



**DULVERTON  
WEIR & LEAT  
CONSERVATION  
TRUST**

Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust

Weir View House, 39 Northmoor Road,  
Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9DH

Registered Charity No. 1167729

Patron: The Rt Hon The Lord Dulverton

Our partners:



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NATIONAL PARK



DULVERTON  
TOWN COUNCIL



Society for  
Post-Medieval  
Archaeology



Somerset  
Council



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

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERIOD 01.04.23 – 31.03.24**

**SECTION A**    **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Charity Name	-	Dulverton Weir and Leat Conservation Trust
Charity's principle address	-	Weir View House, Northmoor Road, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9DH
Names of Trustees who manage the Charity	-	Mr Philip C Hull B.A. (Hons) Mr Peter Romain Mrs Marian J Lloyd B.A. (Hons) Mr Robert D Jones M. Eng. Mr Guy Greenfield B.A. (Hons), Dipl. Arch. (Oxon) RIBA
Banking	-	NatWest PLC, The Parade, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5NL



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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 its Knowledge-Hub (in Dulverton Library) 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 -

The new Unitary Council for Somerset (now known as 'Somerset Council') took office on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 (coinciding with the beginning of the financial period covered by this report). The new council inherited all of the assets and responsibilities of the former district and county councils.

Since the new council took office the Trust's dealings with the council have been positive and constructive about the restoration project both at an individual and corporate level. In common with other councils Somerset Council has difficult financial issues which will take time to address. A period of 'bedding in' will be required before the new council can come to a decision on how they wish to proceed with restoration of Dulverton Weir (which they now own). In the light of this the Trustees decided to maintain their strategy of confining the Trust fundraising programme to those funds necessary to fund Trust activities rather than those needed for the weir restoration. During this financial period there was a net fund inflow to the Trust.

The Trust has re-affirmed its willingness to work with Somerset Council in the weir restoration project.

During this reporting period the Trust:

- Won funding for two important refurbishment projects along Dulverton Leat which will be carried out later in 2024.
- Secured agreement from the new Somerset Council to carry out remedial repairs to Dulverton Weir sufficient to ensure that Dulverton Leat continues to flow and give time for a full restoration project to be put in place. Regulatory delays mean that these repairs should take place in 2025.
- Continued support activities formerly given to Somerset West & Taunton Council in line with the Memorandum of Understanding with SWTC on joint management of the weir and leat.
- Brought flags and flagpoles previously loaned to the Trust for Trust events into Trust ownership.



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**SECTION E      FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Charity's policy on Financial Reserves (which are currently small) is to bank them with NatWest in the Trust's Current and Savings Accounts.

**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: 19-11-2024 .....

**DULVERTON WEIR & LEAT CONSERVATION TRUST**

22-23

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

23-24

**RECEIPTS**

1,375.00	(Maunds) Donations from Garden Party(Hollom)	2130.00
90.00	Donations	95.48
112.02	VAT	99.02
0.00	P.H. Stationary & Misc	0.00
0.00	Gift Aid	936.17
19.32	Pay pal	133.10
0.00	Interest	75.55
0.00	Flags Exford Show & SimFest	190.00
1,596.34		<b>3,659.32</b>

**PAYMENTS**

396.00	1 Website	0.00
327.72	2 Printing	273.50
389.82	3 Stationary	0.00
569.65	4 Insurance 23-24	594.08
376.92	11 Garden Party Expenses	632.70
0.00	Luke Tupper/Sculptor	0.00
260.00	Flags	50.00
0.00	Book Tokens	40.00
0.00	Storage	100.00
2,320.11		<b>1,690.28</b>
-723.77	LOSS / SURPLUS	1,969.04
3.35	Cash	3.35
7,293.58	Current	187.07
0.00	Savings	9,075.55
7296.93	Balance in Bank plus Cash in Hand	<b>9,265.97</b>
8020.70	Balance at 1st April 2022 / 2023	7,296.93
-723.77	Minus Loss / Surplus	1,969.04
<u>7,296.93</u>	<b>Balance at 31st March 2023 / 2024</b>	<b><u>9,265.97</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

