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**Durham Wildlife Trust**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The charity's Business Plan in place during the 2020-21 financial year defined the objectives and activities of the organisation in the following way.

**Who we are**

DWT is an independent charity and limited company that was established in 1971, originally as the Durham County Conservation Trust, becoming Durham Wildlife Trust in 1988.

DWT is part of the federation of 46 organisations that together form the Wildlife Trusts. Each organisation is an independent charity but with shared aims and badger logo branding. The Trusts are membership organisations.

When DWT was established the county of Durham extended from the rivers Tees to Tyne. Subsequent local government reorganisation reduced the area of County Durham and created Tyne and Wear and Cleveland. As a result, DWT today covers County Durham, the southern boroughs of Tyne and Wear – Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland – and Darlington. In 2015, to clarify the geographical area of operations of the Trust, the phrase From Tees to Tyne was added to the DWT logo.

**What does DWT do?**

Durham Wildlife Trust conserves wildlife from the Tees to the Tyne. We engage our members, supporters, partners and wider society in the conservation effort, providing opportunities for participation, education and enjoyment.

**Why do we conserve wildlife?**

DWT conserves wildlife because;

- Wildlife is under threat and in serious decline.
- Wildlife is intrinsically important and a vital part of the human experience.
- A healthy and thriving natural environment plays an important role in improving human health and well-being.
- A healthy and thriving natural environment underpins the economic success and sustainability of human society.

**How do we conserve wildlife?**

DWT conserves wildlife –

- By engaging our members, supporters, partners and wider society in the conservation effort, providing opportunities for participation, education and enjoyment.
- By managing our nature reserves primarily for the benefit of wildlife and to the highest possible standards.
- By educating people and organisations about the importance and value of wildlife, encouraging them to take action to conserve species and habitats and support the work of DWT by becoming members and supporters.
- By delivering species and habitat conservation projects across land and sea that seek to maximise their effectiveness by operating at the largest possible scale. Collectively across the Wildlife Trusts this approach is known as Living Landscapes and Living Seas.
- By operating high quality visitor facilities that provide opportunities to engage people in wildlife conservation and encourage their active support and participation.
- By acting as an advocate for wildlife and nature conservation with local and national government and wider society.

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**Measuring success**

All of the Trust's work is measured against its core aim –  
Conserving Wildlife from Tees to Tyne

Only activities that -

- directly conserve wildlife;
- assist others to understand and appreciate wildlife; encourage others to conserve wildlife; or
- help to increase the organisation's capacity to conserve wildlife, will be delivered by Durham Wildlife Trust.

**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.



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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 and education and engagement activities.

Operations and Development – incorporating administration, membership, fund raising and communications.

**Achievements and performance 2020 - 21**

The 2020-21 financial year was of course dominated by Covid-19. The lockdown measures and restrictions put in place by Government in response to the pandemic caused disruption to the charity's activities, but plans were put in place that mitigated the impacts. Support from members, donors, funders and volunteers allowed Durham Wildlife Trust to continue to successfully deliver its charitable aims.

Conservation

During the year Durham Wildlife Trust was able to acquire a new nature reserve in the Gateshead area – the Beda Hills Local Wildlife Site, a 7hectare mosaic of acid grassland, pasture and scrub. The acquisition made possible thanks to support from Gateshead Council and the Bannister Trust. As a result at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the Trust had a suite of 39 nature reserves covering 850 hectares of land.

One of the most significant impacts of Covid restrictions was the complete loss of volunteer support for most of the year. The Trust usually receives approximately 7000 days of volunteer time contribution to support the management of its estate, but lock down restrictions reduced this dramatically. Despite that, the Living Landscapes teams completed the works required under Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) Agreements across the Trust's land holding. The HLS agreements were extended for a further 12 months by the Rural Payments Agency and agri-environment schemes continue to provide a valuable source of income.

Delivery of estate management commitments was made possible thanks to emergency Covid support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which allowed additional staff resource to be secured. That additional staff resource was particularly vital as public use of sites increased significantly as a result of Covid related restrictions on travel. Many more people made use of their local Durham Wildlife Trust nature reserve and enjoyed the benefits that nature can bring, but sadly there was also an increase in littering and anti-social behaviour that Trust staff had to address. The support of volunteer site wardens was vital in ensuring that the nature reserves remained safe and welcoming places to visit.

