	**401**	2,232
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training		-	-	-	25
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership River Lod		-	-	-	4,399
Stedham Mill		-	-	-	1,369
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report		-	-	-	2,323
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project		-	-	-	4,134
Aldingbourne Rife		-	**13,386**	**13,386**	11,840
Liss Natural Flood Management		-	-	-	4,120
River Ems		-	**23,573**	**23,573**	4,764
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project		-	**12,525**	**12,525**	16,441
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022		-	-	-	8,606
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan		-	**8,690**	**8,690**	1,680
Sussex Black Poplar		-	**1,786**	**1,786**	2,392
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus		-	**5,680**	**5,680**	560
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative		-	**6,741**	**6,741**	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23		-	**8,837**	**8,837**	-
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey		-	**8,132**	**8,132**	-
River Ems 2023		-	**1,150**	**1,150**	-
Total		**26,977**	**131,270**	**158,247**	174,074

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
NET INCOME		**12,417**	**227,684**	**240,101**	24,590
Transfers between funds	14	**12,684**	**(12,684)**	-	-
Net movement in funds		**25,101**	**215,000**	**240,101**	24,590
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**31,971**	**129,214**	**161,185**	136,595
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**57,072**	**344,214**	**401,286**	161,185

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	**268**	-	**268**	75
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	**14,038**	**57,942**	**71,980**	45,978
Prepayments and accrued income		**1,577**	-	**1,577**	1,387
Cash at bank		**46,861**	**300,812**	**347,673**	166,261
		62,476	**358,754**	**421,230**	213,626
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(5,672)**	**(14,540)**	**(20,212)**	(52,516)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**56,804**	**344,214**	**401,018**	161,110
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**57,072**	**344,214**	**401,286**	161,185
NET ASSETS		57,072	344,214	**401,286**	161,185
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				57,072	31,971
Restricted funds				**344,214**	129,214
TOTAL FUNDS				**401,286**	161,185

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST MARCH 2023

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 20th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Baker - Trustee

R W R Hammond - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

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

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

Computer equipment - 25% 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.

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.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	4,320	1,705
Grants	393,951	196,959
	398,271	198,664

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Portsmouth Water	24,920	15,000
Environment Agency	29,990	99,375
Southern Water Services Limited	54,434	23,043
South Downs National Park Authority	-	11,635
DEFRA	-	22,527
Natural England	-	5,940
Rural Payments Agency	36,145	-
The Woodland Trust	-	2,869
Brighton & Hove City Council	-	16,570
United Utilities	213,462	-
Garfield Weston	35,000	-
	393,951	196,959

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	77	-

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5)	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	2,098	24,879	26,977
Barnham Rife Community Project	-	60	60
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund	495	-	495
Arun Water Environment Grant	19,057	4,091	23,148
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	13,998	-	13,998
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	2,668	-	2,668
Floodplain Meadows	401	-	401
Aldingbourne Rife	1,214	12,172	13,386
River Ems	17,640	5,933	23,573
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	9,906	2,619	12,525
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan	8,100	590	8,690
Sussex Black Poplar	1,354	432	1,786
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	799	4,881	5,680
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	685	6,056	6,741
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	1,491	7,346	8,837
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	8,132	-	8,132
River Ems 2023	1,150	-	1,150
	89,188	69,059	158,247

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5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Consultancy fees	8,610	44,701
Workshop and meeting expenses	-	120
Project costs	78,040	106,056
Travel & mileage	2,538	3,055
	89,188	153,932

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	22,449	2,430	24,879
Barnham Rife Community Project	60	-	60
Arun Water Environment Grant	4,091	-	4,091
Aldingbourne Rife	12,172	-	12,172
River Ems	5,933	-	5,933
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	2,619	-	2,619
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan	590	-	590
Sussex Black Poplar	432	-	432
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	4,881	-	4,881
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	6,056	-	6,056
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	7,346	-	7,346
	66,629	2,430	69,059

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	Non-specific project costs	Barnham Rife Community Project	Arun Water Environment Grant	Aldingbourne Rife
	£	£	£	£
Wages	10,697	60	4,018	11,428
Pensions	785	-	-	356
Insurance	1,612	-	-	-
Office costs	2,264	-	-	388
Advertising	90	-	-	-
Administration support	2,600	-	-	-
Subscriptions	586	-	-	-
Bank charges	83	-	-	-
Carried forward	18,717	60	4,018	12,172

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6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

	Non-specific project costs	Barnham Rife Community Project	Arun Water Environment Grant	Aldingbourne Rife
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	18,717	60	4,018	12,172
Bookkeeping	2,444	-	-	-
Loan charges	100	-	73	-
Training	-	-	-	-
Recruitment	1,024	-	-	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	164	-	-	-
	22,449	60	4,091	12,172

	River Ems	Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan	Sussex Black Poplar
	£	£	£	£
Wages	5,752	2,414	48	429
Pensions	181	85	2	3
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Office costs	-	-	540	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Administration support	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	-
Loan charges	-	-	-	-
Training	-	120	-	-
Recruitment	-	-	-	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	-	-	-	-
	5,933	2,619	590	432

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6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

	Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	2023 Total activities	2022 Total activities
	£	£	£	£	£
Wages	4,459	5,589	5,503	50,397	-
Pensions	148	193	193	1,946	-
Insurance	-	-	-	1,612	1,119
Office costs	-	-	-	3,192	1,479
Advertising	-	-	1,650	1,740	170
Administration support	-	-	-	2,600	11,810
Subscriptions	-	-	-	586	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	83	93
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	2,444	1,858
Loan charges	-	-	-	173	198
Training	-	-	-	120	1,360
Recruitment	274	274	-	1,572	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	-	-	-	164	75
	4,881	6,056	7,346	66,629	18,162

Governance costs

	2023 Non-specific project costs	2022 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	2,430	1,980

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7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	164	75

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

9. STAFF COSTS

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment
	£
COST	
At 1st April 2022	1,049
Additions	357
At 31st March 2023	1,406
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2022	974
Charge for year	164
At 31st March 2023	1,138
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2023	268
At 31st March 2022	75

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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	57,942	27,494
Due from projects in deficit	14,038	18,484
	71,980	45,978

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	-	20,000
Trade creditors	2,304	11,854
Social security and other taxes	1,056	-
Other creditors	323	-
Due to general fund	14,039	18,484
Accrued expenses	2,490	2,178
	20,212	52,516

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	-	20,000

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,933	22,844	8,809	46,586
Operating Funds	17,038	(10,427)	3,875	10,486
	31,971	12,417	12,684	57,072
Restricted funds				
Ford & Brooklands Farms	18,658	-	-	18,658
Barnham Rife Community Project	3,090	(60)	-	3,030
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	3,625	(495)	-	3,130
Arun Water Environment Grant	(12,593)	12,998	(405)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	-	2,937	-	2,937
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	8,288	(2,668)	(5,620)	-
Floodplain Meadows	1	(401)	400	-
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,200	-	-	1,200
Stedham Mill	191	-	-	191
Aldingbourne Rife	74,195	(13,386)	-	60,809
Liss Natural Flood Management	1,880	-	-	1,880
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21	7,610	-	(7,610)	-
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	9,267	2,465	(500)	11,232
Sussex Black Poplar	3,108	(1,786)	-	1,322
River Ems	4,016	(13,572)	9,556	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	4,844	(8,690)	3,846	-
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	(560)	156,771	(1,777)	154,434
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	394	-	(394)	-
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	-	44,270	(1,940)	42,330
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	-	6,163	(6,163)	-
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	-	1,788	-	1,788
River Ems 2023	-	(1,150)	-	(1,150)
Southern Water/ Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	37,500	(2,077)	35,423
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	5,000	-	5,000
	129,214	227,684	(12,684)	344,214
TOTAL FUNDS	161,185	240,101	-	401,286

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**39,397**	**(16,553)**	**22,844**
Operating Funds	**(3)**	**(10,424)**	**(10,427)**
	39,394	**(26,977)**	**12,417**
Restricted funds			
Barnham Rife Community Project	-	**(60)**	**(60)**
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	-	**(495)**	**(495)**
Arun Water Environment Grant	**36,146**	**(23,148)**	**12,998**
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	**16,935**	**(13,998)**	**2,937**
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	-	**(2,668)**	**(2,668)**
Floodplain Meadows	-	**(401)**	**(401)**
Aldingbourne Rife	-	**(13,386)**	**(13,386)**
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	**14,990**	**(12,525)**	**2,465**
Sussex Black Poplar	-	**(1,786)**	**(1,786)**
River Ems	**10,001**	**(23,573)**	**(13,572)**
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	-	**(8,690)**	**(8,690)**
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	**162,451**	**(5,680)**	**156,771**
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	**51,011**	**(6,741)**	**44,270**
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	**15,000**	**(8,837)**	**6,163**
River Ems 2023	**9,920**	**(8,132)**	**1,788**
Southern Water/ Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	**(1,150)**	**(1,150)**
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	**37,500**	-	**37,500**
	5,000	-	**5,000**
	358,954	**(131,270)**	**227,684**
TOTAL FUNDS	**398,348**	**(158,247)**	**240,101**

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,082	(2,049)	2,900	14,933
Operating Funds	-	(7,321)	24,359	17,038
	14,082	(9,370)	27,259	31,971
Restricted funds				
Riverfly project	451	(60)	(391)	-
Ford & Brooklands Farms	18,869	(211)	-	18,658
Project Development Consultant	4,832	(1,622)	(3,210)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,878	1,212	-	3,090
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	4,385	(125)	(635)	3,625
Arun Water Environment Grant	(16,657)	4,064	-	(12,593)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	2,664	2,936	(5,600)	-
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	(11,862)	21,573	(1,423)	8,288
Floodplain Meadows	(368)	219	150	1
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	1,225	(25)	-	1,200
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	4,436	(4,399)	(37)	-
Stedham Mill	1,560	(1,369)	-	191
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	4,200	(2,323)	(1,877)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	(575)	575	-	-
Aldingbourne Rife	99,035	(11,840)	(13,000)	74,195
Liss Natural Flood Management	(1,320)	3,200	-	1,880
Fisheries Improvement Plan	150	-	(150)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21	7,610	-	-	7,610
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	-	9,267	-	9,267
Sussex Black Poplar	-	3,108	-	3,108
Ems Restoration Plan	-	13,390	(13,390)	-
River Ems	-	(4,764)	8,780	4,016
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	-	(1,680)	6,524	4,844
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	-	(560)	-	(560)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	-	3,394	(3,000)	394
	122,513	33,960	(27,259)	129,214

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued				
TOTAL FUNDS	136,595	24,590	-	161,185

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(2,049)	(2,049)
Operating Funds	8,548	(15,869)	(7,321)
	8,548	(17,918)	(9,370)
Restricted funds			
Riverfly project	-	(60)	(60)
Ford & Brooklands Farms	-	(211)	(211)
Project Development Consultant	-	(1,622)	(1,622)
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,302	(90)	1,212
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	13,256	(13,381)	(125)
Arun Water Environment Grant	25,777	(21,713)	4,064
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	16,934	(13,998)	2,936
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	50,973	(29,400)	21,573
Floodplain Meadows	11,637	(11,418)	219
ARC Geographical Information Systems/CABA Data Training	-	(25)	(25)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	-	(4,399)	(4,399)
Stedham Mill	-	(1,369)	(1,369)
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	-	(2,323)	(2,323)
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	4,709	(4,134)	575
Aldingbourne Rife	-	(11,840)	(11,840)
Liss Natural Flood Management	7,320	(4,120)	3,200
Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project	25,708	(16,441)	9,267
Sussex Black Poplar	5,500	(2,392)	3,108
Ems Restoration Plan	15,000	(1,610)	13,390
River Ems	-	(4,764)	(4,764)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Catchment Management Plan	-	(1,680)	(1,680)
Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	-	(560)	(560)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	12,000	(8,606)	3,394
	190,116	(156,156)	33,960
TOTAL FUNDS	198,664	(174,074)	24,590

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance. Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

Funds in deficit
Grants for River Ems 2023 have been confirmed, but are paid for in arrears of expenditure. Bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**39,320**	1,705
Grants	**358,951**	196,959
	398,271	198,664
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**77**	-
Total incoming resources	**398,348**	198,664
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Consultancy fees	**8,610**	44,701
Workshop and meeting expenses	**-**	120
Project costs	**78,040**	106,056
Travel & mileage	**2,538**	3,055
	89,188	153,932
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	**50,397**	-
Pensions	**1,946**	-
Insurance	**1,612**	1,119
Office costs	**3,192**	1,479
Advertising	**1,740**	170
Administration support	**2,600**	11,810
Subscriptions	**586**	-
Bank charges	**83**	93
Bookkeeping	**2,444**	1,858
Loan charges	**173**	198
Training	**120**	1,360
Recruitment	**1,572**	-
Computer equipment	**164**	75
	66,629	18,162
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	**2,430**	1,980
Total resources expended	**158,247**	174,074
Net income	**240,101**	24,590

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Arun & Rother Rivers Trust

ARRT Annual Report 2022-23

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)
Annual Report 2022-23

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) www.arrt.org.uk is a member of the Rivers Trust network in England and Wales, helped and supported by the national umbrella body The Rivers Trust www.theriverstrust.org.

ARRT covers the whole catchment of the "Arun and Western Streams" – the Rivers Arun and Rother and the coastal streams which feed Pagham and Chichester Harbours. ARRT works with farmers and landowners, statutory agencies, anglers and other recreational users, community groups and NGOs. By applying for funding, working in partnership and offering advice and practical support we help promote local action to look after and to improve the rivers within our catchment.

ARRT was formally launched at a public event in Pulborough, West Sussex, on 15th June 2011 when the original 12 Trustees signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association. ARRT was registered in England & Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 18th November 2011, Company Registration No: 7853698. It became a Charity when it registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, entered on the Register of Charities on 28th May 2012 as Registered Charity No: 1147477. ARRT's Registered Office is c/o The Barlavington Estate Office, Duncton Mill, Dye House Lane, Duncton, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0LF.

The Articles of Association set out the Objects for which the Charity is established:
(1) To conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers, streams, and other waterbodies of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's Southeast region as may be deemed appropriate, for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public.
(2) To advance the education of the public, or any association, institution, voluntary organisation, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in: -
(a) The understanding of rivers, river corridors and river catchments, including their fauna, flora, biodiversity, economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
(b) The need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ARRT is governed by its Trustees, who are Members of the Company and constitute the Board of Trustees of the Charity.

As at 31st March 2023, the Trustees of ARRT were:

Sebastian Anstruther
Charlie Baker – Chairman
Dave Brown
Dave Green
Richard Hammond
Stephen Simmonds
Martin Willing
Tony Whitbread
John Whiting

Trustee & Staff Changes

This is the eleventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), covering the financial year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Trustee Changes

ARRT is deeply saddened to report that valued and respected Trustee John Archer died on the 6 February 2023.

Staff Changes

ARRT welcomed Sarah Hughes to ARRT as a Senior Project Officer. Her work focusses on the Aldingbourne Rife Westerns Streams. Sarah brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to ARRT along with a passion for rivers and the environment.

Chairman's Report

The majority of time in Board meetings was spent debating the possible merger with OART. NB This was shelved by the OART Board in June 2023.

Following the Covid affected years, ARRT has rebounded with a healthy revenue stream and plans are also being made to increase the unrestricted capital.

The year 22/23 has been a time of consolidation prior to a period of growth in the years to come. The task of resetting parameters to deal with CastCo has been time consuming. But, as CastCo begins to become self-supporting, there is room for growth in core areas such as flow management. Holding water upstream is becoming an answer to the possibilities of flooding near estuaries.
Constructed wetlands are a natural solution to water quality issues. Control of abstraction is one answer to the flow issues in our two major chalk streams. Invasive non-native species have not received enough attention in recent years and the expansion of volunteering will see INNS being given more treatment. We should soon be able to play a wider part in the restoration of Chichester Harbour and try to tackle more of the pollution from rivers and streams in that important area.

I would like to pay a sincere tribute to those Trustees who have been taking an active role during the year. No Names!
I would like to pay even more tribute to the salaried staff and contractors, who have made everything happen. They have been stretched in more directions than they should have been and have shown true resilience.
They have carried ARRT's name and abilities to all the stakeholders within our catchments with professionalism and imagination. Skilfully led by Sandra, who has since retired, they have given ARRT the reputation it deserves.

Finally, I want to pay sincere tribute to John Archer who died during the year. He was a Trustee from the foundation of ARRT and was very much a working trustee. He started the Rother Valley Farmers Group, which was an enormous challenge, but he had a strong working knowledge of the issues that face farmers and was able to engage them and gain their respect. He was a member of the F & A committee and made himself familiar with the details of invoices and payments, as well as always given sound judgement on matters of policy. His was the voice of reason and sound judgement at meetings.
ARRT misses him.

Charlie Baker - ARRT Chairman

Finance & Administration

Finance & Administration 2022/23

When writing this report last year, I stated that "the finances for 21/22 are very positive and the future is looking good". I am delighted that our position has developed and improved over the past 12 months. Firstly, our income of new money has almost doubled from last year to £397935 which with the money carried over from the previous year gave us an extremely healthy total of £560240. Half a million pounds to improve the water environment in our catchment. Secondly, we have become a PAYE organisation. A Trust Manager and a Business and Finance Manager were recruited as staff last May/June. Followed by the successful recruitment and appointment of Officers to deliver the Aldingbourne Rife project and the Castco/Demo + project.

The employment of staff has significantly increased our human resources requirements from policies, procedures, personal development, reviews, and training to the nitty gritty of ensuring they receive their pay in their accounts at the end of every month. In addition, the requirements of HMRC must be met. This has required a tremendous amount of effort from Tracy, Sandra, and our Bookkeeper, Andy, to keep us going. Thank-you.

In previous reports I have commented on the difficulty in acquiring unrestricted funds to recover the on-costs of the organisation and keep the "wheels turning." Being an employer has made this more manageable however it has highlighted the crucial need to build unrestricted reserves to improve our financial resilience. With the recruitment of staff comes the responsibility to honour their contracts including training, pension provision, pay, and holidays. PAYE has made this Trust mature quickly whilst our financial resilience remains fragile.

The possible merger with our neighbouring Trust, the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust, has drained our business resources during the year resulting in that we still have work to do on financial planning, forecasting and cashflow predictions. However, the merger discussions have helped to jointly aligned and adopt best practice within the two Trusts.

As always, I am incredibly grateful for the support of the Trustees on the Finance and Administration Committee namely, Sebastian, and Dave Brown who have laboured over various documents/spreadsheets to guide the Trust through another year. I must record a special thank-you to John Archer who sadly passed away. We will miss his dedication, commitment, and wise counsel. As always, a big thank-you to Tracy for her invaluable input and making things happen.

Richard Hammond – ARRT Chair Finance and Administration Committee.

PS After 12 years I have decided to retire from the F&A Committee.

Working in Partnership & Engagement

Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Update

ARRT hosts the Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership (AWSCP) holding quarterly meetings over zoom. There are clear benefits for reducing travel (and related carbon footprint), saving time (and money) for partners, allowing more spaces for partner staff to attend meetings if topic were of interest but, it is hoped to resume some in person meetings next financial year.

Quarterly meetings were well attended, with much participation and contribution from partners. Along with updates on Partner consultations, we also had a range of presentations including project updates, local surveys and investigations.

The Catchment Management Plan for the Arun & Western Streams has been drafted, which utilises a modelling approach to help identify areas for future partnership work. The plan will be published next year along with a refreshed partnership website.



River Arun 2023

Project Work

This year we have delivered and developed a range of projects across the Arun & Western Streams catchment, including in-river enhancement, restoration plans, citizen science monitoring and engagement.



RiverFly Monitoring on the Rother 2022



RiverFly Training Day 2022

Upper Arun River Revival (Water Environment Grant) project
In 2022 we concluded the Upper Arun River Revival (Water Environment Grant) project, having delivered a range of benefits across the upper River Arun, and leaving a legacy of evidence, work and projects for future development including floodplain enhancement and removal of barriers to fish passage.

Aldingbourne Rife (Southern Water)
Our eel focused work on the Aldingbourne rife continued this year, and included further assessment of barriers to eel passage, work with landowners and locals on and around the rife, identification of sites for enhancement work or where water issues need addressing, and securing match funding for delivery of ground works.

River Rother Fish Passage Project (Environment Agency WEIF funding)
Working with the Environment Agency, estate owners and supported by the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust team, this year we further developed plans for by-pass of a major barrier to fish on the River Rother. In order to provide further evidence for the final design, plans have been developed for a trial of sluice removal in early summer 2023. This was delayed due to high water levels, and subsequently we have extended the project to March 2024. When completed this will increase passage for all species of fish along 12km of the river.



River Rother 2022

Catchment Systems Thinking (CaSTCo) (OFWAT / Rivers Trust)
This three year Ofwat Innovation Fund Project is now well underway, we have now formed our local CaSTCo team (including the River Trust project management team, Southern Water, Environment Agency CaSTCo officer, EA hydrometry & telemetry and ARRT staff). One of our first tasks is to develop a Catchment Monitoring Plan (to sit under the new Arun & Western Streams Catchment Management Plan), which will help guide project direction and themes. Alongside this we will be reviving our Riverfly Scheme to expand to the Arun, alongside trialling other citizen science methods including soils, and other water quality approaches such as Citizen Science Investigators.

River Ems 10 Year Restoration Plan (Portsmouth Water)

Over the last year we have been drawing together a range of data and evidence to help create a 10 year restoration plan for the River Ems, a chalk stream in the Western Streams area of our catchment, which drains into Chichester Harbour. This work also included a range of engagement with local people, groups and other stakeholders, a survey of the river, community questionnaire and more. This has produced a suite of actions which could help the river Ems in readiness for a reduction in water abstraction. This work will be delivered later this summer, at which point we hope to commence delivering recommendations from the plan with the local community.

Sandra Manning Jones – Trust Manager



ARRT @ Coultershaw Heritage Day 19 June 2022

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1147477

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147477

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9HJ

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 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 31 March 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

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region.The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for and benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

During the period grants totalling £196,959 (2021: £202,225) were received all of which were of a restricted nature. The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain the free reserves of the Trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs. At 31st March 2022 the Trust had funds of £161,185 of which £129,214 were of a restricted nature.

FUTURE PLANS

It will be the continued policy of the Trust to develop and maintain the existing activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Barlavington Estate Office
Dye House Lane
Duncton
Petworth
West Sussex
GU28 0LF

Trustees
S P C Anstruther Director
C Baker Director
D Brown Director
Dr A M Whitbread Director
Dr M J Willing Director (appointed 21.9.21)
R W R Hammond Director
J Whiting Director
J C Archer Director
S P Simmonds Director
D A Green Director (appointed 26.4.21)

Independent Examiner
James Angus Burnett
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



C Baker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 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.



James Angus Burnett
ACA
Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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Date: 10th November 2022

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**8,548**	**190,116**	**198,664**	204,136
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Non-specific project costs		**17,919**	-	**17,919**	14,525
Riverfly project		-	**60**	**60**	1,275
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm		-	**211**	**211**	38
Project Development Consultant		-	**1,622**	**1,622**	1,413
Barnham Rife Community Project		-	**90**	**90**	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund		-	**14,990**	**14,990**	19,355
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Metaldehyde Free Initiative		-	-	-	1,485
Arun Water Environment Grant		-	**21,420**	**21,420**	29,229
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust		-	-	-	11,034
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project		-	-	-	14,468
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project		-	**52,877**	**52,877**	24,441
Floodplain Meadows		-	**2,232**	**2,232**	10,595
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training		-	**25**	**25**	50
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership River Lod		-	**4,399**	**4,399**	3,589
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21		-	-	-	4,390
Stedham Mill		-	**1,369**	**1,369**	3,430
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report		-	**2,323**	**2,323**	1,400
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project		-	**4,134**	**4,134**	575
Aldingbourne Rife		-	**11,840**	**11,840**	964
Liss Natural Flood Management		-	**4,120**	**4,120**	1,320
Fisheries Improvement Plan		-	-	-	850
River Ems		-	**4,764**	**4,764**	-
Ambersham		-	**16,441**	**16,441**	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022		-	**8,606**	**8,606**	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan		-	**1,680**	**1,680**	-
Sussex Black Poplar		-	**2,392**	**2,392**	-
Demo Plus		-	**560**	**560**	-
Total		**17,919**	**156,155**	**174,074**	144,426
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(9,371)**	**33,961**	**24,590**	59,710
Transfers between funds	13	**27,259**	**(27,259)**	-	-

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
Net movement in funds		**17,888**	**6,702**	**24,590**	59,710
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**14,082**	**122,513**	**136,595**	76,885
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		31,970	129,215	161,185	136,595

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	75	-	75	150
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	18,484	27,494	45,978	11,098
Prepayments and accrued income		1,387	-	1,387	921
Cash at bank		15,605	150,656	166,261	168,611
		35,476	178,150	213,626	180,630
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,580)	(48,936)	(52,516)	(44,185)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,896	129,214	161,110	136,445
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		31,971	129,214	161,185	136,595
NET ASSETS		31,971	129,214	161,185	136,595
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				31,971	14,082
Restricted funds				129,214	122,513
TOTAL FUNDS				161,185	136,595

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 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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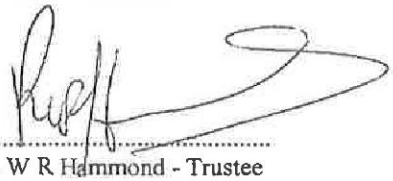
BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2022

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 .....20 September 2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
C Baker - Trustee



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R W R Hammond - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

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

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

Computer equipment - 25% 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	1,705	1,911
Grants	**196,959**	202,225
	198,664	204,136

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Portsmouth Water	**15,000**	-
Environment Agency	**99,375**	35,693
Southern Water Services Limited	**23,043**	123,567
South Downs National Park Authority	**11,635**	13,365
DEFRA	**22,527**	13,118
Natural England	**5,940**	16,482
The Woodland Trust	**2,869**	-
Brighton & Hove City Council	**16,570**	-
	196,959	202,225

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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	461	17,458	17,919
Riverfly project	60	-	60
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	211	-	211
Project Development Consultant	1,622	-	1,622
Barnham Rife Community Project	90	-	90
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund	14,990	-	14,990
Arun Water Environment Grant	21,222	198	21,420
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	51,224	1,653	52,877
Floodplain Meadows	2,232	-	2,232
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	25	-	25
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership River Lod	4,399	-	4,399
Stedham Mill	1,369	-	1,369
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	2,323	-	2,323
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	4,134	-	4,134
Aldingbourne Rife	11,547	293	11,840
Liss Natural Flood Management	3,970	150	4,120
River Ems	4,764	-	4,764
Ambersham	16,291	150	16,441
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	8,366	240	8,606
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan	1,680	-	1,680
Sussex Black Poplar	2,392	-	2,392
Demo Plus	560	-	560
	153,932	20,142	174,074

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4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Consultancy fees	44,701	55,627
Workshop and meeting expenses	120	584
Project costs	106,056	71,437
Travel & mileage	3,055	-
	153,932	127,648

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	15,478	1,980	17,458
Arun Water Environment Grant	198	-	198
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1,653	-	1,653
Aldingbourne Rife	293	-	293
Liss Natural Flood Management	150	-	150
Ambersham	150	-	150
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	240	-	240
	18,162	1,980	20,142

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	Non-specific project costs	Arun Water Environment Grant	Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	Aldingbourn Rife
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	1,119	-	-	-
Office costs	593	-	293	293
Advertising	170	-	-	-
Administration support	11,570	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	93	-	-	-
Bookkeeping	1,858	-	-	-
Loan charges	-	198	-	-
Grant administration	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	1,360	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	75	-	-	-
	15,478	198	1,653	293

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

	Liss Natural Flood Management £	Ambersham £	Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022 £	31.3.22 Total activities £	31.3.21 Total activities £
Insurance	-	-	-	**1,119**	**1,134**
Office costs	**150**	**150**	-	**1,479**	**887**
Advertising	-	-	-	**170**	-
Administration support	-	-	**240**	**11,810**	**9,100**
Subscriptions	-	-	-	**-**	**507**
Bank charges	-	-	-	**93**	**20**
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	**1,858**	**450**
Loan charges	-	-	-	**198**	**600**
Grant administration	-	-	-	**-**	**2,175**
Training	-	-	-	**1,360**	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	-	-	-	**75**	**75**
	150	**150**	**240**	**18,162**	**14,948**

Governance costs

	31.3.22 Non-specific project costs £	31.3.21 Total activities £
Independent examiner's fees	**1,980**	**1,830**

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Depreciation - owned assets	**75**	75

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. STAFF COSTS

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	**1,049**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021	**899**
Charge for year	**75**
At 31 March 2022	**974**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	**75**
At 31 March 2021	150

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade debtors	**27,494**	5,868
Due from projects in deficit	**18,484**	5,230
	45,978	11,098

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 12)	**20,000**	20,000
Trade creditors	**11,854**	17,125
Due to general fund	**18,484**	5,230
Accrued expenses	**2,178**	1,830
	52,516	44,185

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	**20,000**	20,000

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,082	(2,049)	2,900	14,933
Operating Funds	-	(7,321)	24,359	17,038
	14,082	(9,370)	27,259	31,971
Restricted funds				
Riverfly project	451	(60)	(391)	-
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	18,869	(211)	-	18,658
Project Development Consultant	4,832	(1,622)	(3,210)	-
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,878	1,212	-	3,090
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	4,385	(125)	(635)	3,625
Arun Water Environment Grant	(16,657)	4,064	-	(12,593)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	2,664	2,936	(5,600)	-
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	(11,862)	21,573	(1,423)	8,288
Floodplain Meadows	(368)	219	150	1
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	1,225	(25)	-	1,200
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	4,436	(4,399)	(37)	-
Stedham Mill	1,560	(1,369)	-	191
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	4,200	(2,323)	(1,877)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	(575)	575	-	-
Aldingbourne Rife	99,035	(11,840)	(13,000)	74,195
Liss Natural Flood Management	(1,320)	3,200	-	1,880
Fisheries Improvement Plan	150	-	(150)	-
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21	7,610	-	-	7,610
Ambersham	-	9,267	-	9,267
Sussex Black Poplar	-	3,108	-	3,108
Ems Restoration Plan	-	13,390	(13,390)	-
River Ems	-	(4,764)	8,780	4,016
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnerhip Catchment Management Plan	-	(1,680)	6,524	4,844
Demo Plus	-	(560)	-	(560)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	-	3,394	(3,000)	394
	122,513	33,960	(27,259)	129,214
TOTAL FUNDS	136,595	24,590	-	161,185

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(2,049)	(2,049)
Operating Funds	8,548	(15,869)	(7,321)
	8,548	(17,918)	(9,370)
Restricted funds			
Riverfly project	-	(60)	(60)
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	-	(211)	(211)
Project Development Consultant	-	(1,622)	(1,622)
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,302	(90)	1,212
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	13,256	(13,381)	(125)
Arun Water Environment Grant	25,777	(21,713)	4,064
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	16,934	(13,998)	2,936
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	50,973	(29,400)	21,573
Floodplain Meadows	11,637	(11,418)	219
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	-	(25)	(25)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	-	(4,399)	(4,399)
Stedham Mill	-	(1,369)	(1,369)
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	-	(2,323)	(2,323)
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	4,709	(4,134)	575
Aldingbourne Rife	-	(11,840)	(11,840)
Liss Natural Flood Management	7,320	(4,120)	3,200
Ambersham	25,708	(16,441)	9,267
Sussex Black Poplar	5,500	(2,392)	3,108
Ems Restoration Plan	15,000	(1,610)	13,390
River Ems	-	(4,764)	(4,764)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnerhip Catchment Management Plan	-	(1,680)	(1,680)
Demo Plus	-	(560)	(560)
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2021-2022	12,000	(8,606)	3,394
	190,116	(156,156)	33,960
TOTAL FUNDS	198,664	(174,074)	24,590

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	27,345	(14,066)	803	14,082
Restricted funds				
Riverfly project	726	(275)	-	451
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	18,907	(38)	-	18,869
Project Development Consultant	6,245	(1,413)	-	4,832
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,555	455	(132)	1,878
Sediment Trap Repair	1,988	-	(1,988)	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	6,090	425	(2,130)	4,385
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	1,484	(2,300)	816	-
Rother ValleyFarmers Group & Southern Water Metaldehyde Free Initiative	(148)	148	-	-
ARRT Marketing & Fundraising Development Fund	(11)	-	11	-
Arun Water Environment Grant	(8,421)	(8,236)	-	(16,657)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership WEIF 2019/20	9,129	-	(9,129)	-
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	2,824	(11,034)	8,210	-
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	3,134	2,466	(2,936)	2,664
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	1,750	(13,612)	-	(11,862)
Floodplain Meadows	(2,987)	2,769	(150)	(368)
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	1,275	(50)	-	1,225
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	4,000	(3,589)	4,025	4,436
Stedham Mill	-	1,560	-	1,560
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	-	(1,400)	5,600	4,200
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	-	(575)	-	(575)
Aldingbourne Rife	-	99,035	-	99,035
Liss Natural Flood Management	-	(1,320)	-	(1,320)
Fisheries Improvement Plan	-	150	-	150
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21	-	10,610	(3,000)	7,610
	49,540	73,776	(803)	122,513
TOTAL FUNDS	76,885	59,710	-	136,595

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	459	(14,525)	(14,066)
Restricted funds			
Riverfly project	1,000	(1,275)	(275)
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	-	(38)	(38)
Project Development Consultant	-	(1,413)	(1,413)
Barnham Rife Community Project	455	-	455
Rother Valley Farmers Group Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	19,780	(19,355)	425
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	(2,300)	-	(2,300)
Rother ValleyFarmers Group & Southern Water Metaldehyde Free Initiative	1,633	(1,485)	148
Arun Water Environment Grant	20,993	(29,229)	(8,236)
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	(11,034)	(11,034)
Rother Valley Farmers Group Soil Health Project	16,934	(14,468)	2,466
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	10,829	(24,441)	(13,612)
Floodplain Meadows	13,364	(10,595)	2,769
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	-	(50)	(50)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	-	(3,589)	(3,589)
Stedham Mill	4,990	(3,430)	1,560
Arun & Water Streams Catchment Partnership Climate Report	-	(1,400)	(1,400)
Rother Valley Farmers Group & Southern Water Pesticides Project	-	(575)	(575)
Aldingbourne Rife	99,999	(964)	99,035
Liss Natural Flood Management	-	(1,320)	(1,320)
Fisheries Improvement Plan	1,000	(850)	150
Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund 2020-21	15,000	(4,390)	10,610
	203,677	(129,901)	73,776
TOTAL FUNDS	204,136	(144,426)	59,710

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance. Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds - continued

Funds in deficit
Grants for Arun WEG and Demo Plus projects have been confirmed, but are paid for in arrears of expenditure. Bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**1,705**	1,911
Grants	**196,959**	202,225
	198,664	204,136
Total incoming resources	**198,664**	204,136
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Consultancy fees	**44,701**	55,627
Workshop and meeting expenses	**120**	584
Project costs	**106,056**	71,437
Travel & mileage	**3,055**	-
	153,932	127,648
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	**1,119**	1,134
Office costs	**1,479**	887
Advertising	**170**	-
Administration support	**11,810**	9,100
Subscriptions	**-**	507
Bank charges	**93**	20
Bookkeeping	**1,858**	450
Loan charges	**198**	600
Grant administration	**-**	2,175
Training	**1,360**	-
Computer equipment	**75**	75
	18,162	14,948
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	**1,980**	1,830
Total resources expended	**174,074**	144,426
Net income	**24,590**	59,710

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Arun & Rother Rivers Trust

ARRT Annual Report



2021-22

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)
Annual Report 2021-22

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) (www.arrt.org.uk) is a member of the Rivers Trust network in England and Wales, helped and supported by the national umbrella body The Rivers Trust (www.theriverstrust.org). ARRT covers the whole catchment of the "Arun and Western Streams" – the Rivers Arun and Rother and the coastal streams which feed Pagham and Chichester Harbours. ARRT works with farmers and landowners, statutory agencies, anglers and other recreational users, community groups and NGOs. By applying for funding, working in partnership and offering advice and practical support we help promote local action to look after and to improve the rivers within our catchment.
ARRT was formally launched at a public event in Pulborough, West Sussex, on 15th June 2011 when the original 12 Trustees signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association. ARRT was registered in England & Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 18th November 2011, Company Registration No: 7853698. It became a Charity when it registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, entered on the Register of Charities on 28th May 2012 as Registered Charity No: 1147477. ARRT's Registered Office is c/o The Barlavington Estate Office, Duncton Mill, Dye House Lane, Duncton, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0LF.
The Articles of Association set out the Objects for which the Charity is established:
(1) To conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers, streams, and other waterbodies of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region as may be deemed appropriate, for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public.
(2) To advance the education of the public, or any association, institution, voluntary organisation, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in: -
(a) The understanding of rivers, river corridors and river catchments, including their fauna, flora, biodiversity, economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
(b) The need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.
ARRT is governed by its Trustees, who are Members of the Company and constitute the Board of Trustees of the Charity.

As at 31st March 2022 the Trustees of ARRT were:
Sebastian Anstruther
John Archer
Charlie Baker – Chairman
Dave Brown
Dave Green
Richard Hammond
Stephen Simmonds
Martin Willing
Tony Whitbread
John Whiting

Trustee & Staff Changes

This is the tenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), covering the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Trustee Changes

ARRT welcomed David Green as a Trustee of ARRT, in addition, Martin Willing re-joined ARRT as a Trustee.

Staff Changes

ARRT also welcomes Michael Walsh as Project officer to ARRT during 2021.



Butterfly, Peacock (Aglais io)

Chairman's Report

The year ended 31 March 2022 has been notable for ARRT for the hard work and dedication of the two principal members of staff, namely Sandra, who took over as Acting Trust Manager from 1st April 2021 and Tracy who held the trust together by singlehandedly undertaking the administration and finance, backing up the Finance and Admin committee of Trustees.

Not only has Sandra found her feet very swiftly and securely, but she has also accelerated the business. However, the turnover has reduced by £4,000 to £198,000. She and Tracy have had to deal with the greatest opportunity of ARRT's existence so far, the CaSTCo & Demo + projects. It is the delayed receipt of CaSTCo and Demo + funds that has caused the reduced income. More details of Sandra's work appear elsewhere in this report, but I would highly commend her through this report for having taken on a large and complex task and make it her own with flair and imagination.

Likewise, Tracy's role has altered somewhat as she has been spending more time in the field principally on projects on the Rother upstream of Petersfield.

ARRT is now a PAYE organisation and thus in a position to retain more earnings than before. In addition to the hard work of Sandra and Tracy to achieve this, thanks must go to the advisory panel of Sebastian Anstruther, Dave Brown, Dave Green and Richard Hammond.

Despite the easing of the Covid epidemic, it has been more convenient to hold the monthly meetings on Zoom. Board members have become used to this and it seems to work well. It should be noted that for the coming year Board meetings have reduced to being held quarterly by Zoom unless additional ones are called. This decision prevents repetition and since the Zoom attendance has been satisfactory, it makes good sense.

The dominant factor in water politics during the year and since April continues to be the reactions to the release of sewage into rivers and into the sea. It has become dramatically less acceptable for our water company Southern Water to cause pollution of this kind. Work is in hand suggesting nature-based solutions at the critical points and we hope that the first of these schemes will be downstream of Ambersham, near Midhurst as part of the reopening of the loop in the Rother being restored and the canal flow reduced. We would like Southern Water to move more positively in the direction of such solutions prior to rebuilding and reequipping their treatment facilities which is work that must be done while the plants are still functioning.

There is a vast amount of work that is required in the Rother and Arun catchments. ARRT is growing in order to cope with many potential new projects. More management staff and field staff are required and hence ARRT has been devising a fundraising campaign over and above the bids for charity funding that are being completed by Sandra and Tracy.

We have found an agency in Brighton and intend to get them to initiate a campaign costing £14,000 to run, with the potential to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds. Finding the initial seed money is the problem. ARRT needs more unrestricted funds in order to expand

operating functions to a much greater level. There will be plenty of projects in the catchments including public awareness and education that are currently untouched.

Charlie Baker - ARRT Chairman



Dragonfly, Broad-Bodied Chaser (Libellula depressa)

Finance & Administration

Finance & Administration 2021/22

When writing this report, I always like to be positive and optimistic for the future. Covid 19 made the 2020/21 report a "little hollow". However, the finances for 21/22 are very positive and the future is looking good. Our income of new money was £198663 which with the money carried over from the previous year gave us a very healthy total of £335257. The Trust is also at an advanced stage of being part of a national project which is expected to generate an income of more than £300k.

In previous reports I have always commented on the difficulty in acquiring unrestricted funds to recover the on-costs of the organisation and keep the "wheels turning". It has been realised for some time that becoming an employer is a better way to build unrestricted funds for both running the organisation and building reserves to improve our financial resilience.

At the end of the year the Board decided to become a PAYE organisation and look to recruit a Trust Manager and Business & Finance Manager. With considerable effort and professional guidance from Croner (Croner Group Ltd), a portfolio of documents was produced which included Structures, Pay scales, Policies, Procedures, and a Staff Handbook.

This allowed the process of recruiting a Trust Manager and a Business & Finance Manger to commence in March 2022
In my last report I mentioned that we had changed bookkeeper to Lucas Bright Bookkeeping. This has proved to be very successful, and the quality of the reports is very high. We are currently exploring a cashflow programme called Cashflow Frog to give us a better understanding of the coming financial position which is crucial once we start to employ staff.
As always, I am very grateful for the support of the Trustees on the Finance and Administration Committee namely, Sebastian, John A, Dave B who have laboured over various documents/spreadsheets to guide the Trust through another year. A special thank-you to Tracy for her invaluable input and making things happen.

Richard Hammond – ARRT Chair Finance and Administration Committee.

Working in Partnership & Engagement

Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Update

We continued to host the Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership (AWSCP) over this period, holding quarterly meetings. Since the start of the pandemic our meetings have taken place virtually on zoom, and whilst restrictions were lifted we continued with this approach, as there were clear benefits for reducing travel (and related carbon footprint), saving time (and money) for partners, and also allowing more spaces for partner staff to attend meetings if topic were of interest.

Our quarterly meetings were well attended, with a great deal of participation and contribution from partners. Along with updates on consultations such as the River Basin Management Plan, Drainage and Waste Management Plan and others, we also had a range of presentations including project updates, local surveys and investigations, . Over this year we also began work to develop a new Catchment Management Plan for the Arun & Western Streams, which utilises a modelling approach to help identify areas for future partnership work. This approach expands on our original plans, and has extended the delivery timescales. The plan will be delivered next year with consultation with catchment partners. Many thanks to Tracy Thurlow for support running the partnership this year.

Sandra Manning Jones – Acting Trust Manager

Project Work



River Arun

This year has been a busy one. Whilst restrictions related to the Covid 19 began to ease this year the knock-on effects continue to be felt late into 2021. Direct engagement with farmers, landowners and others remained limited, with many people still concerned about meeting in person. This stymied development and delivery of some projects, however we were still able to meet the majority of our project milestones. We continued to work with Ses Wright, and also added two new project consultants, Michael Walsh and Jane Reeve, to our project team to meet an increase in project work. The ARRT team once again showed great commitment and flexibility, delivering a great deal with added impacts from Covid 19, for which I am eternally grateful. Special thanks to Tracy Thurlow who has been instrumental in supporting delivery, and building the foundations, policies and internal resilience to support ARRT becoming an employer in the coming year. Thanks too to our Chairman Charlie Baker, and our board of Trustees for their support and input.

Our project work this year has increased, with a diverse portfolio of projects and delivery.

The **Water Environment Grant project – Upper Arun River Revival**, entered the delivery phase, enacting on evidence and opportunities identified in the walkover surveys conducted last year, and resulting in work including: removal of Invasive Non-Native Species (Floating pennywort) on the upper River Arun; bank erosion protection through creation of a brush berm; provision of 100 bank side trees for bank stabilisation and river shade; development of plans for floodplain enhancement in three sites along the Arun for delivery next year; engagement with landowners covering some 3000 ha of the upper Arun catchment.

Our Environment Agency 'Water Environment Improvement Fund' project **Petersfield Rother Enhancement Project (PREP)** finished at the end of this year, with a fantastic range of work completed, and a number of legacy projects for future development.

The South Downs National Park Authority **Rother Floodplain Meadows project** ended this year, with output reports and a range of legacy work. A resulting ESRI interactive StoryMap and meadow restoration guidance will help inform wider work, for which we are currently looking for funding.

The long planned **South Ambersham loop** restoration project gained funding from the Environment Agency 'Water Environment Improvement Fund'. Conversations, investigations and monitoring commenced late in the year, with plans for the delivery phase in year 2.

Our Community Infrastructure Levy funded project – **'Natural Flood Management upstream of Liss'** directly delivered 350m of hedging, and provided additional support for an additional 650m stretch – all aimed at slowing surface water flow.

Our eel focused **'Cleaning Up Aldingbourne Rife'** project, funded by Southern Water, continued to look at issues along the rife, including a walkover survey which will help us identify places for future enhancement. Investigations into barriers to eel passage were undertaken. Plan were also commenced to recruit project officer to help deliver this project in the coming year.

We were successful in a bid to Portsmouth Water for funding to write the **'River Ems 10 Year Restoration Plan'**, which commenced late in the financial year. This plan will be co-developed with the local community and will include an outline the current state and character of the Ems, current issues and future opportunities for enhancement and climate change mitigation.

ARRT became host of the **Sussex Black Poplar Group (SBPG)** this year, having taken over from Sussex Wildlife Trust. SBPG has identified around 50 veteran trees across Sussex, providing support to owners, and working with Wakehurst Place has supplied over 8,000 trees for planting across Sussex – with a focus on conservation projects. We will continue to record, identify and promote this great work, with an aim to increase the number of Black poplar wet woodlands in Sussex.

We have recently been successful in an Ofwat Water Innovations Fund multi partner project called Catchment Systems Thinking (CaSTCo), led by United Utilities and the Rivers Trust. This aspirational project will deliver a step-change in citizen science water quality monitoring across our operational area and will be a new focus for ARRT over the next two years.

Sandra Manning Jones – Trust Manager



Hedgerow Planting at Petersfield



River Arun (Lordings Lock)



Riverfly Monitoring

WESTERN SUSSEX RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1147477

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07853698 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147477

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FOR

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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SO23 9HJ

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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 31 March 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

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers and streams of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region.The charity also aims to advance the education of the public and other organisations in understanding the river systems and the need for it's conservation.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities of the trust advance the environmental protection of the river catchment of the Arun and Western Rother rivers. It also advances the education of the public and all other organisations in the understanding of rivers and their catchments including their fauna, flora, bio-diversity, economic or social activity and the need for and benefits of conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

During the period grants totalling £202,225 were received all of which are of a restricted nature. The detailed annual report is attached as an appendix to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain the free reserves of the Trust at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs. At 31st March 2021 the Trust had funds of £136,595 of which £122,513 were of a restricted nature.

FUTURE PLANS

It will be the continued policy of the Trust to develop and maintain the existing activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18th November 2011, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07853698 (England and Wales)

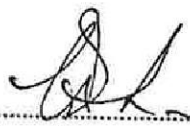
Registered Charity number
1147477

Registered office
Barlavington Estate Office
Dye House Lane
Duncton
Petworth
West Sussex
GU28 0LF

Trustees
S P C Anstruther Director
C Baker Director
D Brown Director
R A Poole Director (resigned 14.9.20)
A Thompson Director (resigned 10.9.20)
Dr A M Whitbread Director
Dr M J Willing Director (resigned 21.1.21)
R W R Hammond Director
J Whiting Director
J C Archer Director
D Easton Director (resigned 14.9.20)
J Spence Director (resigned 28.5.20)
R Chandler Director (resigned 15.9.20)
S P Simmonds Director
G Branson Director (resigned 24.3.21)
C J Rhodes Director (resigned 19.8.20)

Independent Examiner
James Angus Burnett
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25 St Thomas Street
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 September 2021 **and signed on its behalf by:**



C Baker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 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.

James Angus Burnett
ACA
Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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Date: 20th October 2021

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**459**	**203,677**	**204,136**	118,590
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Non-specific project costs		**14,525**	-	**14,525**	21,082
Riverfly project		-	**1,275**	**1,275**	2,277
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm		-	**38**	**38**	680
Project Development Consultant		-	**1,413**	**1,413**	4,990
RVFG Facilitation Fund		-	**19,355**	**19,355**	25,212
Portsmouth Water & ARRT Lavant WRW Wetland Enhancement		-	-	-	1,827
AWSCP Septic Tank Awareness Campaign		-	-	-	215
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project		-	-	-	6,730
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative		-	**1,485**	**1,485**	193
ARRT Marketing and Fundraising Development Fund		-	-	-	1,011
Arun WEG		-	**29,229**	**29,229**	18,263
AWSCP WEIF 2019/20		-	-	-	347
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust		-	**11,034**	**11,034**	2,176
RVFG Soil Health Project		-	**14,468**	**14,468**	14,425
PREP		-	**24,441**	**24,441**	13,241
Floodplain Meadows		-	**10,595**	**10,595**	2,987
Sediment Trap Repair		-	-	-	13
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training		-	**50**	**50**	-
AWSCP River Lod		-	**3,589**	**3,589**	-
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21		-	**4,390**	**4,390**	-
Stedham Mill		-	**3,430**	**3,430**	-
AWSCP Climate Report		-	**1,400**	**1,400**	-
RVFG & SW Pesticides Project		-	**575**	**575**	-
Aldingbourne Rife		-	**964**	**964**	-
Liss NFM		-	**1,320**	**1,320**	-
FIP Fisheries Improvement Plan		-	**850**	**850**	-
Total		**14,525**	**129,901**	**144,426**	115,669
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(14,066)**	**73,776**	**59,710**	2,921
Transfers between funds	14	**803**	**(803)**	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(13,263)**	**72,973**	**59,710**	2,921
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**27,345**	**49,540**	**76,885**	73,964

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.3.21 Total funds £**	31.3.20 Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**14,082**	**122,513**	**136,595**	76,885

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	**150**	**-**	**150**	225
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	**5,230**	**5,868**	**11,098**	30,740
Prepayments and accrued income		**921**	**-**	**921**	950
Cash at bank		**10,485**	**158,126**	**168,611**	66,850
		16,636	**163,994**	**180,630**	98,540
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(2,704)**	**(41,481)**	**(44,185)**	(21,880)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**13,932**	**122,513**	**136,445**	76,660
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**14,082**	**122,513**	**136,595**	76,885
NET ASSETS		**14,082**	**122,513**	**136,595**	76,885
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				**14,082**	27,345
Restricted funds				**122,513**	49,540
TOTAL FUNDS				**136,595**	76,885

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021

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 21 September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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C Baker - Trustee

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R W R Hammond - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	1,911	2,761
Gift aid	-	13
Grants	202,225	115,816
	204,136	118,590

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Environment Agency	**35,693**	14,991
Southern Water Services Limited	**123,567**	22,808
South Downs National Park Authority	**13,365**	2,000
DEFRA	**13,118**	9,841
Natural England	**16,482**	17,300
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	**-**	5,000
Goodwood Racecourse Limited	**-**	2,000
Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund	**-**	41,876
	202,225	115,816

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	**538**	**13,987**	**14,525**
Riverfly project	**1,275**	**-**	**1,275**
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	**38**	**-**	**38**
Project Development Consultant	**1,413**	**-**	**1,413**
RVFG Facilitation Fund	**17,712**	**1,643**	**19,355**
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	**1,485**	**-**	**1,485**
Arun WEG	**28,587**	**642**	**29,229**
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	**11,034**	**-**	**11,034**
RVFG Soil Health Project	**14,468**	**-**	**14,468**
PREP	**24,441**	**-**	**24,441**
Floodplain Meadows	**10,595**	**-**	**10,595**
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	**50**	**-**	**50**
AWSCP River Lod	**3,589**	**-**	**3,589**
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21	**3,900**	**490**	**4,390**
Stedham Mill	**3,430**	**-**	**3,430**
AWSCP Climate Report	**1,400**	**-**	**1,400**
RVFG & SW Pesticides Project	**575**	**-**	**575**
Aldingbourne Rife	**948**	**16**	**964**
Liss NFM	**1,320**	**-**	**1,320**
FIP Fisheries Improvement Plan	**850**	**-**	**850**
	127,648	**16,778**	**144,426**

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4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Consultancy fees	55,627	49,504
Workshop and meeting expenses	584	6,992
Project costs	71,437	45,325
	127,648	101,821

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Non-specific project costs	12,157	1,830	13,987
RVFG Facilitation Fund	1,643	-	1,643
Arun WEG	642	-	642
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21	490	-	490
Aldingbourne Rife	16	-	16
	14,948	1,830	16,778

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	Non-specific project costs	RVFG Facilitation Fund	Arun WEG
	£	£	£
Insurance	1,134	-	-
Office costs	887	-	-
Administration support	9,100	-	-
Subscriptions	507	-	-
Bank charges	4	-	-
Bookkeeping	450	-	-
Loan charges	-	-	600
Grant administration	-	1,643	42
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	75	-	-
	12,157	1,643	642

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

	AWSCP WEIF 2020-21 £	Aldingbourne Rife £	31.3.21 Total activities £	31.3.20 Total activities £
Insurance	-	-	**1,134**	**1,037**
Office costs	-	-	**887**	**992**
Administration support	-	-	**9,100**	**9,164**
Subscriptions	-	-	**507**	-
Bank charges	-	**16**	**20**	-
Bookkeeping	-	-	**450**	**750**
Loan charges	-	-	**600**	-
Grant administration	**490**	-	**2,175**	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	-	-	**75**	**75**
	490	**16**	**14,948**	**12,018**

Governance costs

	31.3.21 Non-specific project costs £	31.3.20 Total activities £
Independent examiner's fees	**1,830**	**1,830**

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Depreciation - owned assets	**75**	75

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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8. STAFF COSTS

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	495	118,095	118,590
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Non-specific project costs	21,082	-	21,082
Riverfly project	-	2,277	2,277
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	-	680	680
Project Development Consultant	-	4,990	4,990
RVFG Facilitation Fund	-	25,212	25,212
Portsmouth Water & ARRT Lavant WRW Wetland Enhancement	-	1,827	1,827
AWSCP Septic Tank Awareness Campaign	-	215	215
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	-	6,730	6,730
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	-	193	193
ARRT Marketing and Fundraising Development Fund	-	1,011	1,011
Arun WEG	-	18,263	18,263
AWSCP WEIF 2019/20	-	347	347
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	2,176	2,176
RVFG Soil Health Project	-	14,425	14,425
PREP	-	13,241	13,241
Floodplain Meadows	-	2,987	2,987
Sediment Trap Repair	-	13	13
Total	21,082	94,587	115,669
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(20,587)	23,508	2,921
Transfers between funds	3,680	(3,680)	-
Net movement in funds	(16,907)	19,828	2,921
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	44,252	29,712	73,964
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	27,345	49,540	76,885

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	**1,049**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020	**824**
Charge for year	**75**
At 31 March 2021	**899**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	**150**
At 31 March 2020	225

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	**5,868**	18,828
Due from projects in deficit	**5,230**	11,912
	11,098	30,740

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	**20,000**	-
Trade creditors	**17,125**	8,138
Due to general fund	**5,230**	11,912
Accrued expenses	**1,830**	1,830
	44,185	21,880

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	**20,000**	-

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**27,345**	**(14,066)**	**803**	**14,082**
Restricted funds				
Riverfly project	**726**	**(275)**	**-**	**451**
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	**18,907**	**(38)**	**-**	**18,869**
Project Development Consultant	**6,245**	**(1,413)**	**-**	**4,832**
Barnham Rife Community Project	**1,555**	**455**	**(132)**	**1,878**
Sediment Trap Repair	**1,988**	**-**	**(1,988)**	**-**
RVFG Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	**6,090**	**425**	**(2,130)**	**4,385**
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	**1,484**	**(2,300)**	**816**	**-**
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	**(148)**	**148**	**-**	**-**
ARRT Marketing & Fundraising Development Fund	**(11)**	**-**	**11**	**-**
Arun WEG	**(8,421)**	**(8,236)**	**-**	**(16,657)**
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership WEIF 2019/20	**9,129**	**-**	**(9,129)**	**-**
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	**2,824**	**(11,034)**	**8,210**	**-**
RVFG Soil Health Project	**3,134**	**2,466**	**(2,936)**	**2,664**
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	**1,750**	**(13,612)**	**-**	**(11,862)**
Floodplain Meadows	**(2,987)**	**2,769**	**(150)**	**(368)**
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	**1,275**	**(50)**	**-**	**1,225**
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	**4,000**	**(3,589)**	**4,025**	**4,436**
Stedham Mill	**-**	**1,560**	**-**	**1,560**
AWSCP Climate Report	**-**	**(1,400)**	**5,600**	**4,200**
RVFG & SW Pesticides Project	**-**	**(575)**	**-**	**(575)**
Aldingbourne Rife	**-**	**99,035**	**-**	**99,035**
Liss NFM	**-**	**(1,320)**	**-**	**(1,320)**
FIP Fisheries Improvement Plan	**-**	**150**	**-**	**150**
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21	**-**	**10,610**	**(3,000)**	**7,610**
	49,540	**73,776**	**(803)**	**122,513**
TOTAL FUNDS	**76,885**	**59,710**	**-**	**136,595**

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**459**	**(14,525)**	**(14,066)**
Restricted funds			
Riverfly project	**1,000**	**(1,275)**	**(275)**
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	-	**(38)**	**(38)**
Project Development Consultant	-	**(1,413)**	**(1,413)**
Barnham Rife Community Project	**455**	-	**455**
RVFG Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	**19,780**	**(19,355)**	**425**
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	**(2,300)**	-	**(2,300)**
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	**1,633**	**(1,485)**	**148**
Arun WEG	**20,993**	**(29,229)**	**(8,236)**
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	**(11,034)**	**(11,034)**
RVFG Soil Health Project	**16,934**	**(14,468)**	**2,466**
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	**10,829**	**(24,441)**	**(13,612)**
Floodplain Meadows	**13,364**	**(10,595)**	**2,769**
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	-	**(50)**	**(50)**
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	-	**(3,589)**	**(3,589)**
Stedham Mill	**4,990**	**(3,430)**	**1,560**
AWSCP Climate Report	-	**(1,400)**	**(1,400)**
RVFG & SW Pesticides Project	-	**(575)**	**(575)**
Aldingbourne Rife	**99,999**	**(964)**	**99,035**
Liss NFM	-	**(1,320)**	**(1,320)**
FIP Fisheries Improvement Plan	**1,000**	**(850)**	**150**
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21	**15,000**	**(4,390)**	**10,610**
	203,677	**(129,901)**	**73,776**
TOTAL FUNDS	**204,136**	**(144,426)**	**59,710**

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	44,252	(20,587)	3,680	27,345
Restricted funds				
Riverfly project	3,003	(2,277)	-	726
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	19,587	(680)	-	18,907
Project Development Consultant	7,234	(4,989)	4,000	6,245
Barnham Rife Community Project	(380)	1,935	-	1,555
Sediment Trap Repair	2,000	(12)	-	1,988
RVFG Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	(11,706)	19,663	(1,867)	6,090
ARRT & Portsmouth Water/WTW/River Lavant & Biodiversity	804	-	(804)	-
WEIF 2018-2019	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Portrsmouth Water & ARRT Lavant WTW Wetland Enhancement	409	(1,827)	1,418	-
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership Septic Tank Awareness Campaign	255	(215)	(40)	-
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	5,574	(4,090)	-	1,484
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	(2,068)	2,057	(137)	(148)
ARRT Marketing & Fundraising Development Fund	1,000	(1,011)	-	(11)
Arun WEG	-	(8,421)	-	(8,421)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership WEIF 2019/20	-	14,654	(5,525)	9,129
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	2,824	-	2,824
RVFG Soil Health Project	-	3,134	-	3,134
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	-	1,750	-	1,750
Floodplain Meadows	-	(2,987)	-	(2,987)
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	-	2,000	-	2,000
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training	-	-	1,275	1,275
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	-	2,000	2,000	4,000
	29,712	23,508	(3,680)	49,540
TOTAL FUNDS	73,964	2,921	-	76,885

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	495	(21,082)	(20,587)
Restricted funds			
Riverfly project	-	(2,277)	(2,277)
Ford Farm & Brooklands Farm	-	(680)	(680)
Project Development Consultant	1	(4,990)	(4,989)
Barnham Rife Community Project	1,935	-	1,935
Sediment Trap Repair	1	(13)	(12)
RVFG Facilitation Fund 2018-2021	44,875	(25,212)	19,663
Portrsmouth Water & ARRT Lavant WTW Wetland Enhancement	-	(1,827)	(1,827)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership Septic Tank Awareness Campaign	-	(215)	(215)
CSF & ARRT Sediment Collaboration Project	2,640	(6,730)	(4,090)
RVFG & SW RVFG Metaldehyde Free Initiative	2,250	(193)	2,057
ARRT Marketing & Fundraising Development Fund	-	(1,011)	(1,011)
Arun WEG	9,842	(18,263)	(8,421)
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership WEIF 2019/20	15,001	(347)	14,654
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	5,000	(2,176)	2,824
RVFG Soil Health Project	17,559	(14,425)	3,134
Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	14,991	(13,241)	1,750
Floodplain Meadows	-	(2,987)	(2,987)
ARRT Appeal Launch Fund	2,000	-	2,000
Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership River Lod	2,000	-	2,000
	118,095	(94,587)	23,508
TOTAL FUNDS	118,590	(115,669)	2,921

Where grants are received for specific projects those monies are allocated to a restricted fund against which all relevant expenditure is charged.

Transfers between funds

On closure of a project any surplus or deficit in funds of less than £250 are transferred to or from the general fund. Where the surplus or deficit is greater than £250 the board of trustees decides on how to proceed with the balance. Many donors recognise the contribution made by volunteers and trustees at no financial cost to the Trust enabling the Trust to divert matched grant funding to a more general purpose.

Funds in deficit

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds - continued

Grants for Arun WEG, Petersfield and Rother Environment project, Floodplain Meadows and RVFG &SW Pesticides project and Liss NFM have been confirmed, but are paid for in arrears of expenditure. Bank reserves from the general fund are used to finance the short term deficit on these projects.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

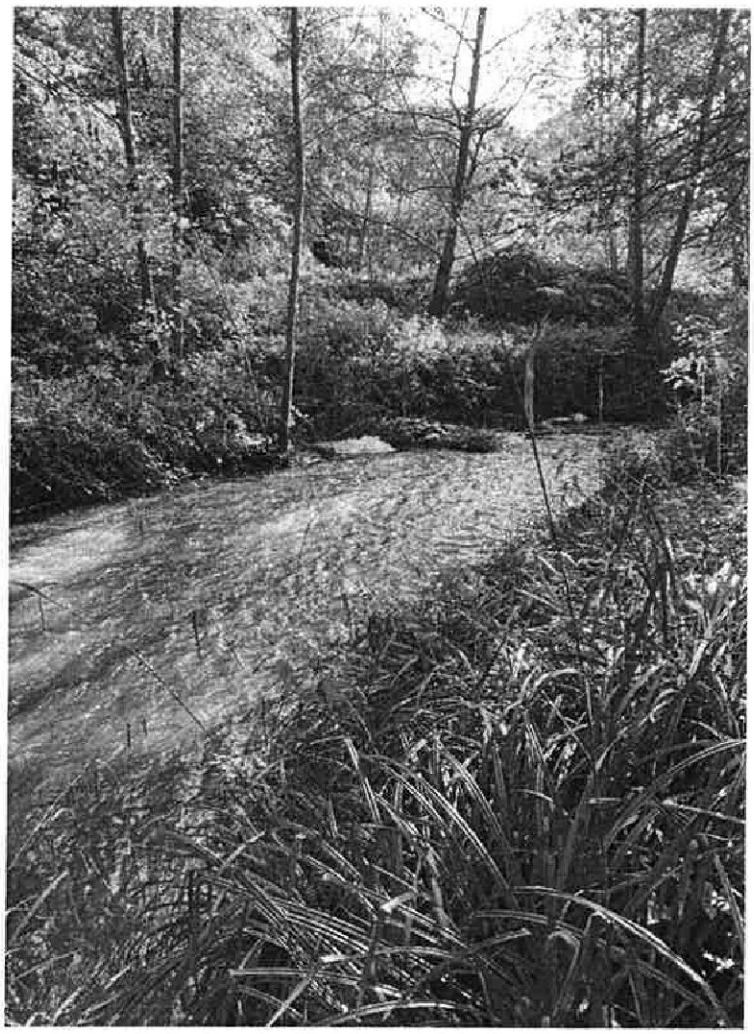
	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**1,911**	2,761
Gift aid	**-**	13
Grants	**202,225**	115,816
	204,136	118,590
Total incoming resources	**204,136**	118,590
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Consultancy fees	**55,627**	49,504
Workshop and meeting expenses	**584**	6,992
Project costs	**71,437**	45,325
	127,648	101,821
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	**1,134**	1,037
Office costs	**887**	992
Administration support	**9,100**	9,164
Subscriptions	**507**	-
Bank charges	**20**	-
Bookkeeping	**450**	750
Loan charges	**600**	-
Grant administration	**2,175**	-
Computer equipment	**75**	75
	14,948	12,018
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	**1,830**	1,830
Total resources expended	**144,426**	115,669
Net income	**59,710**	2,921

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Arun & Rother Rivers Trust

ARRT Annual Report



2020-21

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)
Annual Report 2020-21

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) www.arrt.org.uk is a member of the Rivers Trust network in England and Wales, helped and supported by the national umbrella body The Rivers Trust www.theriverstrust.org . ARRT covers the whole catchment of the "Arun and Western Streams" – the Rivers Arun and Rother and the coastal streams which feed Pagham and Chichester Harbours. ARRT works with farmers and landowners, statutory agencies, anglers and other recreational users, community groups and NGOs. By applying for funding, working in partnership and offering advice and practical support we help promote local action to look after and to improve the rivers within our catchment.

ARRT was formally launched at a public event in Pulborough, West Sussex, on 15th June 2011 when the original 12 Trustees signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association. ARRT was registered in England & Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 18th November 2011, Company Registration No: 7853698. It became a Charity when it registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, entered on the Register of Charities on 28th May 2012 as Registered Charity No: 1147477. ARRT's Registered Office is c/o The Barlavington Estate Office, Duncton Mill, Dye House Lane, Duncton, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0LF.

The Articles of Association set out the Objects for which the Charity is established:

(1) To conserve, protect, restore and improve the rivers, streams, and other waterbodies of the Arun and Western Rother catchments and other rivers and tributaries in Sussex and elsewhere in the Environment Agency's South East region as may be deemed appropriate, for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public.

(2) To advance the education of the public, or any association, institution, voluntary organisation, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in: -

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

(b) The need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

ARRT is governed by its Trustees, who are Members of the Company and constitute the Board of Trustees of the Charity.

As at 31st March 2021 the Trustees of ARRT were:
Sebastian Anstruther
John Archer
Charlie Baker – Chairman
Gillian Branson
Dave Brown
Richard Hammond – Vice Chairman
Stephen Simmonds
Tony Whitbread
John Whiting

Trustee & Staff Changes

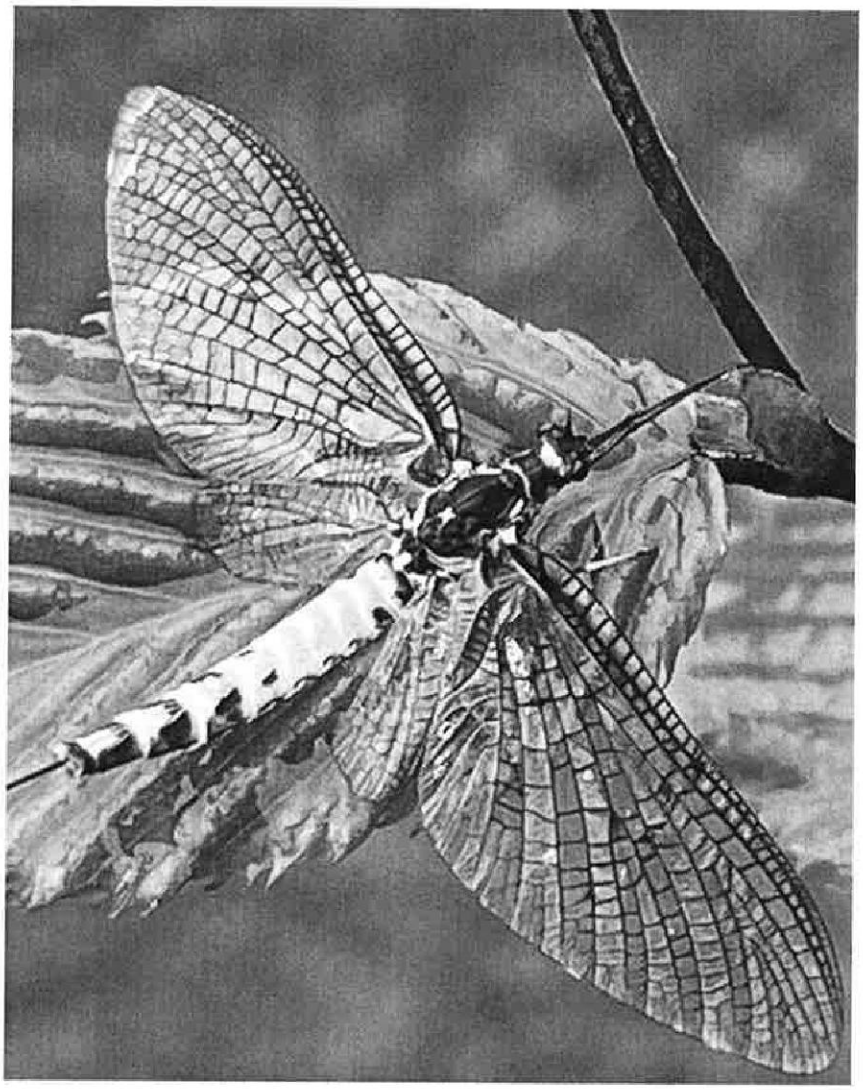
This is the ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), covering the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Trustee Changes

There have been several changes to ARRT Trustees this year namely the resignation of Gillian Branson, Richard Chandler, Dendy Easton, Roger Poole, Chris Rhodes, John Spence, Andrew Thompson, Martin Willing.

Staff Changes

ARRT also welcomes Adam Manning Jones as Project officer to ARRT during 2020.



Chairman's Report

ARRT has undergone a year of self -examination and change. There have been several successes in the Project area which are reported elsewhere in the report.

The Trustees were invited to examine whether they were fulfilling their roles as Trustees and asked if they wished to remain as Trustees of ARRT. The following changes took place. John Spence resigned due to pressure of other business. Chris Rhodes, Richard Chandler, Dendy Easton, Roger Poole, Andrew Thompson and Martin Willing also resigned. Thanks are due to them for their diligence and enthusiasm over their terms of office. Dave Green was appointed as a Trustee. Gillian Branson resigned as a Trustee right at the end of this reporting period following the Board decision not to renew her contract as Trust Manager. ARRT has nine Trustees going forward to 2021-2022:

Charlie Baker, Richard Hammond, Sebastian Anstruther, Dave Brown, Dave Green, John Archer, Tony Whitbread, Steve Simmonds and John Whiting.

In the Autumn an approach was received from Mr Pete King, Director of OART seeking a possible amalgamation with ARRT. A meeting with OART was held and after discussion a working group of ARRT trustees was formed to analyse the benefits for ARRT. A SWOT analysis determined a recommendation that it was not currently in ARRT's interest to take amalgamation discussions with OART any further, but it was suggested that there may be some scope for cooperation and joint working. This message was conveyed to OART. Some resource sharing has since begun. Further cooperation remains an item on the ARRT Board meeting agendas.

Covid has been a major factor in the aspirations of ARRT in 20/21. Almost all meetings have been on-line, including Board meetings. This has worked well for the convenience of Trustees and attendance has been good. However, Covid precautions reduced the frequency and effectiveness of external project and liaison meetings, particularly regarding the Farmers Groups.

Good relations have been maintained throughout the difficult year with our associated organisations such as the Environment Agency and all those who attend the Catchment Partnership meetings. Contact with landowners and farmers has been maintained where possible and plans made for the future when normality returns.

Covid and expensive management changes made 20/21 a difficult year financially, as highlighted by the Finance report. However, ARRT has come through the period bruised but unbowed.

Thanks go to those Trustees who have contributed to keeping the Trust on an even keel. Gillian Branson and the growing project team have achieved great results despite spending much of the year restricted to the desk rather than on site. The administration carried out by Tracy Thurlow has been impeccable as always.

