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Charity number: 501038

Durham Wildlife Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Structure Governance and Management

Durham Wildlife Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Members of the company are the Trustees who served during the year and are named above. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of each member is limited to £1.

Governing Document

Durham Wildlife Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was first incorporated 30th day of July 1971. Anyone can become a member of the Trust.

The Articles were amended at the 2021 Annual General Meeting –

- To update the definition of *Trustees* in the Articles to reflect the Trust's status as both a charity and company where the Trustees of the Charity also act as Directors of the Company.
- To update the use of personal pronouns to reflect present day usage.
- To make specific reference to online video conferences being an approved forum for official meetings.
- To strengthen the grounds for removal of Trustees from the Board, linked to a Trustee Code of Conduct and more detailed Conflicts of Interest policy.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees who are Directors of the charitable company, as well as its Trustees for the purpose of charity law. Throughout this report they are referred to as Trustees. The officers of the Trust comprise a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

As set out in the Articles of Association, all members aged 16 and over are eligible to join the Board of Trustees, provided they are not legally disqualified from doing so. The Board consists of not less than 10 and not more than 15 elected members. The Trust's membership is notified of the opportunity to seek election to the Board prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). A Trustee recruitment procedure is in place and the Board conducts an annual audit of Trustees to identify knowledge and skills gaps that the recruitment process can help to address.

Following a nomination process, new Trustees are appointed at the AGM by a vote of the Trust members in attendance. Trustees elected in this way must retire at the fourth AGM following their election, although they are eligible for re-election to serve a second 4-year term. After their second 4-year term Trustees must stand down for a minimum of 12 months before they can seek re-election. The exceptions to this rule are the Chair, who can serve for up to six years, and the Treasurer, who is elected annually with no stipulation on the maximum period of office. The Board may also co-opt additional Trustees at any time and Trustees appointed by this method must retire from office at the next Annual General Meeting.

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Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees undertake an induction process set out in a written induction procedure. This process provides information on their legal obligations under charity and company law and the management and operation of the charity. An induction pack is provided and includes items such as the governing document, Board minutes and audited accounts. New Trustees also meet key employees of the charity and have the opportunity to visit its nature reserves and current project sites.

The charity encourages further ongoing training for Trustees, either in-house or through external providers, to help them to undertake their role.

Organisation

The Trustees administer the charity, sitting as members of the Board. The Board meets at least four times each year and also appoints advisory committees to provide specialist consideration and support.

A Director is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. Advisory committees, which are usually comprised of several members of the Board, the Director and other senior members of staff report directly to the Board.

Staff Remuneration

Remuneration for all staff is based on comparison against similar roles in the charity sector. Inflation awards are applied equally to all eligible members of staff and the level of award is decided by Trustees. Any uplift in salary is only awarded if considered affordable and Trustees made a 2% inflation award in April 2021.

The total salary bill for the year ended 31st March 2022 for the Trust Director and 4 other members of the management team was £222,179 plus employer pension contributions. During the year the highest salary in the Trust was 3.01 times larger than the lowest salary.

Related Parties

The charity delivers many of its objectives through partnership working with other voluntary groups, local authorities and government agencies. There is no formal representation of these partners on the charity's Board. During the year 1 trustee claimed £243 (2020 - £nil) travelling expenses while engaged on Trust business and volunteering.

The charity is a member of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT - charity number 207238), which acts as an umbrella body carrying out lobbying, national campaigning and other functions on behalf of all Wildlife Trusts. Member charities have the use of the Wildlife Trusts logo and benefit from the resources, best practice and experience of other member Trusts. Membership gives Durham Wildlife Trust a national voice and profile, as well as respectability by association for those unfamiliar with its work. However, each member of the RSWT remains an entirely separate charity and is independent in terms of governance.

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Risk Management

The Trustees regularly identify and review the major risks the charity may face. This information is used to develop a Risk Register, which records the systems and procedures which the charity will implement to mitigate the risks that have been identified. The Finance, Audit and Risk committee reviews the Risk Register at each of its four meetings a year.

Attention is always paid to risks relating to Health and Safety and Safeguarding given the charity's work on practical land management and the engagement and education of children and adults. During the year further measures were implemented to reduce risks associated with governance. The

Objectives and Activities

The charity's Business Plan in place during the 2021 - 22 financial year defined the objectives and activities of the organisation in the following way.

Our vision

Nature restored from Tees to Tyne

Our Mission

To restore wildlife from the Tees to the Tyne with the backing of our members, supporters, partners and wider society; providing opportunities for participation, education and enhanced wellbeing.

Our aims

- To engage our members, supporters, partners and wider society in the restoration effort.
- To manage our nature reserves primarily for the benefit of wildlife and to the highest possible standards.
- To educate people and organisations about the importance and value of wildlife, encouraging them to take action to restore species and habitats and to support the work of DWT by becoming members and supporters.
- To deliver species and habitat restoration projects across land and sea that seek to maximise their effectiveness by operating at the largest possible scale, achieving 30% of land for wildlife by 2030.
- To operate high quality visitor facilities that provide opportunities to engage people in wildlife restoration and encourage their active support and participation.
- To act as an advocate for wildlife to influence local and national government and wider society.
- To operate in a financially, socially and environmentally sustainable way.
- To provide a high quality working environment for a workforce that is representative of our region.

All our work is informed by our values

- Wildlife is in crisis.
- Wildlife is intrinsically important.
- Wildlife enhances human health and wellbeing.
- Wildlife contributes to our economy.
- We represent all sections of society
- We lead by example.

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Achievements and Performance

Durham Wildlife Trust's activities are broadly managed under two areas of work with clearly defined senior management responsibility for each area.

Conservation – incorporating management of nature reserves, species and habitat conservation projects

Operations and Development – incorporating administration, income generation, education and engagement and communications.

The 2021 - 22 financial year continued to be impacted by Covid 19, but to a much lesser degree than previously. Government guidance continued to be followed and appropriate risk control measures were implemented. During the year education and engagement activities shifted to being the responsibility of the Head of Operations and Development, in recognition of the close alignment of those function with the development needs of the charity.

Conservation

During the year Durham Wildlife Trust continued to acquire a new nature reserves as part of the 50@50 campaign, which aims to increase the number of Trust nature reserves to 50 by the end of the charity's 50th anniversary year in July 2022. The 50@50 initiative supports delivery of the Business Plan objective of - *Increased wildlife diversity and abundance from Tees to Tyne, working towards 30% of land for wildlife by 2030.*

The follow sites were acquired during the year, either on a leasehold or freehold basis:

- Ricknall Carrs - 60 hectares of improved farmland on the floodplain of the River Skerne, near Newton Aycliffe, which will be restored to wet grassland habitats important for overwintering and breeding wading bird species.
- Shibdon Pond - further land secured on lease next to the existing nature reserve. This includes areas of grassland important the rare dingy skipper butterfly, and new areas of wetland and woodland.
- Redcar Field - transfer of freehold of land at from Natural England to the Trust. This sees all of this Site of Special Scientific Interest now in Trust ownership 50 years on from the charity acquiring its first 0.2 hectares of the site.

As a result, at 31st March 2022 the Trust had a suite of 43 nature reserves covering 928 hectares of land.

Volunteer support for nature conservation activities was severely impacted by Covid 19, with restrictions making group volunteering impossible. Thankfully, with the easing of restrictions, the Trust was able to welcome back its volunteers, albeit with some initial restrictions on group sizes. The volunteers have been as enthusiastic in their support of the Trust as ever and willingly contributed their time to support the management of the charity's estate.

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Works required under DEFRA Stewardship agreements across the Trust's land holding continued to be delivered as required and where applicable agreements were extended for a further 12 months. Agri-environment schemes and Forestry Commission grants continue to provide a valuable source of income.

Visitor numbers to Trust sites were high, continuing the trend established during the pandemic when more people made use of their local Durham Wildlife Trust nature reserve and enjoyed the benefits that nature can bring. The support of volunteer site wardens remained vital in ensuring that the nature reserves remained safe and welcoming places to visit.

The *Healing Nature* project was delivered throughout the year. This initiative, funded by DEFRA via the Green Recovery Challenge Fund, operated across sites in Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland. The local authorities in each area also provided support. The project was developed in response to the impact of Covid on the environment sector and it allowed the Trust to retain members of conservation staff who were previously supported by Covid emergency response funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Valuable habitat creation and restoration work was delivered on Local Wildlife Sites across the project area. Highlights included a total of 82ha of habitat restoration, over 7 tonnes of rubbish cleared from sites and 14,000 bulbs planted to restore woodland biodiversity. Nearly 850 people were engaged by the project and 531 children from 29 schools/groups attended education engagement days. Significant achievements in just 12 months of project delivery.

The experience gained from *Healing Nature* helped inform the development of the Link Together project throughout the year, which will focus on sites across the Sunderland Coalfield area, in particular the catchment of the Lumley Park Burn. Link Together successfully secured support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in March 2022 for a 12 month development phase. This project will be a first for Durham Wildlife Trust as it will make use of social prescribing via the Sunderland G.P. Alliance to engage volunteers. Sunderland City Council are joint lead on the project, which will focus on habitat and access improvements across Council owned sites.

Another first for Durham Wildlife Trust during the year was the start of work on *Seascapes – Tyne to Tees, shores and seas*. This National Lottery Heritage Fund supported partnership project is led by Durham Heritage Coast, with Durham Wildlife Trust as one of the lead delivery partners. The Seascapes Officer employed by the Trust in April 2021 is the charity's first member of staff in a dedicated marine conservation role and their work is highlighting the importance of our region's marine environment.

Delivery of the *Naturally Native* water vole conservation project continued throughout the year in partnership with Northumberland and Tees Valley Wildlife Trusts. Thanks must go to the project volunteers for their support in monitoring mink and water vole populations across the region and to Living Uplands for co-ordinating volunteer reporting of data from upland areas. The project is an example of how collaboration between Wildlife Trusts and land owners can support nature's recovery at a regional scale. *Naturally Native* delivery will continue throughout 2022 – 23, addressing the two most significant causes of water vole decline; predation by American mink and habitat loss.

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The *Bright Water* Landscape Partnership Scheme began to regain momentum following the disruption of the Covid pandemic. The archaeology projects delivered by Durham County Council generated new insight into the Roman and medieval history of the project area. Training schemes co-ordinated by Groundwork North East and Cumbria supported young people to develop new skills, and the staff team employed by Durham Wildlife Trust on behalf of the partnership were able to engage communities across the project area – the catchment of the River Skerne in southern County Durham and Darlington. The natural environment projects delivered by Durham County Council, Tees Rivers Trust and Durham Wildlife Trust continued, with significant habitat restoration at Ferryhill Carrs Site of Special Scientific Interest and the securing of land at Ricknall Carrs to deliver wetland restoration. Sincere thanks go to the Veolia Environment Trust who provided the majority of the funding (£600,000) required to purchase the land and Durham County Council whose support helped to release the Veolia funding and purchase additional land.

The Trust's Exmoor pony herd continued to deliver conservation grazing across grassland nature reserves and the Trust's indispensable volunteer Pony Wardens continued to look after the animals' welfare. Sincere thanks must go to this special group of volunteers.

In summary, throughout 2021 – 22 the charity maintained high standards of nature reserve management and conservation project delivery. Durham Wildlife Trust continues to make a significant contribution to nature's recovery from Tees to Tyne and targets in the Business Plan to increase wildlife diversity and abundance remain on course. However, one area where progress has not been achieved as quickly as planned is auditing accessibility of the Trust's nature reserves. This is largely due to an underestimation of the complexity of auditing all the factors that contribute to making the Trust's work as accessible as it can be. An assessment process is now in place work and accessibility audits at Rainton Meadows and Low Barns have been completed, with further roll out during 2022 -23.

Operations and Development

Covid 19 necessitated changes in working practices and during the year the charity adapted those changes as restrictions eased, maintaining the measures that improved how the charity operates.

Adoption of hybrid working has been the most significant operational change and one that will remain in place in the future. Offices are now staffed on a rota, with fewer employees in Trust premises on a day to day basis. There is variation across the workforce, with some roles requiring more office based working than others, but in most instances employees are home based for at least part of their working week. Hybrid working has been welcomed by the staff team and the Trust has tried to offer as much flexibility in working patterns as it can whilst still maintaining high levels of service.

Hybrid work patterns have also allowed the organisation to reduce its carbon emissions from staff commuting and throughout the year further work has been carried out to calculate Durham Wildlife Trust's carbon footprint. It is a complex exercise that will be refined year on year as the quality of data gathered improves.

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Durham Wildlife Trust Carbon Balance 21/22		
Annual Emissions	Annual Sequestration	Balance
210 tCO ₂ e	576 tCO ₂ e	-366 tCO ₂ e

However, data currently available suggests that Durham Wildlife Trust is currently a carbon negative organisations, with sequestration by habitats on our nature reserves exceeding emissions.

Throughout the year new systems and processes were implemented as part of the Trust's efforts to secure Investors in the Environment accreditation to demonstrate the charity's commitment to improving environmental performance. That hard work was rewarded and the Trust achieved Silver accreditation, exceeding the Business Plan target of Bronze.

Strong performance in the 2020 – 21 financial year allowed senior management to review how the charity can best engage with the communities it serves. As a result, during 2021 - 22 proposals were put to Trustees to adopt a 'supporter' approach, which brings together members, volunteers and donors as supporters, and seeks to ensure that everyone who engages with Durham Wildlife Trust has the best possible experience. Trustees agreed to the proposals, including increasing staff resource. A new post of Supporter Development Manager was created, replacing the previous Membership Development Officer. The Manager, supported by a newly created Administration Apprentice role, took on responsibility for the administration of existing members and volunteers and the development of the Trust's supporter base. These changes required new administration systems and improved communications, which have been successfully implemented.

Membership recruitment and retention remained strong during the 2021 – 22 financial year. Face to face recruitment opportunities increased as Covid restrictions eased and the improvements made to online recruitment in the previous year ensured continued recruitment via that channel. Over the year the total number of subscriptions (which can include multiple members per subscription) increased by 2.3% to 5119. Membership income (including Gift Aid) increased by 10.2% over the same period to £268,555.

Delivering increased support for the restoration of nature from the Tees to the Tyne is a central part of the charity's Business Plan. Effective communication is vital if that objective is to be achieved and growing on line engagement remained a priority throughout the year. All staff played their part in providing content for social media and the website continued to provide. The Trust also began to offer the member's magazine in a digital format as part of a greener paperless membership offer. However, the print version of the magazine remained the primary method of communication with the Trust's membership and great effort was made to deliver a high-quality publication.

Over the year the charity's improved recording of the effectiveness of the various digital communication channels. The total reach for all channels was 1,211,359. This includes website visitors, 'reach' on Facebook (including Naturally Native and other project or topic specific pages), Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. More traditional engagement also recovered well post Covid, with attendance at face to face events of 2800. This was slightly below target but demonstrates there is still an appetite for this type of activity.

As has been detailed in the review of Conservation activity, grant funding continued to be secured throughout the year despite many funders not yet returning to their pre-Covid funding arrangements. During the year Trustees agreed to increase staff capacity for grant funding and the Grants Officer moved to a full-time role. There was recognition that competition for grant funding is likely to grow as the charity sector continues to recover from the impact of Covid.

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Unsurprisingly, the area of income generation that was most significantly affected by Covid restrictions was trading activity. Whilst room hire income during 2021 – 22 continued to be below pre-pandemic levels there was strong recovery in retail. A new retail area was opened at Rainton Meadows which allowed a wider range of goods to be offered for sale. The new shop also created new volunteer opportunities and it is almost entirely staffed by volunteers. Thanks must go to them for their hard work in getting the shop established and generating valuable financial support for the charity.

Retail activity generated £21,558 profit from sales of approximately £42,000, exceeding targets, and rent and room hire contributed approximately £5,000 of additional funds.

School visits to Trust sites are another area of activity that began to recover during the year as Covid restrictions lifted. During 2020-21 there were no schools visits but 2021 – 22 saw 30 schools welcomed to our nature reserves.

Throughout the year the charity was able to catch up on the backlog of education and engagement project activity and deliver a range of activities. These included Wildlife Watch groups, increasing our Young Rangers groups to fortnightly, schools engagement by the Source to Sea Project supported by Living Uplands, Holiday Fun with Food programmes and Forest School sessions. The Trust also worked in partnership with Daisy Arts, Singing Elf, Active Families and Springboard to deliver a range of activities.

Public Benefit

From 1 April 2008, section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 requires all charities to meet the legal requirement that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity Commission states that there are two principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit: firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits and secondly that the benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public.

The Trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the charity, and the activities reported on above, meet these principles.

Financial Review

The year to 31st March 2022 saw incoming resources to the Group at £3,091,926 (2021: £1,962,735); expenditure was £2,287,783 (2021: £1,525,980). As a result there was a surplus of £804,143. This comprised a deficit on unrestricted funds of £302,132, a surplus on restricted funds of £205,792 and a surplus on designated funds of £900,483.

The balance on restricted funds as at 31st March 2022 was £1,285,981 carried forward for the continuation of Restricted Projects (see Note 21).

The balance on designated funds as at 31st March 2022 was £1,043,039. This figure is significantly higher than the previous year as a result of the creation of a new Land designated fund of £801,332, which is the value of land acquired during the year. Trustees took the view that placing newly acquired land in a designated fund provided a more meaningful presentation of the charity's unrestricted fund position. Other designated funds are to support volunteering activity, management of Rainton Meadows and the repair, maintenance (including replacement) of land, buildings, equipment and other assets.

The balance on group unrestricted funds (excluding designated funds), fell in the year to 31st March 2022, and at the year-end was £606,087. The policy of the Trust remains to earn surpluses on unrestricted funds activities to further strengthen the financial position to enable us to further invest in delivering the charity's aims.

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Durham Wildlife Services Ltd

Durham Wildlife Services is a private company limited by shares and is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Durham Wildlife Trust. It was incorporated on 9th April 1991 as an Environmental Consultancy and aims to make a profit each year, which, subject to commercial financing needs, is Gift Aided to Durham Wildlife Trust.

Durham Wildlife Services Ltd primarily delivers ecological consultancy services, including species and habitat surveys and the production of land management and habitat creation plans. In the year to 31st March 2013 the Company began commercial extraction of timber from Milkwellburn Wood. All surpluses from this activity are gift aided to the Trust.

The year to the 31st March 2022 saw a turnover of £305,885 compared to the previous year of £306,923. The net surplus was £22,111 after paying a donation of £63,152 over to the Trust during the financial year. Durham Wildlife Services proposes to pay £22,111 to Durham Wildlife Trust during 2022-23 from its profits.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of the charity's project programme, some of which receive payment in arrears from grant funders, and to the financial reserves policy, will, where relevant, operate a policy of keeping available funds in an interest-bearing deposit account, with competitive levels of interest, and with an ethical investment policy.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy relating to unrestricted funds set by Trustees prior to 2021 – 22 was that financial reserves on unrestricted funds should ideally approach the value of 6 months' operational expenditure to provide sufficient cash liquidity for operational effectiveness. However, during the year the Trustees determined to increase the level of reserves to a level that approaches 9 months operational expenditure. That was done to provide sufficient cash liquidity for the larger scale projects that the charity is now delivering and to ensure that sufficient finance is in place to manage the increased level of risk still present as the economy recovers from the pandemic.

The level of unrestricted funds at 31st March 2022 exceeded the Trustees policy target. The Trustees will continue to maintain the financial strength of the Trust, bearing in mind the need to deliver the charitable objectives of the Trust.

Designated Fund Policy

Trustees have set a designated fund policy to make provision for the repair, maintenance (including replacement) of land, buildings, equipment and other assets. It has been estimated that a minimum of 32% of unrestricted surplus (before transfers) will be required to create a fund capable of maintaining the Trust's assets. Trustees have discretion to vary the amount designated for this purpose to reflect the charity's need and circumstances pertaining at the time. To initiate the fund £50,000 has been designated for this purpose in 2021-22.

Valuation of Freehold Property

During the 2021-22 financial year Trustees commissioned a valuation of the charity's freehold property. The purpose of the valuation was to ascertain current market value as land values on the asset register reflect purchase cost, not current valuation. As well as providing trustees with a greater understanding of asset values this information allowed the potential impairment of the value of land assets to be reviewed. There was no impairment.

Trustees have determined to periodically carry out a freehold land valuation and to present information on the value of land assets in the annual report.

	Number of sites	Area (ha)	Valuation (£)
Freehold land at 31 st March 2021	24	425.5	3,068,654
Freehold land acquired 2021-22	2	59.1	776,665
Total	26	484.6	3,845,319

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Plans for Future Periods

The charity continues to instigate fund raising campaigns in order to increase its income generation, particularly in respect of unrestricted funds. It continues to bear down on costs where possible.

The current financial policy is to maintain the financial strength of the Trust, while at the same time using available funds to strengthen the Trust's efforts in the fields of conservation and education in a measured way within the limits of the resources available.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity number: 501038
Company number: 01019263
Registered office: Rainton Meadows, Chilton Moor, Houghton-le-Spring, Co Durham, DH4 6PU

Advisors

Auditors Haines Watts 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN
Bankers Barclays Bank Plc Market Place, Durham, DH1 3ND

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of Durham Wildlife Trust are the Trustees for the purpose of charity law. The Trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees: S Lister (Chair)
J Baker (resigned 18/10/2021)
P Bell
F Butler
M Coates
C Gorman
G Hand
V Kent
A Sorrell
A Pensom
P Davidson

Company Secretary: I Thomas

Management Team:

Chief Executive J Cokill
Head of Finance J McConnell
Head of Operation and Development Trust Z Hull
Head of Conservation M Dinning
BrightWater Project Manager P Black

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Durham Wildlife Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- o select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- o make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- o prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- o there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- o the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 a resolution proposing the appointment of Haines Watts North East Audit LLP as auditor for the year ending 31 March 2023 will be put to the members.

