FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

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RADNORSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 1999

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COMPANY INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:	N Myhill (Chairman) D Garman (Joint Vice Chairman) L Fleming-Williams (Joint Vice Chairman) D Lloyd (Secretary) A Morgan M Morgan B Jenkins R Eckley (Resigned 17 October 1998) P Jennings P Anderson (Resigned 7 November 1998) C Austin D Drewett E Hayward
	D Humphreys M T Gibson-Watt M Hughes (Resigned 17 October 1998) R Ramsden A Gallagher G Houghton
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Warwick House High Street Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 6AG
REGISTERED NUMBER:	2132736
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	519021
AUDITORS:	Andrew Jones & Co Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor The Old Surgery Spa Road Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 6EY
SOLICITORS:	Williams Beales & Co 9 Broad Street Hay on Wye Herefordshire HR3 5DB
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council Members present their annual report with the Financial Statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1999

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is that of the promotion in Radnorshire of the conservation, maintenance and study, for charitable purposes, of places and objects of botanical, zoological, geological, ecological or scientific interest.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The company relies on donations, grants and fund-raising income to fund its activities. During the year the company received grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Biological Evaluation and Monitoring Project.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each Council Member is also a member of the company and as such is liable, on the company being wound up, to contribute such a sum as may be required not exceeding £1.00.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Council Members to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Council Members are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · 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 company will continue in business

The Council Members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

COMPANY STATUS AND TAXATION

The company is registered as a charity and in the opinion of the Council Members is, therefore, not liable to taxation.

YEAR 2000

As discussed at length in the media, many computers and microchips only recognise dates using the last two digits of the year and will therefore need to be modified or replaced to record the year 2000. The company depends on a computerised accounting system to prepare the Accounts and record the transactions. In addition the company could be affected by the systems used by its suppliers etc. As a result the company could be at risk if other parties do not deal adequately with the year 2000 issue.

The Council Members have assessed the risks to the company resulting from the change to the year 2000, and do not envisage any costs will be incurred in respect of converting computer hardware and software.

It is impossible to guarantee that no year 2000 problems will remain. However, the Council Members feel that the company will be able to deal promptly with any failures that may occur.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

AUDITORS

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The auditors, Andrew Jones & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Council Members

DT Lloyd Secretary

Approved by the Council Members on 12 July 1999

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RADNORSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AUDITORS

As described on pages 2 and 3, the company's Council Members are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those Financial Statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements by the Council Members in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 1999 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

The Old Surgery Spa Road Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5EY

28 July 1999

Andrew Jones & Co Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

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RADNORSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

		1999 £	1998 £
	Note	~	~
INCOME	2	179,409	123,661
Expenditure		(151,247)	(112,519)
OPERATING SURPLUS Exceptional Item	3 4	28,162 (14,815)	11,142 -
Interest Receivable		13,347 1,407	11,142 642
OPERATING SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		14,754	11,784
Taxation	6	-	-
OPERATING SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION Prior Year Adjustment	7	14,754 3,708	11,784
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		18,462	11,784

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial periods.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the above two financial periods.

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

The difference between the result as disclosed in the income and expenditure account and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material.

(The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements)

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1999

FIXED ASSETS	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Tangible Assets	8	457,233	458,565
		457,233	458,565
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	2,842	3,237
Debtors Cash at Bank and In Hand	10	29,756 45,836	37,419 18,641
		78,434	59,297
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,964)	(8,584)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		71,470	50,713
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1	528,703	509,278
DEFERRED INCOME	12	(8,387)	(10,544)
		520,316	498,734
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	13	121,830	108,762
Restricted	14	398,486	389,972
		520,316	498,734

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VII of the Companies Act 1985, relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Council Members

N Myhill Chairman

Approved on behalf of the Council Members on 12 July 1999

(The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared with applicable Accounting Standards under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice No.2 "Accounting by Charities".

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold Property	-	(Previously over remaining period of lease)
Field Plant and Equipment	10% and 20% on Cost	(Previously 25% on written down value)
Motor Vehicles	25% on Cost	(Previously 25% on written down value)
Furniture and Equipment	10% and 20% on Cost	(Previously 25% on written down value)
Computer Equipment	50% on Cost	(Previously 25% on cost)

No depreciation has been provided on freehold buildings. The Council Members are of the opinion that Gilfach Farmhouse as a Grade II Listed Building will have an extended useful life and that any depreciation of buildings is immaterial.

Donated Funds

Incoming resources in the form of donated assets have been included in the Income and Expenditure Account, and capitalised where appropriate at a reasonable estimate of their value.

Voluntary Help and Gifts in Kind

The financial Statements do not incorporate any value attributed to the number of voluntary hours devoted to the charity by its membership (see note 19). There are also numerous small gifts that cannot be quantified.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Capital Grants which relate to expenditure on Freehold Property are credited to the respective Fund Account. Capital Grants which relate to the cost of plant and equipment are credited to the income and expenditure account by instalments over the expected useful life of the related assets, a basis consistent with the depreciation policy. Grants receivable relating to revenue expenditure are credited to the income and expenditure account.