Charity Funding

Charity Funding is an area where ARRT lags behind other Trusts and it is hoped that Trustees will be able to concentrate on it more in the coming year. Other Trusts manage to accrue considerable revenue from this source and ARRT will devote more targeted energy to it in the next year.

Planning

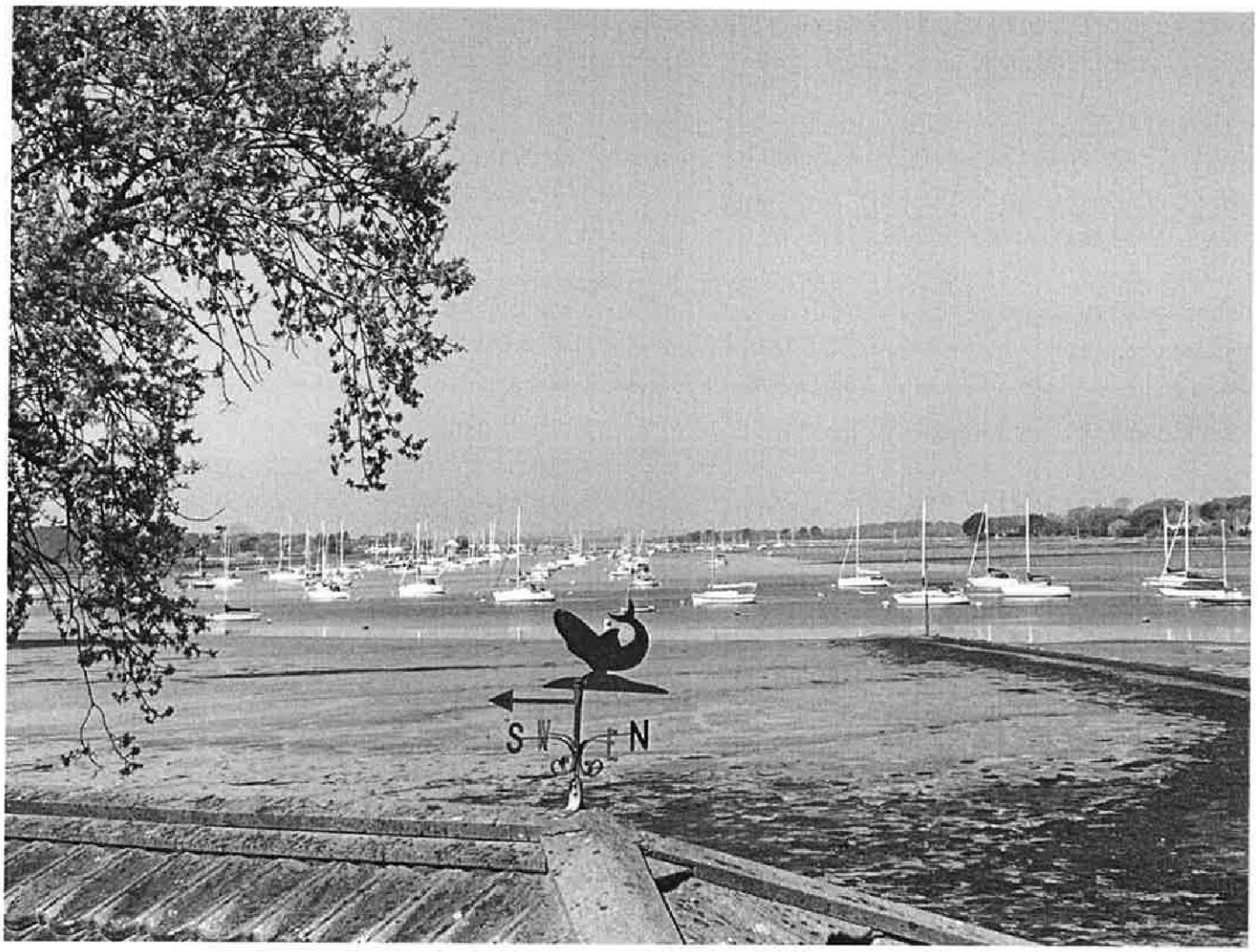
ARRT reviews and updates both Strategy and Business Plans each year and more activities will become possible as revenue grows and Trustees become more active and targeted.

Budgets are prepared and agreed for revenue and expenditure and reported bi-monthly.

Summary

Year ending 1.4.21 was positive, transformational in terms of personnel, and affected negatively at the end by COVID.

Charlie Baker - ARRT Chairman



Finance & Administration

Like most organisations the year 20/21 will be defined by two words, pandemic, and lockdown. My statement last year of being "positive and optimistic for the future" now feels a little hollow. ARRT was in a reasonably secure position in that there are no employees, and the delivery of our projects is through consultants and contractors. The Board decided to appoint a Trust Manager to coordinate and oversee our project development and delivery to ensure budgetary control during this time. Even with these difficulties the Board was keen to see the Trust grow and continue to secure its position in the catchment.

During the financial year 2020/21 the Trust generated an income of £206.4K which again falls short of our Business Plan projection (£250K). So, I am disappointed that we have failed to meet our target for yet another year. The situation is a little starker in that £100k was granted to us at the end of the financial year by Southern Water. This grant is to carry out investigations and revive the Aldingbourne Rife catchment following a pollution incident from one of their installations. Without this substantial sum we would have fallen short of our 2019/20 income level and again very close to the minimum required to finance our very basic operation.

We spent £127.6K on project delivery and £15K on administration/support cost during 2020/21. The Trust finds it very difficult to convince existing and new funders that a 15% on cost is the minimum required from all our projects to ensure that the "wheels of the Trust" keep turning. Some projects have specifically removed on costs which means that delivery is at the expense of the Trust. This tight control of "restricted" funds creates difficulties generating "unrestricted" funds for running the Trust. A priority for future years must be to build unrestricted reserves and a fund to prime new and future projects. The Board would like to see a minimum of £10K in the reserves pot and at this moment we are substantially below this figure. Funding for a growing number of projects is claimed quarterly in arrears i.e. after work/activity has been carried out. This process makes forecasting and cash flow critical, and the Esmee/Rivers Trust Water Environment Grant loan facility has been crucial in balancing our cash flow for the WEG project. The Trust is most grateful to the Rivers Trust for negotiating and setting up this facility.

Towards the end of March Jenny Crossley, our bookkeeper decided that she could no longer support ARRT. The reason was due to external factors including membership of her professional body. Some considerable time was spent researching a new bookkeeper to run our Sage accounts. The preference was to change to a cloud-based system however the cost was prohibitively high. After a discussion with our neighbouring Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust, it was decided to approach their bookkeeper, Lucas Bright Bookkeeping. This required a change to QuickBooks accounting system however the move has gone smoothly, and the software is much more user friendly. The Board is keen to see more collaborative working with OART and this sharing of bookkeepers may be the beginning.

As always, I am very grateful for the support of the Finance and Administration Committee namely, Sebastian, John A, Dave B and Tracy who have laboured over spreadsheets and helped to guide the Trust through another challenging year. Thank-you.

Richard Hammond – ARRT Chair Finance and Administration Committee.

Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Update

The Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership (AWSCP) continues to develop its partnership working and engagement with its twenty two member organisations. Partners include local authorities, regulators, water companies, public bodies, NGOs etc. and is hosted by ARRT. Previous Trust Manager Gillian Branson held the chairperson position during this year, and until March 2021. Despite challenges relating to the global coronavirus pandemic the partnership saw good participation in 2020/21 using zoom to meet digitally each quarter. Two new partners (Horsham District Council and Marine Management Organisation – MMO) were also recruited.

We facilitated presentations from partners and others around a range of catchment issues, projects and research, and consulted on Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans, and other national water and policy consultations.

There were delays to some plans in this year due to Covid lockdowns and related staff absence and reduction in work hours, however the partnership supported a number of projects, identified as having benefits for multiple members including:

- River Lod sediment walkover survey
- GIS CaBA training and support
- Arun and Western Streams climate change investigations
- River Ems – focus on working with local groups to look at water resources

In the coming year we will be publishing our new Catchment Management Plan, developing projects for future partnership delivery and reporting on legacy projects.

Sandra Manning Jones – Acting Trust Manager



Rother Valley Farmers Group

The RVFG was set up in 2018 with 30 members. We received Facilitation Funding from the Rural Payments Agency from 2019 until June 2021. By this time the group had grown to 53 members covering 11,200 hectares of the Rother catchment and some 65% of its agricultural activity. The original purpose of Government-funded farmer groups was to establish communities of farmers with a common interest in the environmental state of their river catchments, who would co-operate among themselves and with others to bring landscape-scale improvements to water quality, soil health and wildlife habitat as part of their farm business development. Our facilitators have delivered all that was required by the Facilitation Funding, plus a number of other benefits to members and the environment. The full impact of landscape-scale improvements will not be apparent until the emerging Environmental Land Management Scheme is implemented from 2024. We are now at a milestone in our development and are assessing the options for future funding, management and aims of the group. More detail is in our full annual report.

John Archer – ARRT Trustee



Project Work

During the year 2020/21 with Gillian Branson in the Trust Manager position, we increased the number and scale of our projects, and built and developed plans for the future in a year that presented unprecedented challenges with a global pandemic. Restrictions relating to Coronavirus commenced in March 2020, which resulted in reduced hours. Despite this, we were still able to develop working plans and guidelines allowing for social distancing and completing a range of planned works. Other elements of project work, particularly relating to engagement and site visits had to be delayed or scaled back, and others demanded that we look at different approaches to deliver project milestones. One such example was events planned by Project Consultant Ses Wright for the Rother Valley Farmers Group, who worked with restrictions alongside Tracy Thurlow to deliver training and updates digitally, and also outdoors and socially distanced. We also utilised emerging digital engagement tools such as ESRIs StoryMap to continue engagement with help from Dr Row Baker. Adam Manning-Jones joined the ARRT team this year, helping with walkover surveys and other project work.



ARRT contractors have shown great commitment, flexibility and adaptability over this year, for which we are extremely grateful.

Some key outputs from this year:

- 35km + of walkover surveys
- Erosion protection and tree planting on the River Rother
- Working with farmers and others through the Rother Valley Farmers Group and Upper Arun scoping works
- Scoping future projects to tackle more 'Barriers to Fish Passage' across the Arun & Western Streams Catchment.

We have also been supported this year via both funding and staff expertise from the Environment Agency and South Downs National Park, along with Southern Water, the RPA and DEFRA.

Plans made this year will help expand and deliver more in the coming year, developing new areas of work and expanding our expertise.

Sandra Manning Jones – Acting Trust Manager