S. E. Lister

Sarah Lister
Chair

25 August 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Durham Wildlife Trust (the 'charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Group Balance Sheet and Charitable Company Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or taken together, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the company itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant were identified as the Companies Act 2006, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

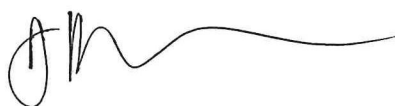
- confirming with the directors and management whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing a sample of journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- reviewing appropriateness of allocation of restricted funds.

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our audit report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Donna Bulmer BA (Hons) ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Haines Watts North East LLP

2 September 2022

Statutory Auditor

17 Queens Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1RN

Durham Wildlife Trust
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including consolidated income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	4	347,979	-	-	347,979	533,448
Charitable activities	5					
-Conservation activities		57,035	91,000	2,099,962	2,247,997	809,902
-Conservation projects		7,095	-	43,035	50,130	232,439
-Education projects		12,889	-	59,056	71,945	57,588
-Visitor centre		49,234	-	-	49,234	-
Other trading activities	6	324,641	-	-	324,641	327,094
Investment income	7	-	-	-	-	2,264
Total income		798,873	91,000	2,202,053	3,091,926	1,962,735
Expenditure on:						
Costs of raising funds	8					
-Donations and legacies		92,535	-	-	92,535	102,296
-Other trading activities		313,319	-	-	313,319	271,786
Charitable activities	9					
-Conservation projects		346,750	91,849	1,231,445	1,670,044	906,648
-Reserve projects		32,610	-	27,920	60,530	151,990
-Education projects		13,911	-	43,525	57,436	27,185
-Publications & affiliations		40,127	-	-	40,127	25,404
-Visitor centre		53,792	-	-	53,792	40,671
Total expenditure		893,044	91,849	1,302,890	2,287,783	1,525,980
Net movement before transfers		(94,171)	(849)	899,163	804,143	436,755
Transfers between funds	21	(207,961)	901,332	(693,371)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(302,132)	900,483	205,792	804,143	436,755
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		908,219	142,556	1,080,189	2,130,964	1,694,209
Total funds carried forward		606,087	1,043,039	1,285,981	2,935,107	2,130,964

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	2021 As restated £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	16		1,657,151	818,122
Current assets				
Stock	18	13,138		7,606
Debtors	19	584,332		389,711
Cash at bank and in hand		1,101,833		1,030,869
		<u>1,699,303</u>		<u>1,428,186</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(421,347)		(115,344)
		<u>1,277,956</u>		<u>1,312,842</u>
Net current assets				
			<u>2,935,107</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>
Net assets				
			<u>2,935,107</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>
Funds	21			
Unrestricted funds			606,087	908,219
Designated funds			1,043,039	142,556
Restricted funds			1,285,981	1,080,189
			<u>2,935,107</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ...25 / AUGUST 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

S F Lister
S Lister
Trustee

Company Number: 01019263

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CHARITABLE COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 As restated £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16		1,657,151		818,122
Investments	17		12		12
			<u>1,657,163</u>		<u>818,134</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	18	13,138		7,606	
Debtors	19	540,823		274,343	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,073,967		987,604	
		<u>1,627,928</u>		<u>1,269,553</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(405,989)		(53,769)	
Net current assets			1,221,939		1,215,784
Net assets			<u>2,879,102</u>		<u>2,033,918</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			550,082		811,173
Designated funds	22		1,043,039		142,556
Restricted funds			1,285,981		1,080,189
			<u>2,879,102</u>		<u>2,033,918</u>

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S Lister
Trustee

Company Number: 01019263

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	26	932,622	419,976
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and rents received		-	2,264
Purchase of tangible assets		(861,658)	(99,567)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		-	3,000
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		<u>(861,658)</u>	<u>(94,303)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		70,964	325,673
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,030,869	705,195
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>1,101,833</u>	<u>1,030,868</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,101,833</u>	<u>1,030,868</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

Durham Wildlife Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, (number 01019263) and not having a share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

Durham Wildlife Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the results of Durham Wildlife Trust and its wholly owned subsidiary Durham Wildlife Services Limited on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the charity has not been presented because Durham Wildlife Services has taken advantage of the exemption afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

1.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds and forecast income and expenditure for a period of 12 months after the date of approval of these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient considering the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for a particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1.5 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when the trust becomes entitled. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Government grants received in respect of the Job Retention Scheme, and COVID support. Income from government are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Membership subscriptions from both individual and corporate bodies are recognised when the funds are received.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts. Assets donated are recognised in full as donations and fixed assets.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.
- Grants and fees received for current year expenditure and grants for purchase of fixed assets are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are received, provided that the conditions for receipt have been complied with.
- Income is deferred only where the criteria for recognition as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities does not exist at the balance sheet date.
- All legacies are credited to income in the year in which the Trust becomes entitled to the funds.
- Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related services are provided)

No amount is included within the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees Report.

1.6 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's visitor centres and from the commercial trading activities of the company's subsidiary.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on the basis of time spent.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the expenditure when incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing over £500 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their expected useful economic lives as follows:-

- Depreciation on motor vehicles, computer equipment, fixtures and other equipment is calculated at 25% on a straight-line basis so as to write off their cost over their estimated lives of 4 years
- Depreciation on land, included within freehold property, has been charged at 0%. Leasehold improvement to properties are subject to a charge of 10% on a straight line basis. The cost of property includes the cost of freehold land, which is not a depreciating asset, and the Executive Committee is of the view that expenditure on maintenance of the buildings is such as to maintain the values of the Trust's property at least equal to cost.
- Improvements to leasehold property are written off in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.
- No depreciation is charged on nature reserves, which are included in both freehold and leasehold land and buildings.

1.8 Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are held at cost less impairment.

1.9 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

1.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.12 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.13 Pensions

The charity operates a money purchase pension scheme. Amounts payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the related salary is paid. Unremitted amounts are included in creditors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1.14 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no significant accounting estimates which are considered to materially impact the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Statement of financial activities from the prior year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations	4	533,448	-	533,448
Charitable activities				
Conservation projects	5	68,315	741,587	809,902
Reserve projects		43,170	189,269	232,439
Education projects		15,218	42,370	57,588
Other trading activities	6	327,094	-	327,094
Investment income	7	2,264	-	2,264
Total income		<u>989,509</u>	<u>973,226</u>	<u>1,962,735</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	8	374,082	-	374,082
Charitable activities				
Conservation projects	9	140,654	765,994	906,648
Reserve projects		41,879	110,111	151,990
Education projects		-	27,185	27,185
Publications and affiliations		25,404	-	25,404
Visitor centres		40,671	-	40,671
Total expenditure		<u>622,690</u>	<u>903,290</u>	<u>1,525,980</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers		366,819	69,936	436,755
Transfer between funds	22	701	(701)	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		<u>367,520</u>	<u>69,235</u>	<u>436,755</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		683,255	1,010,954	1,694,209
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,050,775</u>	<u>1,080,189</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>

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4. Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Subscriptions	257,369	250,882
Donations	84,110	57,841
Legacies	6,500	180,356
Government grants	-	45,000
	<u>347,979</u>	<u>534,079</u>

5. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	2,390,498	919,757
Events income	5,888	1,340
Conservation income	13,492	52,345
Reservation income	2,605	115,858
Educational visits	6,823	10,629
	<u>2,419,306</u>	<u>1,099,929</u>

Summary of grants

Durham County Council	307,434	45,000
The National Lottery Heritage Fund	827,822	656,435
The Environment Agency	130,000	-
Northumbrian Water	155,062	12,200
Gateshead Council	50,000	-
Groundwork North East	27,227	53,949
County Durham Community Foundation	4,000	14,436
The Garfield Weston Foundation	-	15,000
Sunderland City Council	66,958	15,000
The Scotto Trust	-	7,500
RSWT	95,000	10,000
Suez	35,000	45,613
Banister Trust	-	17,500
Veolia	600,000	5,000
DWP	9,909	-
RPA	42,479	-
ALA	14,143	-
Believe Housing	3,000	-
South Tyneside Council	11,150	-
Daniel Trust	4,000	-
Other	7,314	22,124
	<u>2,390,498</u>	<u>919,757</u>

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6. Other trading activities		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other trading income	24,786	20,170
Income from trading subsidiary	305,885	306,924
	<u>330,671</u>	<u>327,094</u>
	<u><u>330,671</u></u>	<u><u>327,094</u></u>
7. Investment income		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest received	-	1,147
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,147</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,147</u></u>
8. Raising funds		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Raising donations and legacies		
Staff costs	83,527	87,068
Fundraising expenses	9,008	15,228
	<u>92,535</u>	<u>102,296</u>
Other trading activities		
Purchases	22,111	6,375
Other visitors centre costs	-	59
Promotional expenses	7,434	7,618
Support costs for generating funds	-	13,961
Trading expenditure from subsidiary	283,774	243,774
	<u>405,854</u>	<u>374,083</u>
	<u><u>405,854</u></u>	<u><u>374,083</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

9. Charitable activities expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Conservation projects	1,615,032	54,962	1,669,994	802,038
Reserves projects	60,530	-	60,530	110,111
Education projects	57,436	-	57,436	27,815
Publications and affiliations	1,222	38,905	40,127	27,136
Visitors centres	9,281	44,511	53,792	40,671
	<u>1,743,501</u>	<u>138,378</u>	<u>1,881,879</u>	<u>1,007,771</u>

10. Support costs

	Management Costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Conservation projects	28,910	26,052	54,962	83,931
Publications and affiliations	30,285	8,620	38,905	25,404
Visitors centres	34,648	9,863	44,511	34,792
	<u>93,843</u>	<u>44,535</u>	<u>138,378</u>	<u>144,127</u>

11. Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditors fees	5,630	5,400
RWST Membership	10,450	12,590
DWT Magazine & Marketing	28,455	31,211
	<u>44,535</u>	<u>49,201</u>

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12. Net income for the year

Net income is stated after charging;

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	22,630	17,558
Deficit/(surplus) on disposal of fixed assets	-	(3,000)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. Auditors remuneration

Audit of these financial statements	5,630	5,400
Audit of the subsidiary financial statements	2,850	2,760
	<u>8,480</u>	<u>8,160</u>
Non Audit fees	450	1,548
	<u>8,930</u>	<u>9,708</u>

14. Financial performance of the charitable company

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the results of the wholly owned subsidiary.

The summary financial performance of the charity alone is;

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income	2,849,193	1,663,736
Expenditure	(2,004,009)	(1,282,207)
Net income	<u>845,184</u>	<u>381,529</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

15. Analysis of staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The total staff costs and employees benefits were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	793,053	551,426
Social security costs	62,163	44,713
Other pension costs	30,068	12,441
	<u>885,284</u>	<u>608,580</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Costs of generating funds	3	3
Charitable activities	36	23
Management and administration	3	3
	<u>42</u>	<u>29</u>

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 (2021 - nil).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2021 – £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021 - £nil).

There were no expenses paid to trustees during the year (2021 – nil)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Management Team identified on page 8. The total employee benefits of the Management Team of the charity were £222,179 (2021 - £204,140).

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16. Tangible fixed assets
Group and charity

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Equipment, fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	1,249,126	127,567	928,697	95,267	2,400,657
Additions	801,332	-	60,326	-	861,658
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,050,458</u>	<u>127,567</u>	<u>989,023</u>	<u>95,267</u>	<u>3,262,315</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2021	524,705	44,532	926,657	86,641	1,582,535
Charge for the year	4,117	-	15,637	2,875	22,629
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>528,822</u>	<u>44,532</u>	<u>942,294</u>	<u>89,516</u>	<u>1,605,164</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,521,636</u>	<u>83,035</u>	<u>46,729</u>	<u>5,751</u>	<u>1,657,151</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>724,421</u>	<u>83,035</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<u>8,626</u>	<u>818,122</u>

Included within freehold property and long leasehold are nature reserves with a total cost of £1,460,801 and £83,035, respectively. No depreciation has been charged on these amounts.

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17. Investments

	2022	Group 2021	2022	Charity 2021
	£	£	£	£
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	-	-	12	12

Company	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description
Durham Wildlife Services Limited	England and Wales	100%	Ordinary

Durham Wildlife Services Limited whose principle activity is the provision of ecological consultancy services. The results and summary of assets and liabilities of the company are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	305,885	306,924
Cost of sales	(274,455)	(239,217)
Administrative expenses	(9,319)	(4,557)
Bank interest received	-	2
Profit for the year	22,111	63,152
Distribution to Durham Wildlife Trust	63,152	7,296
Total assets	72,815	158,663
Total liabilities	(16,795)	(61,572)
Shareholders' funds	56,020	97,091

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18. Stocks

	2022	Group 2021	Charity 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Stocks	13,138	7,606	13,138	7,606
	<u>13,138</u>	<u>7,606</u>	<u>13,138</u>	<u>7,606</u>

19. Debtors

	2022	Group 2021	Charity 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	183,465	150,671	139,956	35,303
Prepayments	3,653	4,491	3,653	4,491
Accrued income	397,214	234,549	397,214	234,549
	<u>584,332</u>	<u>389,711</u>	<u>540,823</u>	<u>274,343</u>

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	Group 2021	Charity 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	355,712	54,531	348,491	15,083
Social Security and other taxes	20,378	33,113	14,611	13,990
Accruals	35,834	17,469	35,834	17,469
Deferred Income	-	411	-	411
Other creditors	9,423	9,820	7,053	6,816
	<u>421,347</u>	<u>115,344</u>	<u>405,989</u>	<u>53,769</u>

Deferred income

	£
At 1 April 2021	-
Released to incoming resources	411
Amounts deferred during the year	(411)
	<u>-</u>

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21. Prior period adjustment

A prior period adjustment has been made in respect of;

- (1) Reallocation of the Rainton Meadow fund, incorrectly disclosed as a restricted fund.

Change to the
balance sheet

	As Previously reported £	Adjustment £	As Stated at March 2021 £
Funds			
Restricted funds	1,212,825	(132,636)	1,080,189
Designated funds	9,920	132,636	142,556
	<u>1,222,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,222,745</u>

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22. Analysis of funds

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Brought Forward	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	908,219	798,873	(893,044)	(207,961)	606,087
Designated funds					
Volunteers	9,920	-	-	40,000	49,920
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
Rainton Meadows	132,636	91,000	(91,849)	-	131,787
Land	-	-	-	801,332	801,332
Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,050,775</u>	<u>889,873</u>	<u>(984,893)</u>	<u>693,371</u>	<u>1,649,126</u>
Restricted Funds					
Discover Bright Water	26,968	489,749	(625,855)	109,138	-
Heart of Durham	17,946	43,820	(45,352)	-	16,414
Land of Oak and Iron	10,959	-	(884)	-	10,075
Naturally Native	60,904	148,830	(217,430)	7,696	-
Low Barns	49,134	9,858	(2,523)	-	56,469
Conservation Projects	211,787	272,151	(181,693)	-	302,245
Education Projects	29,915	59,056	(43,525)	-	45,446
Living Landscapes Projects	571,239	33,177	(25,397)	(10,000)	569,019
Healing Nature	100,931	276,856	(91,474)	-	286,313
Seascapes	406	67,224	(68,757)	1,127	-
Great North Fen	-	801,332	-	(801,332)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>1,080,189</u>	<u>2,202,053</u>	<u>(1,302,890)</u>	<u>(693,371)</u>	<u>1,285,981</u>
Total funds	<u><u>2,130,964</u></u>	<u><u>3,091,926</u></u>	<u><u>(2,287,783)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,935,107</u></u>

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22. Analysis of funds (Continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021 (as restated)

	Brought Forward	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	555,599	925,185	(586,016)	13,451	908,219
Designated funds	-				
Volunteers	9,920	-	-	-	9,920
Vehicle Replacement	12,750	-	-	(12,750)	-
Rainton Meadows	104,986	64,324	(36,674)	-	132,636
Total unrestricted funds	<u>683,255</u>	<u>989,509</u>	<u>(622,690)</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>1,050,775</u>
Restricted Funds					
Discover Bright Water	72,411	309,118	(354,561)	-	26,968
Heart of Durham	16,995	42,121	(41,170)	-	17,946
Land of Oak and Iron	51,654	14,616	(55,311)	-	10,959
Naturally Native	69,641	40,682	(49,419)	-	60,904
Tree Week	586	-	(1)	(585)	-
Upper Teesdale	115	-	-	(115)	-
Low Barns	62,519	4,741	(18,126)	-	49,134
Rainton Meadows	104,986	64,324	(36,674)	-	132,636
Conservation Projects	176,137	153,785	(117,729)	-	212,193
Education Projects	14,730	42,370	(27,185)	-	29,915
Living Landscapes Projects	546,166	189,268	(164,195)	-	571,239
Healing Nature	-	130,825	(29,893)	(1)	100,931
Emergency Funds	-	45,700	(45,700)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>1,010,954</u>	<u>973,226</u>	<u>(903,290)</u>	<u>(701)</u>	<u>1,080,189</u>
Total funds	<u>1,694,209</u>	<u>1,962,735</u>	<u>(1,525,980)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>

Transfers from restricted funds relate to capital grants where all conditions linked to restrictions have been met.

Transfers to restricted funds relate to project overspends or in the case of Discover Bright Water the timing of the receipt of income which is in arrears.

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22. Analysis of funds *(Continued)*

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Volunteers

Funds designated to support all aspects of volunteering and trainee positions at Durham Wildlife Trust.

Vehicle Replacement

Funds designated to provide for the replacement of the Trust's vehicles. These funds have been incorporated into the repairs and maintenance fund in 2021-22.

Repairs and Maintenance

Funds designated to make provision for the repair, maintenance (including replacement) of land, buildings, equipment and other assets.

Rainton Meadows

Funds designated to manage the Trust's Rainton Meadow Nature Reserve.

Land

The value of land acquired during the year.

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Discover Bright Water

A National Lottery Heritage Fund Landscape Partnership scheme led by DWT that aims to deliver significant conservation work across the catchment of the River Skerne.

Heart of Durham

A landscape scale project delivering habitat and species conservation across northern and central County Durham that is supported by Northumbrian Water.

Land of Oak and Iron

A National Lottery Heritage Fund Landscape Partnership scheme in the Derwent Valley to deliver education and conservation projects.

Naturally Native

A project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund that focuses on conservation of the water vole. This project is delivered in partnership with Tees Valley and Northumberland Wildlife Trusts.

Upper Teesdale

A project to research the natural history of Upper Teesdale.

Low Barns Improvements

Funding received from Durham County Council Weardale AAP and North Pennines and Dales Leader to refurbish and improve the Visitors Centre at Low Barns Nature Reserve.

Reserves North (MWB Wood)

Income generated from timber sales as part of the restoration on Milkwellburn Wood and related grants, used to support ongoing management and activity associated with the wood.

Conservation Projects

A fund created during 2020-21 to consolidate smaller conservation projects into a single Department in order to simplify financial management and reporting. Individual projects are identifiable by Project Codes.

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22. Analysis of funds (Continued)

Education Projects

A fund created during 2020-21 to consolidate smaller education projects into a single Department in order to simplify financial management and reporting. Individual projects are identifiable by Project Codes.

Living Landscapes North Projects

A fund created during 2020-21 to consolidate projects delivered across the Trust's living landscapes nature reserves into a single Department in order to simplify financial management and reporting. Individual projects are identifiable by Project Codes.

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible assets	7,246	801,332	848,573	1,657,151
Current assets	1,020,188	241,707	437,408	1,699,303
Creditors amounts due within one year	(421,347)	-	-	(421,347)
	<u>606,087</u>	<u>1,043,039</u>	<u>1,285,981</u>	<u>2,935,107</u>

Year ended 31 March 2021 (as restated)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible assets	197,419	-	620,703	818,122
Current assets	826,144	142,566	459,486	1,428,186
Creditors amounts due within one year	(115,344)	-	-	(115,344)
	<u>908,219</u>	<u>142,566</u>	<u>1,080,189</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>

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24. Operating leases

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows;

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than one year	3,665	6,954
Later than one and not later than five years	-	3,665
Due more than five years	-	-
	<u>3,665</u>	<u>10,619</u>
	<u><u>3,665</u></u>	<u><u>10,619</u></u>

25. Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2021 – none).

26. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a money purchase pension scheme. The pension scheme cost charge of £30,068 (2021 - £12,441 represent amounts payable by the charity. Unremitted amounts of £5,712 (2021 - £6,816) representing one month's deductions is included in creditors.

27. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the year	804,143	456,973
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	-	(2,264)
Depreciation on tangible assets	22,629	17,557
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(3,000)
Increase in stock	(5,532)	(1,576)
(increase)/decrease in debtors	(194,621)	288,941
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	306,003	(336,655)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>932,622</u>	<u>419,976</u>
	<u><u>932,622</u></u>	<u><u>419,976</u></u>

28. Analysis of net debt

There charitable company had no debt during the year.