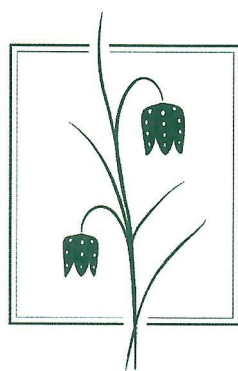


Charity Number: 1176457



DARLANDS
CONSERVATION TRUST

**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

The Darlands Conservation Trust

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Reference and administrative details

Name

The name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") is: The Darlands Conservation Trust

Charity number

1176457

The first charity trustees

Terrence Bannister
Kerin Conn (resigned 7 August 2020)
Eileen Eskenzi
John Hart
Deborah Hobson
John Living
Dianne Murphy (Chairman)
Caroline Stock
Michael Worms

Treasurer

Mark Turner

Bankers

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Solicitors

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Correspondence address

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Website

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Statement of trustee's responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year, which properly present the charity's receipts and payments for the year together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution dated 22 December 2017 and the recommendations of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice and comply with applicable law.

Structure governance and management

The charity is under the governance of its Trustees, as set out on page 2 of the Financial Statements. The day-to-day management of the Charity is undertaken by the Trustees.

The objects of the CIO

- (1) To acquire a lease from the London Borough of Barnet (LBB) for the area known as Darlands Nature Reserve, including all associated land,
- (2) To restore and otherwise conserve Darlands for the benefit of wildlife,
- (3) To permit access to Darlands for the enjoyment and benefit of the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and visitors to the area.

When planning the activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

At the start of lockdown, we had to make the difficult decision to suspend all our practical volunteer workdays. We had held 8 workdays to that point, an amazing 265 hours in total.

During the year we were able to continue with some significant works that needed specialist contractors, which has only been possible because of generous and gratefully received donations from the local community, businesses and Trusts and Foundations: -

- In the summer of 2020, a programme of spraying to control Giant Hogweed commenced. This enormous flowering plant, which can cause serious burns if its sap contacts skin, has become established in some areas of the reserve and will require annual treatment by licensed contractors for up to 10 years to completely eradicate it.
- The area around the old barns was closed to the public for two weeks to allow the safe removal (by a licensed disposal company) of asbestos roofing material and other hazardous waste dumped there.
- An experienced contractor was commissioned to undertake the collection and analysis of silt samples from the lake.
- Licensed arboriculturists continued the programme of woodland management. This included safety work on storm damaged and dangerous trees. Wherever possible standing and lying deadwood has been retained in situ as this is a valuable habitat for small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

In October the trust launched our 'Help Save Darlands' appeal. We are appealing to everyone who loves Darlands to donate and help us regenerate the lake, restore and maintain the reserve for current and future generations.

In November our first newsletter was produced and delivered to over 4000 local residences and businesses.

The Charity achieved its objectives during the year as set out above.

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Financial review

The charity's activities resulted in net incoming resources on the Unrestricted Income Fund for the year of £19,783 (2020: £86,725) and £119 of Restricted Income, as a result of a Facebook campaign to purchase a new bench (2020; £8,000). In the prior years, the trustees had designated the Millennium Fayre income, towards the cost of desilting the Darlands Lake and the wider Save Darlands appeal. These funds were originally raised by the local community in 2000. In the current year £19,686 of the 2021 Unrestricted Income Fund has been allocated to the Designated 'Help Save Darlands' appeal funds.

The trustees are confident that through a combination of different income streams, they will receive sufficient income to enable the charity to meet its objectives.

Covid-19 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Charity. The trustees have determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on its ability to continue as a going concern.

Plans for future periods

In the short term, the trustees intend to continue conducting ecological surveys, produce a 10-year management plan and to commence works to maintain and enhance safe public access to the nature reserve. Our ecological group are developing a ten-year management plan, incorporating the results and recommendation of these surveys.

Strategies for sustainable fundraising, communications and the recruitment of volunteers will be developed to support the management plan.

Community engagement will be at the forefront of future activities.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 28 January 2022, and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman

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Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				
Local business	80	-	80	-
Local community	6,106	119	6,225	21,760
Millennium Fayre	-	-	-	19,363
Trusts & Foundations	13,523	-	13,523	53,275
Total Donations and legacies	19,709	119	19,828	94,398
Other Income	74	-	74	326
Total Income	19,783	119	19,902	94,725
Expenses				
Charitable Activities				
Community events	-	-	-	103
Equipment	-	-	-	505
Asbestos removal	21,995	-	21,995	505
Woodland management	2,989	-	2,989	8,737
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	71
Volunteer costs	-	-	-	23
Total Charitable Activities	24,984	-	24,984	9,439
Insurances	932	-	932	932
Legal fees	-	-	-	8,550
Printing & stationery	-	-	-	375
Total Expenses	25,916	-	25,916	19,296
Net Operating Income	(6,133)	119	(6,014)	75,429
Reconciliation of funds:	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total funds brought forward	56,065	43,363	-	99,428
Income	97	19,686	119	19,902
Expenditure	(25,021)	(895)	-	(25,916)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	31,141	62,154	119	93,414

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2021

	As at 31 March 2021 £	As at 31 March 2020 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank	93,414	99,428
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Total net assets	<u>93,414</u>	<u>99,428</u>
Charity funds		
Restricted funds	119	-
Designated unrestricted funds	62,154	43,363
Unrestricted income fund	31,141	56,065
Total funds	<u>93,414</u>	<u>99,428</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 and 7 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 28 January 2022, and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman