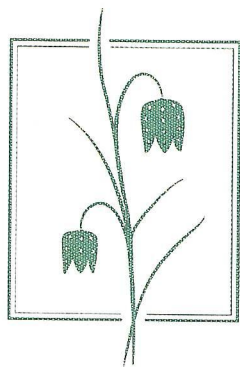


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CONSERVATION TRUST

**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The Darlands Conservation Trust

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Reference and administrative details

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The name of the CIO: 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 (Resigned 31 May 2022)
Dianne Murphy (Deputy Chairman)
Caroline Stock (Chairman)
Michael Worms

Trustees appointed since formation of the CIO: -

Paul Flashman (Appointed 4 April 2022)
Valerie Duschinsky (Appointed 23 May 2022)

Treasurer: Mark Turner

Bankers: Lloyds Bank Plc, Park Lane Branch, London

Solicitors: Edwin Coe LLP, London WC2A 3TH

Correspondence address: PO Box 57691, London, NW7 0GR

Website: www.darlandsconservationtrust.org.uk

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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 2022.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution dated 22 December 2017 (as amended on 7 Sep 2022) 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

The object of the CIO is to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Darlands Nature Reserve.

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

Our practical volunteer workdays recommenced on 16 July 2021 with a group of 20 volunteers helping to remove the fast-growing Himalayan Balsam invading the wet habitat near the lake, at the expense of other native flowers. The volunteering continued throughout the period under review, with regular opportunities for members of the local community of all abilities to reap the benefits of working as a team in nature. Last year we achieved 505 volunteer hours. The Trustees would like to express their gratitude and thanks to all our volunteers who generously gave their time during 2021/22.

In the summer of 2021, the programme of spraying to control Giant Hogweed recommenced. 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 continued annual treatment by licensed contractors for up to 10 years to completely eradicate it. This work by specialist contractors, has only been possible because of generous and gratefully received donations from the local community, businesses and Trusts and Foundations.

The CIO continued fundraising for 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.

The current fundraising focus is to raise funds to renew/repair the existing paths surrounding the lake, most urgently, the path from the Woodside Park entrance leading to the lake. In the final quarter of the year the Trustees began to make plans for two community fundraising events to take place in May and June 2022.

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

Financial review

The charity's activities resulted in net incoming resources on the Unrestricted Income Fund for the year of £14,870 (2020/21: £19,783). 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 £14,095 (2020/21: £19,686) of the 2021/22 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.

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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 9 January 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman

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Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				
Local business	240	-	240	80
Local community	8,804	-	8,804	6,225
Trusts & Foundations	666	-	666	13,523
Total Donations and legacies	9,710	-	9,710	19,828
Other Income	5,160	-	5,160	74
Total Income	14,870	-	14,870	19,902
Expenses				
Charitable Activities				
Equipment	849	-	849	-
Asbestos removal	-	-	-	21,995
Woodland management	3,853	-	3,853	2,989
Total Charitable Activities	4,702	-	4,702	24,984
Insurances	985	-	985	932
Sundry expenses	194	-	194	-
Cost of raising funds	29	-	29	-
Total Expenses	5,910	-	5,910	25,916
Net Operating Income	8,960	-	8,960	(6,014)
Reconciliation of funds:	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total funds brought forward	31,141	62,154	119	93,414
Income	775	14,095	-	14,870
Expenditure	(5,881)	(29)	-	(5,910)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	26,035	76,220	119	102,374

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2022

	As at 31 March 2022 £	As at 31 March 2021 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank	102,374	93,414
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Total net assets	<u>102,374</u>	<u>93,414</u>
Charity funds		
Restricted funds	119	119
Designated unrestricted funds	76,220	62,154
Unrestricted income fund	26,035	31,141
Total funds	<u>102,374</u>	<u>93,414</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 and 7 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 9 January 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman