

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees (serving during the year and subsequently)

Tim McVey, Chair
Clare Boyes, Vice-Chair (from December 2020)
Chris Hurrell, Vice-Chair (to December 2020)
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Jenny Lloyd
Peter Powell
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Trust for the purposes of the Companies Act) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Limited ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The Trust is constituted under a Memorandum of Association adopted on 16 October 2012, replacing the original Memorandum of Association dated 8 February 1982.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

All directors of the Trust are also Trustees of the Trust and there are no other Trustees.

The business of the Trust shall be the responsibility of the Council of Trustees who are elected or co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. The Council of Trustees and the Finance Committee each meet bi-monthly.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees have adopted the following policies and procedures for new trustees:

- The Trust's policy is to assemble a full complement of Trustees as Council members, having not less than eight nor more than twenty members.
- Trustees must be members of the Trust.
- Trustees shall be drawn from the local community, from all walks of life with the aim of a balance of male and female members.
- Prospective Trustees need to be proposed in writing to the Chair, be willing to serve and be interviewed by the Chair and at least one other existing member of Council.
- A prospective Trustee should attend two Council meetings as an observer before becoming a Trustee.
- The Trust aims to provide sufficient training on an annual basis to enable Trustees to be well informed, conversant with current legislation, up to date with developments in the world of wildlife and have sufficient knowledge to fulfil the Trust's objectives.
- Training will be provided through educative articles and commentary in the Trust's manuals, by membership of specialised committees, by attendance at training days or courses, and by talks and lectures by experts and professionals.

d. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

While the Trust is an independent charitable company limited by guarantee, it works closely with other Wildlife Trusts and in conjunction with the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and Wildlife Trusts Wales.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Trust is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks. As part of this on-going review, the Trust's risk register has been restructured, reflecting both internal and external risks and is a standing item on the Council meeting agenda.

It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers, customers and visitors to the shop, offices and reserves.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Since 1982, the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust has been the leading voluntary organisation promoting wildlife conservation in Montgomeryshire, managing and caring for 18 Nature Reserves within the county, totalling some 530ha in area.

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a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Trust for public benefit are:

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, in particular by:

- a) promoting the conservation of wildlife species and their habitats;
- b) establishing, owning, leasing, maintaining and managing nature reserves and other wildlife habitats in order to safeguard wild creatures of any description living therein;
- c) studying and preserving places of ecological interest;
- d) promoting public understanding and support of, and involvement with, the natural world by engagement with community organisations and educational establishments;
- e) advancing knowledge in these fields by research, recording and howsoever otherwise.

The Vision of the Trust is:

An environment rich in wildlife for everyone

The Mission of the Trust is to:

Rebuild biodiversity and engage people with their environment

The purposes are:

- To stand up for wildlife and the environment
- To create and enhance wildlife havens
- To inspire people about the natural world
- To foster sustainable living

The operational objectives are:

- To be widely recognised and respected for our role and work
- To grow resources for action and advocacy
- To co-operate effectively throughout the movement

Consequently the Trust's beliefs are that:

- Local wildlife conservation is our core business
- Understanding and enjoying wildlife improves the quality of people's lives
- It is important to us to be inclusive and accessible
- We will only achieve our objectives by co-operating with others
- Our voice and image is representative of our membership

Statement on Public Benefit

The Trustees accept the need to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In the terms of the Charities Act 2006, the objectives of the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust fall within two definitions of charitable activity: "the advancement of environmental protection or improvement" and "the advancement of education". On both counts the Trust provides benefits to members of the public, young and old, irrespective of their financial circumstances, and including people with learning and physical disabilities. In particular, the conservation of Montgomeryshire's wildlife and wild places benefits the public including both Montgomeryshire's residents and visitors.

b. VOLUNTEERS

The Trust continues to be grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in community outreach, the maintenance of the reserves and many other activities. Details of their contribution to the work of the Trust is included within the following sections:

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The year 2020/2021 was a challenging time for everyone. The first lockdown was already underway by 1st April 2020 and Covid-19 related restrictions would stay in place, in some form or another, until March 2021 and beyond, meaning very limited person to person contact.

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Most MWT staff were initially furloughed, with the exception of a core group who worked very hard to keep the Trust running. Funds were found to pay their salaries, and for other essentials, and we're very grateful to our generous donors for this lifeline. As the year went on, we still felt the effects of the pandemic: volunteers were unable to perform their tasks; as staff worked from home our Welshpool office was seldom visited; the new Dyfi Wildlife Centre didn't open at all; and numerous planned projects could not go ahead.

Despite these hurdles, it wasn't all doom and gloom. Our members and supporters increasingly took comfort in the wild wonders on their doorsteps. Our social media sought to provide inspiration on this subject with informative, eye-catching content – and was very well received. Similarly, MWT staff took to social media to support each other virtually.

Despite the Dyfi Wildlife Centre remaining shut, we watched the Osprey webcams eagerly for Monty's return. Sadly the days passed with no sign. His place was taken by Idris and he had a very successful season with Telyn with two chicks fledging. The breeding couple returned at the end of March 2021 to the pleasure of us all.

Even when restrictions eased, volunteering was limited by social distancing and transport issues. When his furlough ended Reserves Officer Rob Haigh had a mammoth task surveying the state of the reserves and doing essential maintenance to make reserves safe for the public to visit.

Fortunately by March 2021 MWT had weathered the worst of the storm with, happily, no staff redundancies and the vast majority of our members still with us. We were then in a position to resume most normal activities for the benefit of wildlife and the people of Montgomeryshire.

Membership and Volunteers

The Trust welcomed 99 new members in 2020/21, with the total number of member households at 1,012 and the number of individual members at 1,870.

With key staff furloughed from April 2020 until July 2020, no payments were processed during this time. However, on our return to work we were delighted to discover that, while some households had to cancel their memberships because of a change in financial circumstances, the vast majority of our members continued to show their support.

From April 2020 to September 2020, we were unable to accept volunteers of any description due to Covid-19 restrictions and Welsh Government guidance – despite continued support of many longstanding volunteers keen to help us. Similarly, with our lovely new MWT shop (which we had launched in October 2019) and new office premises both shut over the entire 2020/21 period, there were none of the associated volunteer opportunities. In September 2020 limited volunteering returned and our Reserves Officer was able to take out five volunteers at a time on work parties. During that autumn, volunteers were very busy tackling path and infrastructure maintenance after sites had become overgrown as a result of lockdowns, furloughed staff and a lack of volunteering.

We were hugely grateful for the unwavering loyalty of so many of our members and volunteers and would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who stuck with us during this challenging time, perhaps finding renewed passion for the wildlife on their doorsteps while stuck at home, and without whom we could not fulfil our wild mission.

PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Wild Skills Wild Spaces

This innovative new scheme to boost people's wellbeing and help reconnect them with nature is a partnership between Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust (MWT), NHS Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) and Cardiff Met University. Wild Skills Wild Spaces (WSWS) was due to start in spring 2020 but was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, coronavirus' detrimental effects on mental health did serve to validate the importance of schemes such as WSWS and increase public interest in them. The postponement also allowed MWT the chance for further planning and project development, such as contact with senior officials in the NHS, external

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training in ecotherapy and meetings (usually virtual) on green health best practice. We also consulted with other organisations, such as Lancashire Wildlife Trust, whose 'Myplace' project provided the initial inspiration for WSWS. From November 2020, the paperwork and planning process continued apace; this included presentations to some of the referral routes potentially interested in utilising the programme. In late January 2021 we finally received the approval letter from the funders (Welsh Government). Having secured funding, we were able to start the recruitment process to take on a talented new team to deliver WSWS, and we carried out the interviews for a Project Manager, Youth Engagement Officer, Trainee Community Officer and Community Reserves Officer in March 2021.

Community Outreach and Social Media

With the commencement of the first Covid-19 lockdown, and with most of the MWT staff furloughed, we moved our community outreach work online. Everyone was seeking solace in nature and we made it our mission to provide regular inspiration. This was very well received and our average monthly social media reach increased by over 300% on the previous year! In May 2020, we introduced a new weekly feature which continues to this day. Called 'The Week in Wildlife', it showcases supporters' wildlife highlights during the preceding seven days, from new species for the area to personal close encounters. In June, The Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild' campaign, in its sixth year, was bigger than ever; in Montgomeryshire alone there was a 102% increase in sign-ups and together, across the UK, participants completed more than 15 million Random Acts of Wildness (daily connections with nature)! Every day we posted ideas and videos on our YouTube channel, deliberately designed to be light-hearted and fun - sometimes even downright silly - as our staff and volunteers flexed their creative wildlife-minded muscles!

Similarly, our Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve, which has its own social media presence, took the opportunity to share some of its amazing wildlife with people stuck at home. The Dyfi Osprey Project live streaming on YouTube more than doubled its viewers in 2020; more than 20 million minutes were spent watching Telyn and Idris raise their two chicks, Tywi and Teifi - our most successful season for outreach by far at that point. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter saw a similar spike in followers as osprey-watching therapy helped some through a miserable stay-at-home lockdown.

CORS DYFI

Dyfi Osprey Project

Spring 2020 saw our breeding female, Telyn, return for her third season. However, our resident and much-loved male, Monty, did not come back. Thankfully, a new unringed male - whom we later named Idris - soon appeared and settled in quickly. He was a good provider and the pair produced two male chicks, Tywi and Teifi. We also saw a number of ringed intruding ospreys, including a Dyfi chick from 2018, Dinas. He was the first of Telyn's offspring to be recorded as an adult and he spent the summer in Wales. Another significant milestone was achieved when Dyfi-born Tegid (2016) bred at a nest in North Wales, making him the first recorded Welsh bird to breed here. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Network Rail for transporting a 12m scaffolding tower, tools and Monty's Perch V.4 to the nest for us in March 2021. They also donated fibre optic cables for live streaming osprey footage and provide all our electricity at the nest to power our cameras each year.

Conservation

Friday 26th March 2021 was a momentous day as it saw the long-awaited arrival of our beaver family. First to arrive were father (Barti) and son (Berti), under the watchful gaze of experts Dr Roisin Palmer-Campbell, for NatureScot, and Alicia Leow-Dyke from the Welsh Beaver Project. The animals were released by Welsh naturalist Iolo Williams into their seven-acre enclosure, and immediately set to work felling birch and willow trees. The mother would arrive to rejoin her family the following month. Cors Dyfi has a five-year licence for the project from Natural Resources Wales. The arrival of these ecosystem engineers is part of a wider project to reintroduce native beavers back into Wales, from where they've been absent since the 16th century. It's also welcome news for Cors Dyfi as the reserve's tricky terrain renders it impossible to manage with human power alone. It's hoped the beavers will bring this habitat under control, while providing a valuable education platform for these persecuted mammals.

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Volunteers

Even though we were unable to have any volunteers on site for the majority of the year, they still played a key role in public engagement. As the volume of users of our YouTube chat facility increased, volunteers stepped up to fill the gap of furloughed staff and assisted with engaging with the vast audience of Nestcam viewers. Others helped keep and record osprey statistics. In addition, once restrictions lifted, a small team took on the mammoth task of painting the new Dyfi Wildlife Centre building. Then in March 2021, volunteers helped with the preparation work to the beaver enclosure, such as checking fence lines, ensuring the perimeter was clear of vegetation and building a temporary lodge out of hay bales.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre

Despite our best efforts to build a completely new visitor centre from the ground up in just seven months over the winter, alas we were not able to open the Dyfi Wildlife Centre on St David's Day (1st March 2021) as planned, again due to the pandemic and restrictions on visitor attractions in Wales. Regardless, we used the restricted time we had in 2020 to refine the new centre as well as complete a few projects planned for post-opening. With no-one able to visit the DWC or its gift shop, we continued to sell our wares online. Excellent sales were helped by the launch of the book, *Monty*, a blow-by-blow account by MWT's own Emyr Evans of our first male Osprey, Monty, in November 2020.

