

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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 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 £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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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
ACA
Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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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
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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		<u>31,970</u>	<u>129,215</u>	<u>161,185</u>	<u>136,595</u>

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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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 on20 September 2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:



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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 2022

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
	<u>198,664</u>	<u>204,136</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

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

	31.3.22	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	-
	<u>196,959</u>	<u>202,225</u>

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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	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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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	-
	<u>153,932</u>	<u>127,648</u>

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
	<u>18,162</u>	<u>1,980</u>	<u>20,142</u>

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

Management

	Non-specific project costs	Arun Water Environment Grant	Petersfield and Rother Environment Project	Aldingbourne 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	-	-	-
	<u>15,478</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>1,653</u>	<u>293</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

				31.3.22	31.3.21
			Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Water Environment Improvement Fund		
	Liss Natural Flood Management £	Ambersham £	2021-2022 £	Total activities £	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
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>18,162</u>	<u>14,948</u>

Governance costs

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	Non-specific project costs £	Total activities £
Independent examiner's fees	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,830</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>

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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	<u>1,049</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021	899
Charge for year	75
At 31 March 2022	<u>974</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	<u>75</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>150</u>

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
	<u>45,978</u>	<u>11,098</u>

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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
	<u>52,516</u>	<u>44,185</u>

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

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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 Partnership 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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****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 Partnership 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 Valley Farmers 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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****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 Valley Farmers 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
	<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>

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.

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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

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.

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**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
	<u>198,664</u>	<u>204,136</u>
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	-
	<u>153,932</u>	<u>127,648</u>
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
	<u>18,162</u>	<u>14,948</u>
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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ARRT Annual Report



2021-22

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

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) (www.arrrt.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 Manager 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

