



**DULVERTON  
WEIR & LEAT  
CONSERVATION  
TRUST**

Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust  
Traders Cottage, 8 Weirhead,  
Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9DH  
Registered Charity No. 1167729  
Patron: The Rt Hon The Lord Dulverton

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Working to restore Dulverton's medieval Weir & Leat - Safeguarding heritage - Improving natural habitat, fish migration, flood alleviation & community amenity

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERIOD 01.04.21 – 31.03.22**

**SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Charity Name	-	Dulverton Weir and Leat Conservation Trust
Charity's principle address	-	Traders Cottage, 8 Weirhead, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9DH
Names of Trustees who manage the Charity	-	Mr Philip C Hull B.A. Mr Peter Romain Mrs Marian J Lloyd B.A. Mr Robin Ashburner B.E.M. Mr Robert Jones MSc
Banking	-	NatWest PLC, The Parade, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5NL



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**SOMERSET**  
County Council



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and Taunton**

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**SECTION B     STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Type of Governing Document	-	Foundation Model Constitution – July 2016
How the Trust is constituted	-	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	-	New Trustees are appointed for 3 years by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.



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**SECTION C     OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document are:

1. To promote the permanent preservation for the benefit of the public generally of the ancient weir (the weir) having an Ordnance Survey Grid Reference of SS913283, situated on the River Barle in Dulverton within the Exmoor National Park in the County of Somerset, together with the mill leat (the leat) and other land and structures associated with the weir and leat.
2. The advancement of education of the public, about the history of the weir and leat.
3. The conservation and improvement of the weir and leat and its surrounding habitats, wildlife, flora and fauna for the benefit of the public.
4. The provision of an open space for the recreation of the public.

Summary of the main activities for the public benefit

The Trust continues to research the history of Dulverton's medieval Weir and Mill Leat (known as an Urban Watermill Landscape) and makes its research available via the internet, in Resource Centres (in Dulverton Library and the Exmoor Society Head Office) and in the local press. The Trust continues in its project to save Dulverton's Urban Watermill Landscape for future generations.

**The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.**





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## **SECTION D     ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year -

During this reporting period the Trust's operations continued to be adversely affected by the closing months of the Covid pandemic, in particular the apprehension of supporters in attending Trust fundraising events in person. However, the Trust was able to hold a 'socially distanced' Garden Party and the Kinetic Art Exhibition in July. Activities with Dulverton School also continued to operate on a 'socially distanced' basis.

Dulverton Weir is owned by Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWTC) who are responsible for its upkeep. During this reporting period SWTC expressed the wish to retain ownership of the weir and lease the weir to the Trust on its repair. The council were successful in raising funds from Somerset Rivers Authority for engineering design work for the weir project. Pending clarification from the council of further sources of funds to repair the weir, Trustees took a strategic decision to confine their fundraising to funds needed to fund Trust activity itself rather than those needed for the weir restoration.

During this reporting period the Trust:

- Purchased the sculpture 'Transforming Movement' from the artist Luke Tupper to ensure that the Trust retains ownership of a cornerstone exhibit in the annual Kinetic Sculpture Exhibition which plays a key part in Trust raising awareness and fundraising activities.
- Commissioned an acclaimed documentary film about Dulverton Weir and Leat and its place in Dulverton's heritage.
- Participated in the SWTC successful funding bid to Somerset Rivers Authority.
- Signed a memorandum of Understanding with SWTC on future joint management of the weir restoration project.
- At a joint meeting with SWTC, Exeter University, British Canoeing & Westcountry Rivers Trust drew up an agreed specification for weir restoration which was used as the basis for commissioning engineering plans from Mann Williams Ltd (SWTC retained Consulting Engineers).



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**SECTION E      FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Charity's current policy on Finance Reserves (which are currently small) is to bank them with NatWest in its Current Account.

**There are no Trust Funds in deficit.**

**SECTION F      OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**SECTION G      DECLARATION**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the Charity's' Trustees**

Signed: .....

**MR PHILIP HULL  
TRUSTEE DWLCT**

Dated: .....

25-1-2023

**DULVERTON WEIR & LEAT CONSERVATION TRUST**

20-21

1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

21-22

**RECEIPTS**

0.00	Donations from Garden Party(Archers)	2078.00
487.85	Donations	1800.00
21.73	VAT	114.51
0.00	P.H. Stationary & Misc	0.00
0.00	Gift Aid	0.00
0.00	Pay Pal	9.42
0.00	Town Hall Talk	0.00
<u>0.00</u>	Cash Boxes	<u>0.00</u>
509.58		<b>4001.93</b>

**PAYMENTS**

436.00	1 Website	792.00
125.00	2 Printing	832.98
110.96	3 Stationary	628.00
547.80	4 Insurance 20-21	576.81
0.00	11 Garden Party Expenses	563.26
123.87	Sculpture delivery	
	Luke Tupper	1000.00
0.00	13 Solicitor	0.00
0.00	Weir Film	1456.00
<u>100.00</u>	Storage	<u>100.00</u>
1443.63		<b>5949.05</b>
-934.05	LOSS / SURPLUS / LOSS	-1947.12
33.35	Cash	3.35
9,934.47	Current	<u>8,017.35</u>
	Balance in Bank plus Cash in Hand	8,020.70
10,901.87	Balance at 1st April 2020 / 2021	9,967.82
-934.05	Minus Loss	-1947.12
<u>9,967.82</u>	<b>Balance at 31st March 2021 / 2022</b>	<b><u>8,020.70</u></b>

I have prepared this account from the book, bank statements and vouchers of the Trustees, and certify it to be in accordance therewith.

M.J.LLOYD

