

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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 its 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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021


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
ACA
Martin and Company
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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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
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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		-	-	-	-
Arun WEG		-	-	-	1,011
AWSCP WEIF 2019/20		-	29,229	29,229	18,263
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust		-	-	-	347
RVFG Soil Health Project		-	11,034	11,034	2,176
PREP		-	14,468	14,468	14,425
Floodplain Meadows		-	24,441	24,441	13,241
Sediment Trap Repair		-	10,595	10,595	2,987
ARCGIS/CABA Data Training		-	-	-	13
AWSCP River Lod		-	50	50	-
AWSCP WEIF 2020-21		-	3,589	3,589	-
Stedham Mill		-	4,390	4,390	-
AWSCP Climate Report		-	3,430	3,430	-
RVFG & SW Pesticides Project		-	1,400	1,400	-
Aldingbourne Rife		-	575	575	-
Liss NFM		-	964	964	-
FIP Fisheries Improvement Plan		-	1,320	1,320	-
		-	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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
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THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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:



C Baker - Trustee



R W R Hammond - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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
	<u>204,136</u>	<u>118,590</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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
	<u>127,648</u>	<u>101,821</u>

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
	<u>14,948</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>16,778</u>

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	-	-
	<u>12,157</u>	<u>1,643</u>	<u>642</u>

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****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
	<u>490</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14,948</u>	<u>12,018</u>

Governance costs

	31.3.21 Non-specific project costs £	31.3.20 Total activities £
Independent examiner's fees	<u>1,830</u>	<u>1,830</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>

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.

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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
	<u>11,098</u>	<u>30,740</u>

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
	<u>44,185</u>	<u>21,880</u>

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	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**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
	<u>49,540</u>	<u>73,776</u>	<u>(803)</u>	<u>122,513</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>76,885</u>	<u>59,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,595</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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
	<u>203,677</u>	<u>(129,901)</u>	<u>73,776</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>204,136</u>	<u>(144,426)</u>	<u>59,710</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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)	-
Portsmouth 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
	<u>29,712</u>	<u>23,508</u>	<u>(3,680)</u>	<u>49,540</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,964</u>	<u>2,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,885</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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
Portsmouth 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
	<u>118,095</u>	<u>(94,587)</u>	<u>23,508</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>118,590</u>	<u>(115,669)</u>	<u>2,921</u>

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

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.

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

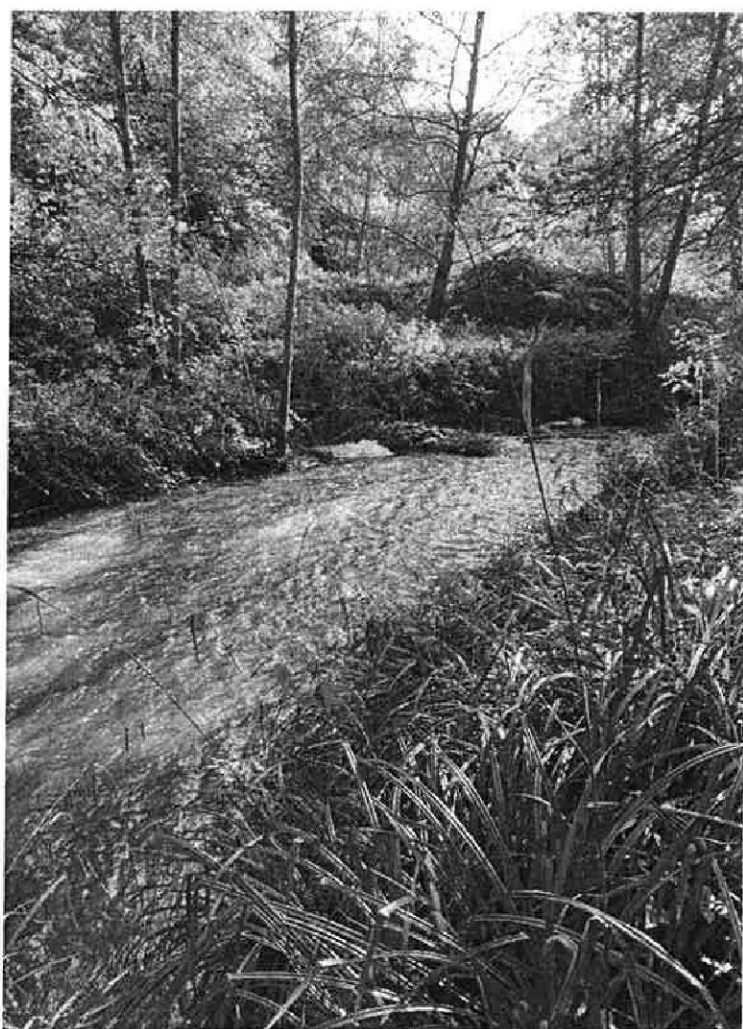
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	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
	<u>204,136</u>	<u>118,590</u>
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
	<u>127,648</u>	<u>101,821</u>
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
	<u>14,948</u>	<u>12,018</u>
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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ARRT Annual Report



2020-21

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)

Annual Report 2020-21

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) www.rrrt.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

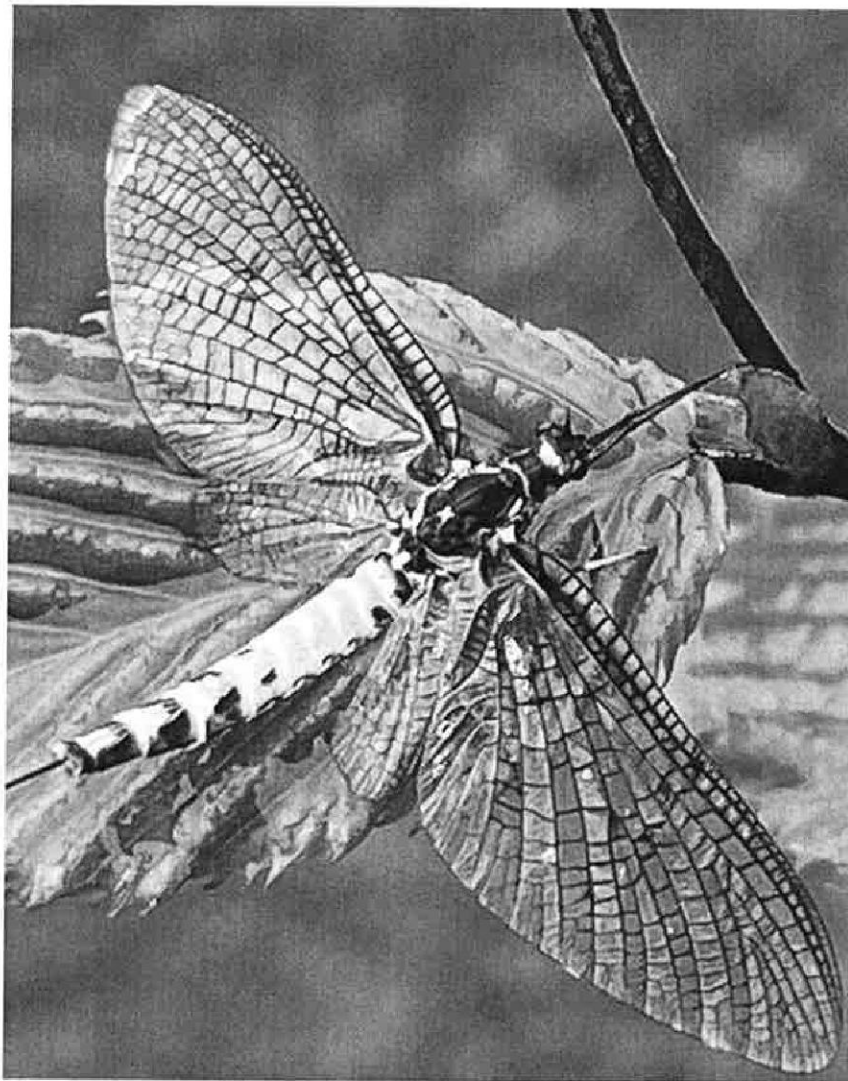
This is the ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), covering the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