LIVING LANDSCAPES

Nature Reserves

MWT manages 18 nature reserves around the county, all havens for wildlife, as well as inspiring places for people to visit. They include limestone grassland, ancient woodland, upland lakes, peat bogs and wildflower meadows. Each is carefully maintained by MWT staff and a team of dedicated work party volunteers. In 2020/21, because of Covid-19 restrictions, work parties were greatly reduced. When we were able to have volunteers, numbers were restricted so we ran multiple sessions per week to make up for the shortfall. In total there were 173 volunteers in attendance across 45 sessions, along with an individual with 120 hours of community service to fulfil, maintaining paths and bird hides, installing new stiles and gates, laying hedges, maintaining meadows, coppicing Hazel, pollarding Willow and dealing with Ash die-back. Our surveys were similarly affected, with bat and Pearl-bordered Fritillary surveys cancelled, and the dormouse 2020 survey season delayed. On a more positive note, the annual 'Crocus Count' at Llanmerewig Glebe recorded another all-time high, with 2,090 blooms of *Colchicum Autumnale* found.

Water Vole Surveys

In late summer 2020, MWT was commissioned by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to search for Water Voles in Montgomeryshire. Eighteen different sites were searched, but sadly signs of 'Ratty' were only found at one site. Using this information, along with data collected elsewhere in Wales, NRW are now working with The Mammal Society to plan further work for this severely threatened species.

Montgomeryshire Nature Recovery Network

Building on a previous initiative, 'Where the Wild Things Are', this small project used existing data to begin identifying a Nature Recovery Network for Powys, including potential Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Local Wildlife Sites (LWS). The information gathered is being used and further developed by wildlife organisations, local government and others to inform future work. We also supported the ongoing development of the Montgomeryshire Landowner Group, carried out habitat management for Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterflies and began fresh engagement with Powys County Council over road verge management.

Cefn Croes

MWT and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) continued to work with Falck Renewables to restore the upland peat bogs underneath their windfarm at Cefn Croes. Local contractors made great progress in this, our second year of operation, using GPS and Google Earth to help create a mosaic of pools and raise the water table to restore the site's natural hydrology. Notable signs of success in this important peatland habitat include increased invertebrates and amphibians and thriving indicator species, such as Sphagnum mosses, Cottongrass and Bog Asphodel.

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Pumlumon

Launched in 2007, the Welsh Government-funded Pumlumon Project saw its 14th year in 2020/21. Focused on an extensive area around Pumlumon peak in the Cambrian Mountains, the science-led scheme radically rethinks upland management to benefit both wildlife *and* rural economies. Having already proven the benefits of peat bog restoration (Ecosystem Services, such as floodwater management, carbon sequestration and biodiversity) and the capability of farmers of carrying out the work, this year we put our heads together with the Welsh Government, economists, environmental bodies and landowners to work out how peatland restoration could be funded, in order to defend people from flooding, fight climate change and bring prosperity and thriving wildlife to our uplands.

Stand for Nature Wales

A partnership between all six Welsh Wildlife Trusts, Stand for Nature Wales aims to inspire the younger generation to protect nature and help combat climate change. Financed by the National Lottery Community Fund, the four-year campaign will work with young people, aged nine to 24, to come up with solutions to climate problems, through practical conservation, spreading the word through film, social media and a little engineering. During the 2020/21 period, MWT focused on planning, training and networking in preparation for the project's official launch in April 2021. We attended a series of online Wildlife Trust Climate Change Seminars; we made contacts and forged partnerships; we gave talks to local groups; and we attended Eco Committee Meetings to establish climate networks with schools in the area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESERVES POLICY

The Trust seeks to hold unrestricted financial reserves sufficient to sustain its operating activities for a minimum of three months and, although difficult, we seek to generate unrestricted income in order to comply with this. While unrestricted reserves appear substantial - £742,453 at 31.03.2021 (2020 - £644,866) - it should be noted that £468,228 of these reserves relate to land reserves owned by the Trust, leaving undesignated unrestricted reserves of £274,225 (2020 - £176,338).

An alternative measure is that of 'free reserves' which stood at £231,210 as at 31.03.2021 (2020 - £152,920).

It is worth mentioning the level of restricted reserves here and explaining how this has been reached. These stood at £1,943,176 at 31.03.2021, an increase of £176,704 over the year (2020 - £1,766,472).

As explained in note 15 to the accounts, at 31 March 2021 capital funding for the Dyfi Wildlife Centre totalled £1,061,174 of which £1,022,531 had been expended on the construction costs to that date, leaving £38,643 of the funding to date yet to be spent. However, as the construction cost has been capitalised and included as a fixed asset addition, the restricted reserves do not reflect that position. The property will be depreciated over the next 50 years and the relevant funds released from the restricted reserves over that time.

b. RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year show an unrestricted surplus, after fund transfers, of £97,587 (2020 - £42,196).

The Trust received Covid support from funders (£62,852) and the HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (£54,905) during the year. Without this early financial support, the Trust would have suffered considerable financial difficulties - staff redundancies would have been almost inevitable with the Trust incurring redundancy costs. The knock-on effect of this would have been the rejection of funding later in the year (as there would not have been the staff to complete the related work) thereby compounding the difficulties.

The availability of the cash flow support provided the Trust with the confidence to continue to employ all staff utilising the furlough support referred to above. When new funding became available it was therefore possible to plan for and implement new projects and the Trust has been able to continue its important work.

The staff of the Trust continue with their focus on income generation and strict cost control in order to ensure that the financial fortunes of the Trust continue to improve so that we are able to continue to develop and achieve our Vision, Mission and Objectives.

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c. GOING CONCERN

Although conditions continue to be challenging for the Trust, as for many Third Sector organisations, the Trustees have reviewed the current position together with budgets and projections for 2021/22 and beyond. In light of this information they have concluded that the going concern basis of accounting continues to be appropriate and continue to adopt this in preparing the financial statements.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Despite the unprecedented challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns, MWT has continued to engage with its members and the wider public, while delivering several high profile projects. Initially, all but four members of staff were furloughed during the first Covid-19 lockdown. Unable to deliver our normal work for people and wildlife, the Trust moved online offering support and sessions virtually. Our social media presence increased, as did our engagement figures, as more and more people turned to wildlife for comfort during the long months of isolation and uncertainty. All staff returned to work by November 2020, with no redundancies being required, and several new staff members joined the team to help deliver projects that had been put on hold. We were also delighted to welcome back our volunteers, although restrictions on numbers were in place initially to ensure their safety.

Wild Skills, Wild Spaces (WSWS)

The WSWS project was originally due to start in 2020 but was put on hold due to the funding being temporarily withdrawn by the Welsh Government due to Covid-19. In spring 2021 the project funding was released and a team of four staff were recruited to deliver Ecotherapy sessions to individuals referred through the NHS. The sessions have proved a great success and the team have also been able to run sessions with local schools for young people with mental health and wellbeing issues. The project has been awarded the NHS Forest 2021 Award for Engaging People with Nature. The next steps for the project include the installation of new infrastructure on several of the nature reserves and supporting the launch of a similar project with the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust.

Stand for Nature Wales (SFNW) – Climate Action Fund

The SFNW project aims to educate and empower young people to take action in their local community to halt the devastating impact of Climate Change. The project used social media and online sessions to engage with individuals and groups during lockdown and has now been able to meet members of the Youth Forum face to face to discuss the project's future targets. SFNW has also been working with the Game Changer initiative and several local schools on a regular basis.

Green Connections

The Green Connections project, an all Wales initiative, launched in August 2021 as a continuation of the Trust's work with Local Wildlife Sites. The two project staff, funded by the Welsh Government's ENRaW scheme, will engage with local landowners to encourage land management that will benefit wildlife. The uptake has been encouraging and a landowners' group has been set up so that members can share their advice and skills.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre (DWC)

In April 2021, the DWC finally opened to the public after a 13-month delay due to Covid-19. Behind the scenes, staff worked hard to get the building finished and ready for visitors, including the new café which has been a great success. A booking system ensured that visitor numbers were managed to ensure the safety of the guests, staff and volunteers. In April, after a long period of consultation with NRW, a family of Beavers were introduced to the nature reserve to help with scrub and tree management. Future work at Cors Dyfi and the DWC includes the installation of a Penny Floor, interpretation panels, additional boardwalk and improvements to the car park, including electric charger points.

MWT Trading Limited

To protect the core activities of the Trust, a separate trading arm has been set up to manage the Trust's trading activity (DWC café and shop, online shop and Welshpool shop). MWT Trading Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MWT, was incorporated in April 2021 and all surpluses will be returned to the Trust.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Key developments for the future include:

a. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Trust acknowledges the need for a strategy which details not only its conservation targets, but also the need for excellent governance and profile management. A revised MWT Strategic Plan is currently being produced with reference to the strategic plans of both Wildlife Trusts Wales (WTW) and The Wildlife Trusts (TWT). The final outputs will be specific to the flora and fauna of Montgomeryshire, while acknowledging national priorities and campaigns.

A working group of Trustees and staff have been developing the MWT Strategic Plan to ensure MWT remains an effective voice for wildlife in Montgomeryshire while staying true to its core values of improving biodiversity and inspiring people to engage with the natural world.

b. CORS DYFI

Grant applications for two new projects at Cors Dyfi have been successful and will fund infrastructure work on the site.

The Brilliant Basics Fund, from the Welsh Government, will support improvements to the car park, including the installation of a Solar Car Port, Tesla Powerwall and several electric vehicle charging points which will provide electricity generated by the Dyfi Wildlife Centre.

The Nature Networks Fund, from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, will fund the re-instatement of a boardwalk loop as well as improved protection and surveillance equipment for the nature reserve's pair of breeding of Ospreys.

c. INCOME GENERATION

The funding environment for conservation continues to be uncertain and the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the UK's withdrawal from the EU continue to impact on the Trust's delivery. The Trust aims to react quickly in these circumstances to ensure we are ideally positioned to secure funding for our conservation and people engagement work. All staff are aware of the need for an innovative approach to secure grant funding and increase fundraising.

In addition, the Trust continues to look for alternative sources of income and new partnership opportunities so that the organisation is not overly reliant on any one particular funder. Where possible, fully funded projects of three to four years are being pursued, to provide continuity and stability to the Trust's finances and conservation delivery.

d. SCOPE OF PROJECTS

MWT continues to deliver a range of projects which deliver both Health and Wellbeing objectives as well as conservation aims. The Trust is also committed to engaging with the Climate Change agenda and will continue to champion high priority campaigns alongside its core, biodiversity work.

FURTHER PROJECTS

While remaining vigilant for project and funding opportunities, the Trust currently runs a wide range of projects and will concentrate on delivering those initiatives in the coming year. The Trust's funding application priorities are to secure continuation funding for the projects we are currently delivering, including the Wild Skills, Wild Spaces and Stand for Nature Wales projects, while also seeking funding for key projects for which we have not been able to secure sufficient funds in the past, such as the vital work needed for the Pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

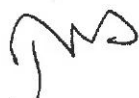
- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditor is unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

AUDITOR

A resolution proposing that WR Partners be re-appointed as auditor of the Trust will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Tim McVey
Chair

9 November 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021, and of its 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 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 Board 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.

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.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, 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 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditor's report 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 in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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.

The audit team obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those which relate to the reporting framework (The Charity SORP 2019), the relevant tax compliance regulations and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We understood how the charitable company complies with these frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We also reviewed board minutes to identify any recorded instances of irregularity or non-compliance that might have a material impact on the financial statements.

We reviewed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud may occur by meeting with key management to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. Based on our understanding our procedures involved enquiries of management and those charged with governance, manual journal entry testing, cashbook reviews for large and unusual items and the challenge of significant estimates used in preparing the financial statements.

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Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

We reviewed the charitable company's regulatory environment to ensure we could conclude that it had acted in accordance with the framework relevant to the charitable company and its environment and identify and instances of non-compliance. We also assessed the charitable company's internal control procedures to ensure we could appropriately scrutinise these controls and establish whether our understanding of the control environment was sufficient to supplement our additional testing procedures.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and charity awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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16 December 2021

WR Partners is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charitable company by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	33,728	145,497	179,225	233,809
Charitable activities	3	557,090	73,042	630,132	1,074,268
Trading activities	4	-	57,891	57,891	62,276
Total income		590,818	276,430	867,248	1,370,353
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5	464,806	104,082	568,888	571,786
Trading activities	6	-	26,042	26,042	17,682
Total expenditure		464,806	130,124	594,930	589,468
		126,012	146,306	272,318	780,885
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	11	1,973	-	1,973	(1,648)
Net income	7	127,985	146,306	274,291	779,237
Transfers between funds	15	48,719	(48,719)	-	-
Net movement in funds		176,704	97,587	274,291	779,237
Reconciliation of funds					
<i>Funds at 1 April 2020</i>		<i>1,766,472</i>	<i>644,866</i>	<i>2,411,338</i>	<i>1,632,101</i>
Funds at 31 March 2021		1,943,176	742,453	2,685,629	2,411,338

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		2,420,668		2,152,322
Investments	11		21,753		19,780
			<u>2,442,421</u>		<u>2,172,102</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	16,245		8,901	
Debtors	13	211,974		331,547	
Cash at bank and in hand		230,220		63,398	
			<u>458,439</u>	<u>403,846</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	215,231		164,610	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>243,208</u>		<u>239,236</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,685,629</u>		<u>2,411,338</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	15		1,943,176		1,766,472
Unrestricted funds	15		742,453		644,866
			<u>2,685,629</u>		<u>2,411,338</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,685,629</u>		<u>2,411,338</u>

The Trustees consider that the Trust is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Trust to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Tim McVey, Chair 

Ann Bitcon, Treasurer 

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021		2020
	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by operating activities		462,256	760,241
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(298,634)		(772,358)
Disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,200		-
Net cash used in investing activities		(295,434)	(772,358)
Change in cash & cash equivalents in the reporting period		166,822	(12,117)
Cash & cash equivalents at the start of the reporting period		63,398	75,515
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		230,220	63,398
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities			
Net income for the reporting period		274,291	779,237
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	30,288		27,955
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(3,200)		4,122
(Gain)/loss on investments	(1,973)		1,648
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(7,344)		3,331
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	119,573		(71,125)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	50,621		15,073
		187,965	(18,996)
Net cash provided by operating activities		462,256	760,241
Analysis of cash & cash equivalents			
Cash in hand		230,220	63,398
Total cash & cash equivalents		230,220	63,398

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2019)', and on the going concern basis. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

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

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing individually in excess of £500) are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land reserves	-	Nil
Cors Dyfi property	-	20/25/50 years straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Conservation/office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Depreciation is not provided for assets under construction or not fully operational at the year end.

1.3 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments (Single Farm Payment Entitlements) are stated at market value.

1.4 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.5 Debtors

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

1.6 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds not readily available for spending as they reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust. These funds can only be released by disposing of land held for use by the Trust.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

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1.8 Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Trust is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Trust has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Trust, or the Trust is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.9 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Trust and include project management carried out at headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Trust and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.10 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.12 Company status

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Trust being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Trust.

1.13 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the going concern basis of the financial statements preparation, including consideration of the impact of the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) global pandemic, and are satisfied that the charity is well placed to manage the financial impacts of the pandemic.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations and subscriptions	33,728	133,419	167,147	221,716
Legacies	-	-	-	-
People's Postcode Lottery	-	12,078	12,078	12,093
	<u>33,728</u>	<u>145,497</u>	<u>179,225</u>	<u>233,809</u>
2020	<u>78,694</u>	<u>155,115</u>	<u>233,809</u>	

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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - INCOME

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Nature Reserves (excl CJRS)	162,517	-	162,517	107,256
Wider Countryside	97,661	-	97,661	184,403
Education & Community (excl CJRS)	76,383	-	76,383	43,052
Dyfi Wildlife Centre (excl CJRS)	175,814	-	175,814	739,557
Covid grants	-	62,852	62,852	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	44,715	10,190	54,905	-
	557,090	73,042	630,132	1,074,268
2020	1,074,268	-	1,074,268	

4. TRADING ACTIVITIES - INCOME

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grazing	-	3,550	3,550	4,350
Consultancy	-	4,363	4,363	1,256
Shop sales	-	49,978	49,978	52,670
Other	-	-	-	4,000
	-	57,891	57,891	62,276
2020	-	62,276	62,276	

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - EXPENDITURE

	Direct 2021 £	Support 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Project costs	157,684	-	157,684	149,825
Wages and salaries	232,459	76,399	308,858	294,264
Premises costs	-	13,839	13,839	16,599
Operational costs	2,016	41,270	43,286	54,921
Governance costs	-	5,050	5,050	4,895
Membership costs	-	3,881	3,881	7,181
Travel and motor	8,901	301	9,202	12,024
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(3,200)	-	(3,200)	4,122
Depreciation	30,288	-	30,288	27,955
	428,148	140,740	568,888	571,786
2020	433,174	138,612	571,786	

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6. TRADING ACTIVITIES - EXPENDITURE

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Shop costs	-	26,042	26,042	17,682
2020	-	17,682	17,682	

7. NET INCOME

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	30,288	27,955
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(3,200)	4,122
Auditor's remuneration:		
- audit	4,600	4,370
- other services	1,443	1,864
Pension costs	12,045	10,499

Other than travel expenses of £nil (2020 - £71) relating to Wildlife Trusts Wales meetings, no Trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses (2020 - £nil) in the year.

8. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	277,191	265,949
Social security costs	19,622	17,816
Other pension costs	12,045	10,499
	308,858	294,264

The average monthly number of staff during the year was as follows:

	No.	No.
Charitable objectives and support	13	14

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel comprised the Senior Management Team. Their aggregate remuneration amounted to £117,910 (2020: £124,147).

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land reserves* £	Cors Dyfi property** £	Motor vehicles £	Conservation/ office equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	649,054	1,575,659	20,370	314,384	2,559,467
Additions	-	250,863	19,200	28,571	298,634
Disposals	-	-	(14,375)	-	(14,375)
At 31 March 2021	649,054	1,826,522	25,195	342,955	2,843,726
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020	-	107,654	20,370	279,121	407,145
Charge for the year	-	18,294	3,200	8,794	30,288
Written off on disposal	-	-	(14,375)	-	(14,375)
At 31 March 2021	-	125,948	9,195	287,915	423,058
Net book value					
At 31 March 2021	649,054	1,700,574	16,000	55,040	2,420,668
<i>At 31 March 2020</i>	<i>649,054</i>	<i>1,468,005</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>35,263</i>	<i>2,152,322</i>

*See note 10 below for analysis of Land reserves.

****Assets under construction**

The Cors Dyfi property addition relates to the Dyfi Wildlife Centre which was under construction and not fully operational at 31 March 2021. In accordance with the stated accounting policy, depreciation is not provided on this asset.

Legal charges

1. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Heritage Fund towards the construction of the 360 Observatory, boardwalk and interpretation, the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.
2. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Heritage Fund towards the construction of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre, the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.
3. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme towards the construction of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre, the Welsh Ministers were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.

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10. LAND RESERVES

The following list of reserves represents those for which the Trust is currently responsible:

	Acres	Total £
Glaslyn	535	77,300
Roundton Hill	88	44,336
Dyfnant Meadows	23	15,000
Severn Farm Pond	3	5,394
Llanmerewig Glebe	4	2,875
Ty Brith	14	41,633
Dolydd Hafren	104	43,000
Morfa Dyfi	96	10,829
Llandinam Gravels	94	150,000
Coed Pendugwm (gift)	8	-
Cwm Y Wydden (gift)	8	-
Llyn Mawr (gift)	30	-
Llandinam Reserve (gift)	1	-
Red House (gift)	30	30,000
Llyn Coed Y Dinas	20	31,036
Cors Dyfi	41	16,825
Dolforwyn Woods	69	180,826
Leased properties:		
1. Llanymynech Rocks	44	-
2. Pwll Penarth	49	-
	<hr/> 1,261	<hr/> 649,054

In accordance with the SORP 2005, the Red House gift was included in both incoming resources and reserves owned at the estimated value at the time of the gift. Previous gifts made prior to the SORP 2000 have been included at £nil.

1. Llanymynech Rocks is being jointly leased with Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
2. Pwll Penarth is being leased from Severn Trent on a 25 year lease.

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Single Farm Payment Entitlement		
Market value at 01.04.20	19,780	21,428
Gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,973	(1,648)
Market value at 31.03.21	<hr/> 21,753	<hr/> 19,780

12. STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods & goods for resale	<hr/> 16,245	<hr/> 8,901

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13. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors and prepayments	211,974	331,547
	<u>211,974</u>	<u>331,547</u>

14. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	45,662	127,099
Social security and other taxes	6,027	4,991
Other creditors	176	946
Accruals and deferred income	163,366	31,574
	<u>215,231</u>	<u>164,610</u>

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried forward £
Designated funds*	468,228	-	-	-	468,228
General funds	176,638	276,430	(130,124)	(48,719)	274,225
Total unrestricted funds	<u>644,866</u>	<u>276,430</u>	<u>(130,124)</u>	<u>(48,719)</u>	<u>742,453</u>
Restricted funds**	<u>1,766,472</u>	<u>590,818</u>	<u>(464,806)</u>	<u>50,692</u>	<u>1,943,176</u>
Total funds	<u>2,411,338</u>	<u>867,248</u>	<u>(594,930)</u>	<u>1,973</u>	<u>2,685,629</u>

*These funds reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust as set out in note 10 above, with the exclusion of the acquisition of land at Dolforwyn Woods which was purchased at a cost of £180,826 (including costs). The funds raised to purchase this reserve remain as restricted.

**As at 31 March 2021, capital funding for the Dyfi Wildlife Centre (as set out below) totalled £1,061,174 of which £1,022,531 had been expended on the construction costs to that date, leaving £38,643 of the funding to date yet to be spent. However, as the construction cost has been capitalised and included as a fixed asset addition, the restricted reserves do not reflect that position. The property will be depreciated over the next 50 years and the relevant funds released from the restricted reserves over that time.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried forward £
Nature Reserves					
Purchase of Llandinam Gravels					
- CCW (now NRW)	11,428	-	-	(178)	11,250
Purchase of Dolforwyn Woods Welsh Government	180,826	-	-	-	180,826
- Glastir	-	48,482	(48,482)	-	-
- Basic Payment Scheme	(3,554)	44,380	(44,380)	*1,973	(1,581)
- Organic	-	8,960	(8,960)	-	-
Natural Resources Wales					
- Strategic Allocated Funds	-	60,695	(41,292)	(1,074)	18,329
HMRC - CJRS	-	10,524	(10,524)	-	-
	<u>188,700</u>	<u>173,041</u>	<u>(153,638)</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>208,824</u>
* revaluation					
Wider Countryside					
Pumlumon					
- Welsh Government	-	37,151	(37,151)	-	-
- Heathrow	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Cefn Croes	-	51,250	(51,250)	-	-
Natural Resources Wales					
- Nature Recovery Network	-	9,260	(9,260)	-	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>97,661</u>	<u>(107,661)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Education & Community					
Dyfi Osprey Project					
- NRW (re lift)	3,796	-	-	(2,667)	1,129
Department for Work & Pensions					
- Wild to Work	-	10,697	(10,697)	-	-
Open Newtown	-	18,953	(18,953)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund					
- Stand for Nature Wales	-	26,655	(26,655)	-	-
Welsh Government					
- Wild Skills, Wild Spaces	-	10,078	(10,078)	-	-
PPL - RSWT - Carbon Footprint	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
HMRC - CJRS	-	7,198	(7,198)	-	-
	<u>3,796</u>	<u>83,581</u>	<u>(83,581)</u>	<u>(2,667)</u>	<u>1,129</u>
Other					
Dyfi Osprey Project	9,626	-	-	-	9,626
Cors Dyfi 360 Project Capital					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	474,255	-	-	(11,917)	462,338
CAN 3 (NRW)	205,270	-	-	(5,185)	200,085
	<u>679,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,102)</u>	<u>662,423</u>

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	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried Forward £
Dyfi Wildlife Centre Capital *					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	358,959	135,126	-	-	494,085
Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Garfield Weston	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
Arwain	36,061	-	-	-	36,061
EnRAW	36,265	-	-	-	36,265
MWT	14,575	-	-	36,000	50,575
Ceredigion CC	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Donations	148,965	13,223	-	-	162,188
	874,825	150,349	-	36,000	1,061,174
Revenue					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	-	20,897	(20,897)	-	-
Arwain	-	17,791	(17,791)	-	-
MWT	-	-	(33,740)	33,740	-
Donations	-	20,505	(20,505)	-	-
HMRC - CJRS	-	26,993	(26,993)	-	-
	-	86,186	(119,926)	33,740	-
Total	874,825	236,535	(119,926)	69,740	1,061,174
Total Restricted Funds	1,766,472	590,818	(464,806)	50,692	1,943,176

*See note on page 23 regarding the capital expenditure for this project.

Comparative figures to Note 15 are included below the current year's notes on pages 29 - 31.

Nature Reserves

Llandinam Gravels

The purchase of this land for £150,000 in the year ended 31 March 2001 was funded in part by a contribution of £15,000 from the Countryside Council for Wales (now Natural Resources Wales). In line with the conditions attached to this funding, the funds are being written back to unrestricted funds over 80 years from the year of purchase, the stated balance being repayable in the event of a sale or alternative use (within 80 years from the purchase).

Dolforwyn Woods

The purchase of Dolforwyn Woods (completed on 31 March 2015) was funded from a fundraising campaign by the Trust with monies raised to fund the purchase included as restricted funds.

Welsh Government - Glastir, Basic Payment Scheme and Organic

These Welsh Government schemes fund the vital work done on the Trust's Nature Reserves across the county. Capital works, such as fencing and ditch blocking, combined with habitat management help ensure that the Nature Reserves are kept in the best condition for wildlife. The funding also covers staff time for those who ensure the Trust is compliant in its Welsh Government funded work.

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Natural Resources Wales – Strategic Allocated Funds (SAF)

By means of a project titled 'Connecting People and Nature through safe access to land owned and managed by eNGOs in response to Covid-19', the NRW SAF funding supported the Wildlife Trusts across Wales to overcome the challenges of the Covid-19 lockdown and maintain their land holdings in good condition for people and wildlife. This involved practical management activities across a range of habitats including moorland, woodland, heath and semi-natural grassland. The project also funded access infrastructure work such as maintaining pathways, stiles, gates and bird hides and the installation of way markers. In addition, the funding helped MWT ensure its events and volunteer work parties were safely managed with regards to Covid-19.

Wider Countryside

Welsh Government – Pumlumon PES

The Pumlumon Project continues to engage with landowners to promote the varied benefits of re-wetting and protecting the uplands. Healthy, wet bogs retain flood water and carbon, while also improving biodiversity and offering tourism opportunities. The Welsh Government have continued to fund the next step of the project, allowing the Trust to expand its reach and engage with more land owners and community groups than ever before, with the aim of promoting the Payment for Ecosystem Services model to a wider audience.

Heathrow – Pumlumon PES

As part of their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint, Heathrow has funded ditch blocking work at Glaslyn Nature Reserve, part of the wider Pumlumon Project. This funding has also paid for staff to engage with landowners within the project area to encourage them to undertake ditch blocking on their own land, increasing the area of healthy peat bog acting as a flood defence, carbon store, tourist attraction and wildlife haven.

Cefn Croes

A condition of planning consent for wind farms is that money will be spent on environmental mitigation and habitat restoration. The Trust is working with the owners of the Cefn Croes windfarm, which is adjacent to the Pumlumon Project area, to ensure that this funding is put to the best use for wildlife. Hectares of upland have been restored to prime wildlife habitat through an extensive programme of ditch blocking and re-wetting. A management plan has been produced and various wildlife surveys will be undertaken, as well as monthly hydrological monitoring.

Natural Resources Wales – Nature Recovery Network (NRN)

After the success of the Where the Wild Things Are project, MWT were pleased to receive additional funding from NRW to continue their work with the owners of Local Wildlife Sites. The NRN project funded the creation of a Nature Recovery map for Montgomeryshire and a road verge management policy for the local authority, as well as engagement with local landowners and the continued monitoring of Local Wildlife Sites.

Education & Community

Natural Resources Wales - Dyfi Osprey Project

NRW provided 50% of the funding for the installation of a lift into the 360 Observatory thereby ensuring that the Observatory is accessible to all who wish to visit to see the ospreys and the 360° views from the upper floor.

This fund is being written back to unrestricted funds in line with the depreciation charge on this asset.

Department for Work and Pensions – Wild to Work

The Wild to Work scheme encouraged the long term unemployed to gain valuable experience, confidence and qualifications through volunteering, with the ultimate aim of them returning to employment. Those attending the project sessions engaged in land management and nature reserve maintenance work at several sites across Montgomeryshire and the project enjoyed a good success rate in getting people back to work.

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Open Newtown

Working in partnership with Open Newtown, staff seconded to the Where the Severn Smiles project were able to offer free workshops in Newtown in an effort to engage people with their local green spaces.

National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund – Stand for Nature Wales

Stand for Nature Wales is a Wildlife Trusts partnership project. Over the next four years, the project will seek to inspire young people to become leading voices for nature and climate change. We want to use this time to work together to come up with solutions to our climate problems, through practical conservation, spreading the word through film and online social media and a little engineering.

Welsh Government - Wild Skills, Wild Spaces

The Wild Skills, Wild Spaces project offers a single point of access for people to a range of well-developed and evidence based ecotherapy activities that are based in local green spaces and across some of the Wildlife Trust's nature reserves in Montgomeryshire. These sessions will help to manage a range of health and wellbeing issues, as well as generally promoting positive mental health benefits.

People's Postcode Lottery / RSWT - Carbon Footprint

The Wildlife Trusts received funding from the People's Postcode Lottery to review the movement's Carbon Footprint and consider ways to reduce our impact as an organisation on climate change. Each Trust undertook a detailed study of their current practices, including land management, travel and overheads, to identify the areas which had the greatest impact on their carbon footprint. This data will be used to create an action plan which will be implemented and monitored over the coming years.

Other

Dyfi Osprey Project

Monies were set aside during the 2011 to 2014 seasons to be utilised in extending the Project's lifetime. In the years since then, funds have been released to unrestricted funds to cover otherwise unfunded salary costs. As the Project did not open to visitors the balance has been carried forward for use in the future.

Cors Dyfi 360 Project

Heritage Fund/Natural Resources Wales

The capital elements of this project, consisting of the 360 Observatory, replacement and extended boardwalk, interpretation, the Ceri Hide and pool, were completed during the year ended 31 March 2017.

Capital funds provided by HLF and NRW are now being released to unrestricted funds each year in line with depreciation charged on assets acquired as part of the project.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre

Heritage Fund /Community Facilities Programme /Garfield Weston /Arwain /EnRAW & other donors

The key capital element of this project relates to the construction of a fully accessible, carbon positive and sustainable building which will house high tech nature viewing, education and exhibition areas with views across the Cors Dyfi Reserve, together with staff and volunteers, an indoor café area and a shop.

The project also includes the construction of a beaver enclosure on site to house a family of beavers who will assist with habitat management.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,909,425	511,243	2,420,668	2,152,322
Fixed asset investments	21,753	-	21,753	19,780
Net current assets	11,998	231,210	243,208	239,236
	<u>1,943,176</u>	<u>742,453</u>	<u>2,685,629</u>	<u>2,411,338</u>
2020	<u>1,766,472</u>	<u>644,866</u>	<u>2,411,338</u>	

17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Trust operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £12,045 (2020: £10,499). Contributions totalling £nil (2020: £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2021 the Trust had total remaining commitments under non-cancellable operating leases over the remaining life of those leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	7,738	7,738
Between 1 and 2 years	5,890	7,738
Between 2 and 5 years	1,794	7,684
After more than 5 years	-	-

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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<i>Brought forward £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £</i>	<i>Carried forward £</i>
Designated funds*	468,228	-	-	-	468,228
General funds	134,442	217,391	(176,365)	1,170	176,638
Total unrestricted funds	<u>602,670</u>	<u>217,391</u>	<u>(176,365)</u>	<u>1,170</u>	<u>644,866</u>
Restricted funds	<u>1,029,431</u>	<u>1,152,962</u>	<u>(413,103)</u>	<u>(2,818)</u>	<u>1,766,472</u>
Total funds	<u>1,632,101</u>	<u>1,370,353</u>	<u>(589,468)</u>	<u>(1,648)</u>	<u>2,411,338</u>

**These funds reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust as set out in note 11 above, with the exclusion of the acquisition of land at Dolforwyn Woods which was purchased at a cost of £180,826 (including costs). The funds raised to purchase this reserve remain as restricted.*

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RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) – Revaluation £	Carried forward £
Nature Reserves					
<i>Purchase of Llandinam Gravels</i>					
- CCW (now NRW)	11,616	-	-	(188)	11,428
<i>Purchase of Dolforwyn Woods Welsh Government</i>	180,826	-	-	-	180,826
- Glastir	-	62,101	(62,101)	-	-
- Basic Payment Scheme	(1,906)	37,459	(37,459)	*(1,648)	(3,554)
- Organic	-	7,696	(7,696)	-	-
	190,536	107,256	(107,256)	(1,836)	188,700
* revaluation					
Wider Countryside					
<i>Pumlumon</i>					
- Welsh Government	-	31,645	(31,645)	-	-
- SNPA	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
- Heathrow	-	20,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
- Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
<i>Arwain</i>					
- Where the Wild Things Are	-	17,065	(17,065)	-	-
<i>Natural Resources Wales</i>					
- Precious Pearls	-	15,798	(15,798)	-	-
<i>Welsh Government</i>					
- Curlew Project	-	2,950	(2,950)	-	-
TK Maxx	-	800	(800)	-	-
Cefn Croes	-	93,945	(93,945)	-	-
	-	184,403	(174,403)	-	10,000
Education					
<i>Dyfi Osprey Project</i>					
- NRW (re lift)	6,463	-	-	(2,667)	3,796
- Environment Wales	280	-	-	(280)	-
<i>Art Oasis</i>					
- Arwain	-	8,431	(8,431)	-	-
<i>Department for Work & Pensions</i>					
- Wild to Work	-	16,471	(16,471)	-	-
Open Newtown	-	16,150	(16,150)	-	-
<i>Deri Woods</i>					
- HLF/Llanfair Caereinion	7,910	-	(7,910)	-	-
- Donation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
	14,653	43,052	(50,962)	(2,947)	3,796
Other					
<i>Dyfi Osprey Project</i>	15,579	-	-	(5,953)	9,626

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	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried Forward £
Cors Dyfi 360 Project					
Capital					
Heritage Lottery Fund	486,172	-	-	(11,917)	474,255
CAN 3 (NRW)	210,455	-	-	(5,185)	205,270
	<u>696,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,102)</u>	<u>679,525</u>
Dyfi Wildlife Centre					
Capital *					
Heritage Fund (HLF) Welsh Government	41,765	317,194	-	-	358,959
Community Facilities Programme Garfield Weston	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
Arwain	-	36,061	-	-	36,061
EnRAW	-	36,265	-	-	36,265
MWT	-	-	-	14,575	14,575
Donations	70,271	78,694	-	-	148,965
	<u>112,036</u>	<u>748,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,575</u>	<u>874,825</u>
Revenue					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	-	14,327	(14,327)	-	-
Arwain	-	55,710	(55,710)	-	-
MWT contribution	-	-	(10,445)	10,445	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>70,037</u>	<u>(80,482)</u>	<u>10,445</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>112,036</u>	<u>818,251</u>	<u>(80,482)</u>	<u>25,020</u>	<u>874,825</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>1,029,431</u>	<u>1,152,962</u>	<u>(413,103)</u>	<u>(2,818)</u>	<u>1,766,472</u>

