



**DULVERTON
WEIR & LEAT
CONSERVATION
TRUST**

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

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERIOD 01.04.24 – 31.03.25

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) 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 owner of Dulverton Weir and Leat (Somerset Council) took office on 1st April 2023 and since that time have been engaged in the necessary actions to address the significant budgetary shortfalls existing when they took office. Reduction of expenditure and staff reorganisation have been a major priority for the council during this financial year. None the less the council and its officers have continued to express their support for the project during this period and the Trust expects the council to be able to clarify how it wishes to proceed with the restoration project next year as well as meet their covenanted legal responsibilities towards the weir and leat. In the light of this the Trustees decided to maintain their strategy of confining the Trust fundraising programme to those funds necessary to fund the Trust's day to day activities rather than those needed for the weir restoration itself. 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:

- Carried out two important refurbishment projects along Dulverton Leat.
- Obtained regulatory approval for repairs to parts of the Dulverton Weir structure together with removal of trees currently causing damage to the weir itself.
- Together with Somerset Council identified a contractor, sourced funds and issued a contract to carry out remedial repairs to Dulverton Weir sufficient to help ensure that Dulverton Leat continues to flow and give time for a full restoration project to be put in place.
- Continued support activities to Somerset Council in line with the Memorandum of Understanding previously agreed with the council's predecessor (Somerset West & Taunton Council) on joint management of the weir and leat.



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SECTION E FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity's policy on Unrestricted Financial Reserves (which are currently small) is to bank them with NatWest in the Trust's Current and Savings Accounts. The Trust held no Restricted Reserves at the end of this reporting period.

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: Philip Hull

**MR PHILIP HULL
LEAD TRUSTEE DWLCT**

Dated: 22/9/25

DULVERTON WEIR & LEAT CONSERVATION TRUST

23-24

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

24-25

RECEIPTS

2130.00	(Hollom) Donations from Garden Party(Marsh)	1235.00
95.48	Donations	1160.00
99.02	VAT	154.13
0.00	P.H. Stationary & Misc	0.00
936.17	Gift Aid/ Bank Compensation	100.00
133.10	Pay pal	19.52
75.55	Interest	326.67
<u>190.00</u>	Flags Exford Show & SimFest	0.00
3,659.32	ENP Grant	<u>7000.00</u>
		9995.32

PAYMENTS

0.00	Website	450.00
273.50	Printing	519.90
0.00	Stationary & Materials	213.24
594.08	Insurance 24-25	610.91
632.70	Garden Party Expenses	345.16
0.00	Badges	160.39
50.00	Flags / Woodcott Leat Wall Repairs	7000.00
40.00	Book Tokens/Transport	97.00
<u>100.00</u>	Storage	<u>100.00</u>
1,690.28		9496.60

1,969.04	SURPLUS	498.72
3.35	Cash	3.35
187.07	Current	1.80
<u>9,075.55</u>	Savings	<u>9,759.54</u>
9,265.97	Balance in Bank plus Cash in Hand	9764.69
7,296.93	Balance at 1st April 2023 / 2024	9,265.97
1,969.04	Plus Surplus	498.72
<u>9,265.97</u>	Balance at 31st March 2024 / 2025	9,764.69

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

