

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

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 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 £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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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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
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th September 2023 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 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**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Notes				
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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**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
		<u>62,476</u>	<u>358,754</u>	<u>421,230</u>	<u>213,626</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,672)	(14,540)	(20,212)	(52,516)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>56,804</u>	<u>344,214</u>	<u>401,018</u>	<u>161,110</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>57,072</u>	<u>344,214</u>	<u>401,286</u>	<u>161,185</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>57,072</u>	<u>344,214</u>	<u>401,286</u>	<u>161,185</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				57,072	31,971
Restricted funds				<u>344,214</u>	<u>129,214</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>401,286</u>	<u>161,185</u>

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

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

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

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

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	-
	<u>393,951</u>	<u>196,959</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	77	-

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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	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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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 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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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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	-	-	-
	<u>22,449</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>4,091</u>	<u>12,172</u>
		Ambersham - River Rother Fish Passage Project £	Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership Catchment Management Plan £	Sussex Black Poplar £
	River Ems £			
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	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,933</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>432</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management - continued

				2023	2022
	Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative Demo Plus	Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative	Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	Total activities	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
	<u>4,881</u>	<u>6,056</u>	<u>7,346</u>	<u>66,629</u>	<u>18,162</u>
Governance costs				2023	2022
				Non-specific project costs	Total activities
				£	£
Independent examiner's fees				<u>2,430</u>	<u>1,980</u>

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7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>164</u>	<u>75</u>

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	<u>357</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>1,406</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2022	974
Charge for year	<u>164</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>1,138</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2023	<u>268</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>75</u>

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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
	<u>71,980</u>	<u>45,978</u>

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
	<u>20,212</u>	<u>52,516</u>

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

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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
	<u>31,971</u>	<u>12,417</u>	<u>12,684</u>	<u>57,072</u>
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 Arun & Western Stream Catchment Partnership - Water Environment Improvement Fund 2022-23	-	44,270	(1,940)	42,330
Ems Biodiversity Net Gain River Survey	-	6,163	(6,163)	-
River Ems 2023	-	1,788	-	1,788
Southern Water/ Arun & Western Streams Catchment Partnership	-	(1,150)	-	(1,150)
Western Streams Water Quality Testing	-	37,500	(2,077)	35,423
	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>129,214</u>	<u>227,684</u>	<u>(12,684)</u>	<u>344,214</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>161,185</u>	<u>240,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,286</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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)
	<u>39,394</u>	<u>(26,977)</u>	<u>12,417</u>
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
	<u>358,954</u>	<u>(131,270)</u>	<u>227,684</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>398,348</u>	<u>(158,247)</u>	<u>240,101</u>

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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

THE ARUN AND ROTHER RIVERS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,595</u>	<u>24,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,185</u>
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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)
	<u>8,548</u>	<u>(17,918)</u>	<u>(9,370)</u>
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	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(8,606)</u>	<u>3,394</u>
	<u>190,116</u>	<u>(156,156)</u>	<u>33,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>198,664</u>	<u>(174,074)</u>	<u>24,590</u>

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
	<u>398,271</u>	<u>198,664</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	77	-
Total incoming resources	<u>398,348</u>	<u>198,664</u>
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
	<u>89,188</u>	<u>153,932</u>
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
	<u>66,629</u>	<u>18,162</u>
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	2,430	1,980
Total resources expended	<u>158,247</u>	<u>174,074</u>
Net income	<u>240,101</u>	<u>24,590</u>

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ARRT Annual Report 2022-23

The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)

Annual Report 2022-23

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.riverstrust.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