The Trust continued to receive financial support from the Sunderland City Council to manage Rainton Meadows and plans were drawn up and planning permission submitted during the year to develop a new reedbed area on site. The construction works will be delivered in autumn 2021.

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Development work was able to continue on the Naturally Native water vole conservation project with funding of £507,400 secured in the summer of 2020 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project includes our colleagues at Northumberland and Tees Valley Wildlife Trusts and runs for 3 years across the catchments of the Tees, Wear and Tyne. The project team of four is split across the three Trusts with an officer and the overall project manager based at DWT. Recruitment for the posts was delayed until late 2020 and early 2021 due to Covid restrictions, but a full team was in place by the end of the financial year. Naturally Native aims to prevent the loss of water voles from our region by addressing the two most significant causes of their decline; predation by American mink and habitat loss.

The Trust was also fortunate to be able to secure funding from the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund, a funding stream designed to secure delivery capacity across environmental organisations. The Healing Nature project was rapidly developed with our partners at Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils and £476,800 was secured in January 2021. This funding allowed the Trust to retain and redeploy the staff that Covid emergency funding had supported. Several of the Healing Nature team had initially joined the Trust as trainees and were unfortunately facing redundancy during a period of significant job insecurity across the nation. Healing Nature has allowed their skills to be retained, together with education and engagement delivery capacity and also allowed recruitment of dedicated digital and communications staff time. The project is an ambitious programme of nature restoration and community volunteering and engagement across Local Wildlife Sites and runs to the end of March 2022.

There were delivery delays across all of the Trust's existing projects. The Bright Water Landscape Partnership Scheme was severely impacted and as a result the project delivery period is to be extended to allow the delayed programme of work to be delivered. The Bishop's Fen wetland creation, a significant part of Bright Water, could not progress as planned and project re-profiling commenced at the end of the financial year so that a new delivery timetable can be devised.

Sadly, school visits to Trust sites were completely halted during the year due to Covid, as were all educational outreach activities and engagement projects. The halting of project delivery created a backlog of activity that still needs to be delivered if project funding requirements are to be met and this will have implications for delivery and staffing into 2021-22 and beyond. However, the Trust was able to rapidly and effectively switch to online engagement and created *Wild at Home* to provide information on wildlife that people could enjoy seeing in their local area. The online nature conservation and natural history talks proved incredibly popular, with Trust staff and trustees contributing their time and knowledge to make lockdown a little more bearable for Trust members and supporters. Shifting online also allowed DWT to broaden its reach, attracting a new audience with people dialling in from around the world to find out more about our region's wildlife. Nearly 2,500 people participated in the online sessions.

Project development was also disrupted by Covid and many funders closed for applications or diverted their resources to emergency support for the charity sector. The Trusts relies on projects to deliver a significant proportion of its charitable works, so it is vital that the pipeline of project applications is maintained. Staff worked hard to restart the project development process and their efforts during 2020-21 will lead to applications being ready to submit when funders re-open their schemes for applications.

The Trust's Exmoor pony herd continued to deliver conservation grazing across grassland nature reserves and despite the lockdown restrictions our essential volunteer Pony Wardens made sure that there was no impact on the animals' welfare. Sincere thanks must go to this special group of volunteers.

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**Operations and Development**

Covid-19 had a significant impact on the functioning of many organisations, but the Trustees are immensely proud of the efforts of staff and volunteers over the year, which allowed the Trust to continue to operate and provide a service to its members and the public. This necessitated a significant change to ways of working, with all staff working from home during the most restrictive periods of lockdown. Thankfully, the emergency support provided the National Lottery Heritage Fund allowed the Trust to provide staff with the equipment required for home working. Previous investment in upgrading the broadband connection at Rainton Meadows proved vital and allowed effective access to computer networks. Staff demonstrated their commitment to the organisation and quickly adapted to new ways of working. As a result the great majority of staff were retained on active work, with very little use of furlough across the organisation.

The response of the Trust's members and supporters during a very difficult year for us all was exemplary. Membership recruitment and retention remained strong, despite the difficult economic climate. Face to face recruitment opportunities were obviously very limited during the year, but improvements in online recruitment were made which contributed to what was, given the circumstances, a strong membership performance. Over the year the total number of subscriptions (which can include multiple members per subscription) increased by 1% to 5004. Thanks to many members choosing to increase subscriptions to support the charity through a difficult period membership income increased by 3% over the same period.

Having good online content and making effective use of social media increased in importance as other forms of communication and engagement became more difficult. All staff rose to the challenge, providing the material needed to continue to engage the public in the Trust's work. As well as managing the increased online presence the Communications Officer, with support from colleagues, was also able to maintain production of a high quality members magazine throughout the year, which maintained contact with all members.

As has been detailed in the review of Conservation activity, grant funding continued to be secured throughout the year despite significant changes to the types of funding available. The Covid emergency funding and Green Recovery Challenge Fund bids that were submitted required rapid action in order to meet deadlines, with the Grants Officer coordinating contributions from a wide range of colleagues and leading on the development and submission of successful bids, at pace. Increased levels of unrestricted grant support were also secured.

Unsurprisingly, the area of income generation that was most significantly affected by Covid restrictions was trading activity. Room hire and shop sales were effectively cut to zero, but the income loss was partially offset by a reduction in expenditure on stock and the Trust was also able to take advantage of Durham County Council administered grants provided to support visitor facilities.

During the year Trustees decided to strengthen financial management across the organisation to reduce risk and provide the capacity for further growth. A new financial management system was adopted following examination of various packages on offer. The system chosen was Xledger, which has developed a Wildlife Trust specific package in partnership with the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. To provide the staff resource needed to adopt the new system and have it in operation for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, a new Head of Finance full time post was created. This post was filled by the existing part time Finance Manager, with that post then deleted. The Finance Officer post was retained to continue to provide financial management support. As a result financial management staff capacity over the year increased from 0.9 Full Time Equivalents to 1.5 and Xledger was successfully implemented.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial summary**

The year to 31st March 2021 saw incoming resources to the Group at £1,962,735 (2020: £1,786,703); expenditure was £1,525,981 (2020: £1,808,753). As a result there was a surplus of £436,754. This comprised a surplus on unrestricted funds of £352,620 and a surplus on restricted funds of £96,885.

The balance on restricted funds as at 31st March 2021 was £1,212,825 carried forward for the continuation of Restricted Projects (see Note 21).

The balance on designated funds as at 31st March 2021 was £9,920 carried forward to support volunteering and the replacement of vehicles.

The balance on group unrestricted funds (excluding designated funds), rose in the year to 31st March 2021, and at the year-end was £908,219. 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.

**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 2021 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 2021 saw a turnover of £306,924 compared to the previous year of £149,277. The net surplus was £63,152 after paying a donation of £7,296 over to the Trust during the financial year. Durham Wildlife Services proposes to pay £63,152 to Durham Wildlife Trust during 2021-22 from its profits.

**Investment 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**

During 2002 as part of the process for conforming to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for presenting Charity accounts, the Trustees formulated a Reserves Policy relating to unrestricted funds. This indicates that the Trust's financial reserves on unrestricted funds should ideally approach the value of 6 months' operational expenditure to provide sufficient cash liquidity for operational effectiveness. The level of free reserve at 31st March 2021 was £710,800 which 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.



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**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

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.

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**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  
P Bell  
F Butler  
M Coates  
C Gorman  
G Hand  
A Holden (Resigned 23/11/2020)  
V Kent  
R Kirton-Darling (Resigned 23/11/2020)  
C Smith (Resigned 23/11/2020)  
A Sorrell  
A Pensom (Appointed 23/11/2020)  
P Davidson (Appointed 23/11/2020)

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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**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 documents**

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.

**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.

As set out in the revised Articles of Association, the board of Trustees consists of not less than 10 and not more than 15 elected members of the Trust and all members are circulated with a request to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. Trustees elected in this way must retire at the fourth Annual General Meeting following their election, although they are eligible for re-election. Council may co-opt additional trustees at any time. Trustees appointed by this method must retire from office at the next Annual General Meeting.

The officers of the Trust comprise a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

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**Induction and training of trustees**

New trustees undertake an induction following a written induction procedure to brief them 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, trustee 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, where this helps them to undertake their role.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees administer the charity. Council 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 Trust Council, and the Director report directly to the Council.

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**Staff Remuneration**

Remuneration for all staff is based on comparison against similar roles in the charity sector. Inflation awards are applied equally to all 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 2020.

The total salary bill for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for the Trust Director and 3 other members of the management team was £204,140 including employer pension contributions. During the year the highest salary in the Trust was 2.97 times larger than the lowest salary.

**Risk Management**

The trustees undertake regularly to 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 and to minimise the impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise. During the year 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.

**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 of trustees. During the year none of the Trustees claimed travelling expenses while engaged on Trust business and volunteering.

The charity is a member of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (charity number 207238), which acts as an umbrella body carrying out lobbying and public relations on behalf of all Wildlife Trusts. Partners have the use of the Wildlife Trusts logo and benefit from the resources, best practice and speciality experience of other member trusts. Membership gives the charity a national voice and profile, as well as respectability by association for those unfamiliar with its particular work. However, each member of the partnership remains entirely independent in terms of governance.

**Auditors**

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 a resolution proposing the appointment of Haines Watts as auditor for the year ending 31 March 2021 will be put to the members.

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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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Trustees on 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

S. E. Lister

Sarah Lister  
Chair

**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 2021 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.

However, not all future events or conditions can be predicted. The Covid-19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK with unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes. It is therefore difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the charitable company's activities, customers, suppliers and wider economy. The trustees' view on the impact of Covid-19 is disclosed throughout the trustees' report and within the accounting policies note.

**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.

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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.



**Gillian Benjamin ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Haines Watts North East LLP

**Statutory Auditor**

*6<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

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**Durham Wildlife Trust**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	533,448	-	533,448	305,950
Charitable activities	5				
Conservation projects		3,991	805,911	809,902	1,015,895
Reserve projects		43,170	189,269	232,439	251,391
Education projects		15,218	42,370	57,588	46,840
Other trading activities	6	327,094		327,094	165,480
Investment income	7	2,264	-	2,264	1,147
<b>Total income</b>		<u>925,185</u>	<u>1,037,550</u>	<u>1,962,735</u>	<u>1,786,703</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	8	374,082	-	374,082	261,228
Charitable activities	9				
Conservation projects		103,980	802,668	906,648	1,179,631
Reserve projects		41,879	110,111	151,990	182,028
Education projects		-	27,185	27,185	73,082
Publications and affiliations		25,404	-	25,404	20,081
Visitor centres		40,671	-	40,671	92,703
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>586,016</u>	<u>939,964</u>	<u>1,525,980</u>	<u>1,808,753</u>
<b>Net movement in funds before transfers</b>		339,169	97,586	436,755	( 22,050 )
Transfer between funds	21	701	( 701 )	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<u>339,870</u>	<u>96,885</u>	<u>436,755</u>	<u>( 22,050 )</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		578,269	1,115,940	1,694,209	1,716,259
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>918,139</u>	<u>1,212,825</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>	<u>1,694,209</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

**Durham Wildlife Trust**  
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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	16		818,122		736,111
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	18	7,606		6,030	
Debtors	19	389,711		659,424	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,030,869		705,195	
		<u>1,428,186</u>		<u>1,370,649</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	20	( 115,344 )		( 412,551 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			1,312,842		958,098
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,130,964</u>		<u>1,694,209</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			908,219		555,599
Designated funds			9,920		22,670
Restricted funds	21		1,212,825		1,115,940
			<u>2,130,964</u>		<u>1,694,209</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 36 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 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

S. F. Lister

S Lister  
Trustee

Company Number: 01019263

**Durham Wildlife Trust**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**CHARITABLE COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	16		818,122		736,111
Investments	17		12		12
			<u>818,134</u>		<u>736,123</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	18	7,606		6,030	
Debtors	19	274,343		647,244	
Cash at bank and in hand		987,604		673,178	
		<u>1,269,553</u>		<u>1,326,452</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	20	( 53,769 )		( 410,187 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,215,784</u>		<u>916,265</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,033,918</u>		<u>1,652,388</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			811,173		513,778
Designated funds	21		9,920		22,670
Restricted funds			1,212,825		1,115,940
			<u>2,033,918</u>		<u>1,652,388</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 36 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 21 SEPTEMBER 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

S F Lister  
S Lister  
Trustee

Company Number: 01019263

**Durham Wildlife Trust**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities:</b>			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	26	419,976	( 57,394 )
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and rents received		2,264	1,147
Purchase of tangible assets		( 99,567 )	( 37,079 )
Receipt from sale of tangible assets		3,000	3,000
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		( 94,303 )	( 32,932 )
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		325,673	( 90,326 )
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		705,195	795,521
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		1,030,868	705,195
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,030,868	705,195

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

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**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 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 2021**

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**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 2021**

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**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
- As part of its core activities the Charity undertakes projects, which often have a length of less than one year. Whilst these projects produce significant benefits in terms of conservation the economic benefit to the charity is limited. It is therefore the policy of the charity to charge a rate of 100% depreciation in the year of purchase on any fixed assets that are purchased in respect of such projects.
- Depreciation on freehold property has been charged at 0%, apart from certain improvements to the properties, which 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 2021**

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**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 2021**

**3. Statement of financial activities from the prior year**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations	4	298,423	7,527	305,950
Charitable activities	5			
Conservation projects		5,482	1,010,413	1,015,895
Reserve projects		49,059	202,332	251,391
Education projects		11,172	35,668	46,840
Other trading activities	6	165,280	200	165,480
Investment income	7	1,147	-	1,147
<b>Total income</b>		<u>530,563</u>	<u>1,256,140</u>	<u>1,786,703</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	8	261,228	-	261,228
Charitable activities	9			
Conservation projects		116,467	1,063,164	1,179,631
Reserve projects		110,945	71,083	182,028
Education projects		13,480	59,602	73,082
Publications and affiliations		20,081	-	20,081
Visitor centres		91,919	784	92,703
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>614,120</u>	<u>1,194,633</u>	<u>1,808,753</u>
<b>Net movement in funds before transfers</b>		( 83,557 )	61,507	( 22,050 )
Transfer between funds	21	( 49,701 )	49,701	
<b>Net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<u>( 133,258 )</u>	<u>111,208</u>	<u>( 22,050 )</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		711,527	1,004,732	1,716,259
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>578,269</u>	<u>1,115,940</u>	<u>1,694,209</u>

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

**4. Donations and legacies**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions	250,882	236,846
Donations	57,841	33,102
Legacies	180,356	36,002
Government grants	45,000	-
	<u>514,079</u>	<u>305,950</u>

**5. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants	919,757	1,109,172
Events income	1,340	2,825
Conservation income	52,345	55,180
Reservation income	115,858	127,086
Educational visits	10,629	15,772
Other income	-	4,091
	<u>1,099,929</u>	<u>1,314,126</u>

**Summary of grants**

Durham County Council	45,000	24,126
The National Lottery Heritage Fund	656,435	509,121
The Environment Agency	-	90,000
Northumbrian Water	12,200	145,000
Highways England	-	105,000
Gateshead Council	-	43,700
Groundwork North East	53,949	64,401
County Durham Community Foundation	14,436	8,355
The Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	-
Sunderland City Council	15,000	7,990
The Scotto Trust	7,500	5,000
RSWT	10,000	-
Suez	45,613	-
Banister Trust	17,500	-
Schroder Trust	5,000	-
The Auckland Project	-	5,457
Fairy Water Trust	-	10,000
Bernard Sunley Foundation	-	5,000
North Pennines Dales Leader	-	49,793
South Tyneside Council	-	10,790
Other (less than £5,000)	20,124	25,439
	<u>917,757</u>	<u>1,044,379</u>

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

**6. Other trading activities**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Visitor centre income	20,170	21,414
Other trading income	-	13,119
Income from trading subsidiary	306,924	130,947
	<u>327,094</u>	<u>165,480</u>

**7. Investment income**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest received	2,264	1,147
	<u>2,264</u>	<u>1,147</u>

**8. Raising funds**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Staff costs	87,068	94,945
Fundraising expenses	15,228	7,492
	<u>102,296</u>	<u>102,437</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	6,375	14,408
Other visitors centre costs	59	661
Promotional expenses	7,618	10,461
Support costs for generating funds	13,961	11,271
Trading expenditure from subsidiary	243,774	121,990
	<u>374,083</u>	<u>261,228</u>

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

**9. Charitable activities expenditure**

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Conservation projects	718,737	83,931	802,668	1,179,631
Reserves projects	110,111	-	110,111	182,028
Education projects	27,815	-	27,815	73,082
Publications and affiliations	1,734	25,404	27,136	20,081
Visitors centres	5,879	34,792	40,671	92,703
	<u>861,912</u>	<u>144,127</u>	<u>1,007,771</u>	<u>1,547,525</u>

**10. Support costs**

	Management Costs	Governance costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Conservation projects	47,555	36,376	83,931	81,354
Publications and affiliations	16,933	8,471	25,404	20,081
Visitors centres	30,438	4,354	34,792	11,809
	<u>94,926</u>	<u>49,201</u>	<u>144,127</u>	<u>140,352</u>

**11. Governance costs**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors fees	5,400	10,222
RWST Membership	12,590	12,590
DWT Magazine & Marketing	31,211	31,510
	<u>49,201</u>	<u>54,322</u>



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

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**12. Net income for the year**

Net income is stated after charging;

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation	17,558	25,041
Deficit/(surplus) on disposal of fixed assets	( 3,000 )	( 3,000 )
	<u>17,558</u>	<u>25,041</u>

**13. Auditors remuneration**

The auditors remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £5,400 (2020 - £5,000) and non-audit fees of £1,548 (2020 - £9,226).

**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;

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income	1,663,736	1,487,741
Expenditure	( 1,282,207 )	( 1,229,252 )
<b>Net income</b>	<u>381,529</u>	<u>258,489</u>

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

**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:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	551,426	513,405
Social security costs	44,713	38,749
Other pension costs	12,441	22,576
	<u>608,580</u>	<u>574,730</u>

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

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Costs of generating funds	3	3
Charitable activities	23	23
Management and administration	3	2
	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 (2020 – none).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2020 – £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020 - £nil).

There were no expenses paid to trustees during the year (2020 - £27 paid to one trustee for travel expenses).

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 £204,140 (2020 - £150,892).

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

**16. Tangible fixed assets**  
**Group and charity**

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Equipment, fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2020	1,170,809	127,567	918,946	123,619	2,340,941
Additions	78,317	-	9,751	11,500	99,568
Disposals	-	-	-	( 39,852 )	( 39,852 )
At 31 March 2021	1,249,126	127,567	928,697	95,267	2,400,657
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2020	520,191	44,532	918,669	121,437	1,604,829
Charge for the year	4,514	-	7,988	5,057	17,559
Disposals	-	-	-	( 39,853 )	( 39,853 )
At 31 March 2021	524,705	44,532	926,657	86,641	1,588,535
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 March 2021	724,421	83,035	2,040	8,626	818,122
At 31 March 2020	650,617	83,035	277	2,182	736,111

Included within freehold property and long leasehold are nature reserves with a total cost of £659,469 and £83,035, respectively. No depreciation has been charged on these amounts.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**17. Investments**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Share in subsidiary undertaking	-	-	12	12

<b>Company</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Percentage Shareholding</b>	<b>Description</b>
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:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	306,924	149,277
Cost of sales	( 239,217 )	( 117,688 )
Administrative expenses	( 4,557 )	( 4,302 )
Bank interest received	2	9
Profit for the year	63,152	27,296
Distribution to Durham Wildlife Trust	7,296	54,039
Total assets	158,633	44,197
Total liabilities	( 61,572 )	( 2,367 )
Shareholders' funds	97,061	41,820

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**18. Stocks**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Stocks	7,606	6,030	7,606	6,030

**19. Debtors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	150,671	45,187	35,303	33,007
Prepayments	4,491	4,901	4,491	4,901
Accrued income	234,549	609,336	234,549	609,336
	<u>389,711</u>	<u>659,424</u>	<u>274,343</u>	<u>647,244</u>

**20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	54,531	381,844	15,083	381,822
Social Security and other taxes	33,113	12,157	13,990	10,898
Accruals	17,469	11,563	17,469	10,480
Deferred Income	411	-	411	-
Other creditors	9,820	6,987	6,816	6,987
	<u>115,344</u>	<u>412,551</u>	<u>53,769</u>	<u>410,187</u>

**Deferred income**

	<b>£</b>
At 1 April 2020	-
Released to incoming resources	-
Amounts deferred during the year	411
	<u>411</u>



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**21. Analysis of funds**

*Year ended 31 March 2021*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Carried Forward £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
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 )	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>578,269</b>	<b>925,185</b>	<b>( 586,016 )</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>918,139</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
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	( 29,894 )	-	100,931
Emergency Funds	-	45,700	( 45,700 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>1,115,940</b>	<b>1,037,550</b>	<b>( 939,964 )</b>	<b>( 701 )</b>	<b>1,212,825</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,694,209</b>	<b>1,962,735</b>	<b>( 1,525,981 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,130,964</b>

Transfers are made between funds when a fund has closed from restricted into unrestricted funds.