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

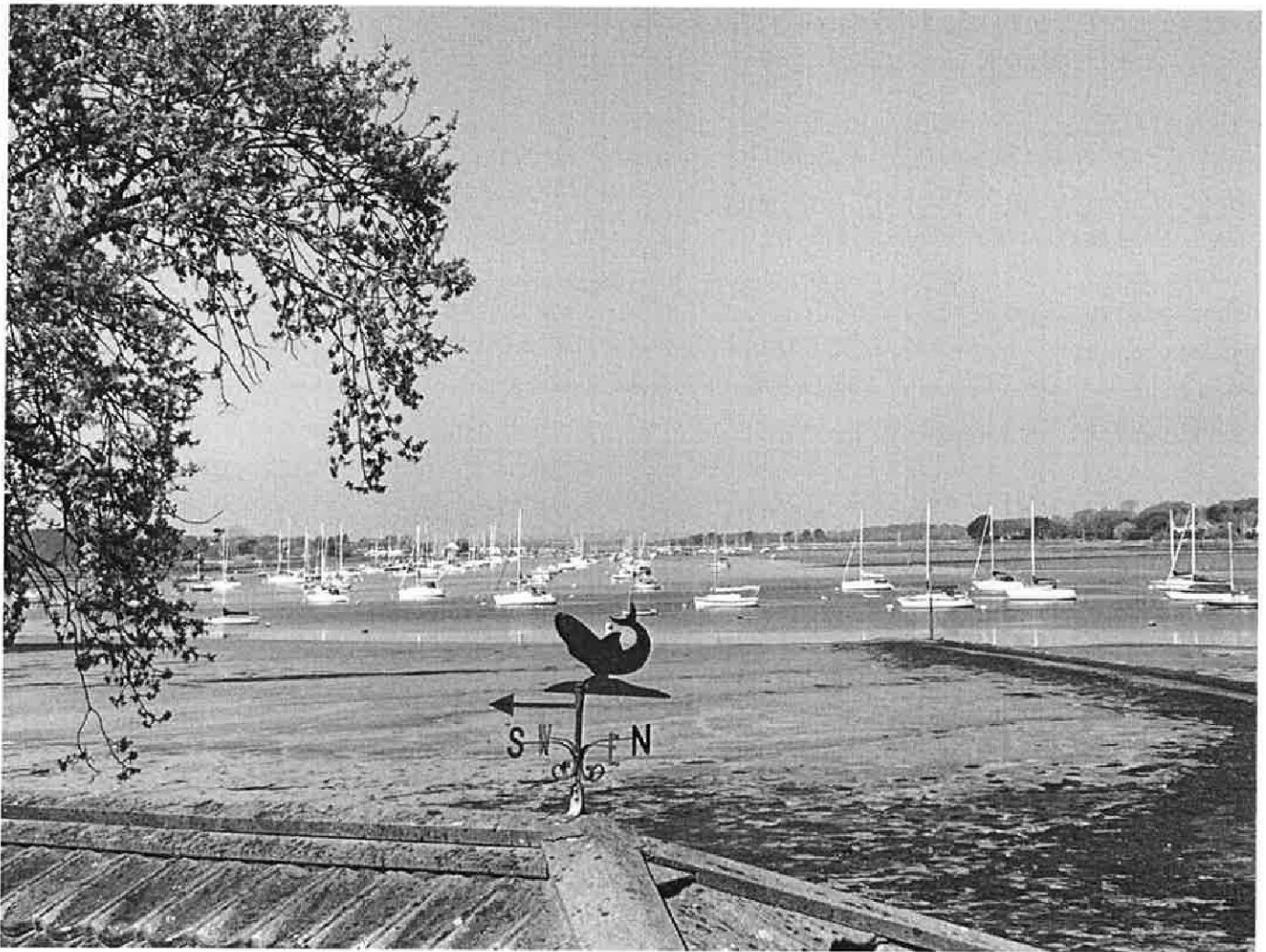
ARRT reviews and updates both Strategy and Business Plans each year and more activities will become possible as revenue grows and Trustees become more active and targeted.

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.

Working in Partnership & Engagement

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 ESRI's 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.