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**21. Analysis of funds (Continued)**

*Year ended 31 March 2020*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Carried Forward £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General fund	644,527	530,563	( 569,790 )	( 49,701 )	555,599
Designated funds					
Low Barn Improvements	26,000	-	( 26,000 )	-	-
Volunteers	24,000	-	( 14,080 )	-	9,920
Vehicle Replacement	17,000	-	( 4,250 )	-	12,750
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>711,527</b>	<b>530,563</b>	<b>( 614,120 )</b>	<b>( 49,701 )</b>	<b>578,269</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Awards for All	14,179	-	-	( 14,179 )	-
Discover Bright Water	10,055	732,744	( 707,467 )	37,079	72,411
Heart of Durham	8,505	43,939	( 35,449 )	-	16,995
Land of Oak and Iron	144,196	64,400	( 58,416 )	( 98,526 )	51,654
Naturally Native	90,283	54,252	( 74,894 )	-	69,641
Tree Week	586	-	-	-	586
Upper Teesdale	115	-	-	-	115
Low Barns	14,720	143,663	( 99,324 )	12,460	62,519
Rainton Meadows	84,561	62,567	( 42,304 )	162	104,986
Conservation Projects	175,330	58,403	( 71,055 )	13,459	176,137
Education Projects	25,341	35,783	( 61,369 )	17,585	14,730
Living Landscapes Projects	437,124	69,126	( 44,355 )	84,271	546,166
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>1,004,732</b>	<b>1,256,140</b>	<b>( 1,194,633 )</b>	<b>49,701</b>	<b>1,115,940</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,716,259</b>	<b>1,786,703</b>	<b>( 1,808,753 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,694,209</b>

**DESIGNATED FUNDS:**

**Volunteers**

This fund is to support volunteer activity.

**Vehicle Replacement**

This fund is to contribute to the future replacement of vehicles.

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**21. Analysis of funds (Continued)**

**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.

**Rainton Meadows**

A project to manage the Trust's Rainton Meadow Nature Reserve.

**Reserves North (MWB Wood)**

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

**Conservation Projects**

A fund created during 2019-20 to consolidate smaller conservation projects into a single Department in order to simplify financial management and reporting. Individual projects are identifiable by Project Codes.

**Education Projects**

A fund created during 2019-20 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 2019-20 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.

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**22. Analysis of net assets between funds**

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible assets	197,419	-	620,703	818,122
Current assets	826,144	9,920	592,122	1,428,186
Creditors amounts due within one year	( 115,344 )	-	-	( 115,344 )
	<u>908,219</u>	<u>9,920</u>	<u>1,212,825</u>	<u>2,130,964</u>

Year ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible assets	193,725	-	542,386	736,111
Current assets	774,425	22,670	573,554	1,370,649
Creditors amounts due within one year	( 412,551 )	-	-	( 412,551 )
	<u>555,599</u>	<u>22,670</u>	<u>1,115,940</u>	<u>1,694,209</u>

**22. Operating leases**

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than one year	6,954	10,193
Later than one and not later than five years	3,665	6,954
Due more than five years	-	3,665
	<u>10,619</u>	<u>20,812</u>

**23. Related Party Transactions**

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2020 – none).

**24. Pension Commitments**

The charity operates a money purchase pension scheme. The pension scheme cost charge of £12,441 (2020 - £22,576) represent amounts payable by the charity. Unremitted amounts of £6,816 (2020 - £5,253) representing one month's deductions is included in creditors.

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**25. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year	456,973	( 22,050 )
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	( 2,264 )	( 1,147 )
Depreciation on tangible assets	17,557	25,042
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	( 3,000 )	( 3,000 )
Increase in stock	( 1,576 )	( 320 )
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	288,941	( 288,829 )
Decrease/increase in creditors	( 336,655 )	32,910
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>419,975</u>	<u>( 57,394 )</u>

**26. Analysis of net debt**

There charitable company had no debt during the year.