Accounting for Separate Funds

The financial statements of a charity must differentiate between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions, imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the charity appeal. Unrestricted funds are all the other funds of the charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999 (CONTINUED)

		(CONTINI	UED)		
2)	INCOME	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	1999 Total £	1998 Total £
,	Grants and Donations	15,940	104,769	120,709	83,522
		6,682	-	6,682	7,701
	Members' Subscriptions	10,116	_	10,116	8,623
	Rents Receivable	206	225	431	544
	Sundry Receipts	12,096	2,746	14,842	9,674
	ESA Payments Sale of Goods and	12,000	2,140	14,042	0,07
	Refreshments	7,702	_	7,702	6,380
	Fund-raising Receipts	13,915	2,799	16,714	4,082
	Income Tax Reclaimed	332	-	332	1,011
	Admission Fees	1,881	-	1,881	2,124
		68,870	110,539	179,409	123,661
	Principal grants and donations receive	vable were as unc	 der: 199	99	1998
			Unrestricted	Restricted	£
			£	£	19,925
	CCW - Core Costs		•	23,500 2,000	2,708
	- Hedgerow Renovation Schem	ne	•	6,600	2,700
	Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust		<u>•</u>	1,000	-
	Garfield Weston Foundation		•	500	_
	J Hodge Foundation		-	1,000	_
	Elanor Rathbone Charitable Trust		500	7,000	1,000
	Merthyr Charitable Trust		300	-	100
	SWALEC		550	-	500
	East Radnor Group		330	2,000	2,500
	RSNC Hanson Environment Trust	luotion	-	59,249	34,901
	Heritage Lottery Fund - Biological Ev	valuation -	-	2,636	34,301
	- Cwm Byddog	3	-	2,030	300
	British Telecom		-	-	1,800
	Colin Reid Countryside Trust		-	-	500
	Dr R Townshend Legacy		-	- 7,975	11,700
	Environment Wales		-	377	11,700
	RSNC - Mellanby Fund		12.006	311	9,674
	Welsh Office - E.S.A.	Diam	12,096	- 2,746	9,074
	Welsh Office - E.S.A. Conservation	Plan	-	2,740	•
				1999	1998
3)	OPERATING SURPLUS			£	£
	The operating surplus is stated after	charging;			
	Rent			5,200	5,200
	Auditors' Remuneration			1,469	1,469
	Depreciation			7,616	5,913
	Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets			-	62
	Amortisation of Leasehold Property			-	185
4)	EXCEPTIONAL ITEM Unexpired Proportion of Valuation Ffoesidoes Lease Surrendered or	on of Mynydd			٠
	Property	n mulchase of		14,815	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999 (CONTINUED)

5) EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

Total remuneration (excluding employers' contributions) for the year amounted to £85,409 (1998 - £49,038). Average numbers of paid staff for the year were:

Administration and Trust Management:

4 full-time employees (1998 - 3 full-time employees)

Furniture

Biological Evaluation Project

3 full-time employees (1998 - 1 full-time employee)

6) TAXATION

The company is registered as a charity and is therefore not liable to Corporation Tax

7) PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

	1999 £	1998 £
Overprovision for Depreciation in respect of change of accounting policies (see notes 1 and 8)	3,708	-

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8) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Leasehold Property £	and Equipment	Motor Vehicles £	and Equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1 April 1998	425,406	15,000	22,458	948	15,671	479,483
Additions	4,171	-	11,873	-	1,347	17,391
Disposals		(15,000)	-	-		(15,000)
At 31 March 1999	429,577	_	34,331	948	17,018	481,874
Cost	441,775		34,331	948	17,018	494,072
Revaluation 1997	(12,198)		-	_	- -	(12,198)
	429,577	-	34,331	948	17,018	481,874
Depreciation:						
At 1 April 1998	-	185	9,430	712	10,591	20,918
Prior Year Adjustments		-	(910)	236	(3,034)	(3,708)
Charge for Year	-		6,077	-	1,539	7,616
On Disposals	-	(185)	-	-	-	(185)
At 31 March 1999	-	-	14,597	948	9,096	24,641
Net Book Value						
At 31 March 1999	429,577	-	19,734	-	7,922	457,233
At 31 March 1998	425,406	14,815	13,028	236	5,080	458,565

The freehold properties were revalued at £420,000 and the leasehold property was valued at £15,000 on 5 February 1997 by Messrs Morgan & Co on the basis of freehold vacant possession value subject to certain restrictions.

Freehold Properties included in fixed assets relate to the cost of Gilfach Farm, Gamallt Plantation, Rhayader Tunnel, Pentrosfa Mire and Cwm Byddog. The company also owns land at Burfa Bog (Evenjobb), Bailey Einon Wood (Llandrindod Wells), Cefn Cenarth Wood (St Harmon), Sidelands at Home Farm (Penybont),) and Werndryd (Franksbridge), all of which have been gifted to the company in previous years. These reserves have been included in freehold property at their valuation in the revaluation of freehold property in the year ended 31 March 1997.

During the year the company purchased land at Mynydd Ffoesidoes at its open market value of £4,000 plus costs, of which the Heritage Lottery Fund contributed a grant of £3,120. This property was previously leased for 99 years from 1979.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999 (CONTINUED)

The prior year adjustment represents an adjustment to depreciation brought forward in respect of a change in accounting policies (see notes 1 and 7).

Grants totalling £4,839 (1998 - £12,585) were received in respect of capital expenditure during the year.

		1999 £	1998 £
9)	STOCKS		
	Goods for Resale and Office Stocks	2,842	3,237
10)	DEBTORS		
	Prepayments	673	603
	Grants Receivable	28,487	33,712
	Debtors	596	3,104
		29,756	37,419
11)	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
	Sundry Creditors	2,292	3,231
	Accruals	2,644	3,629
	Social Security Costs	2,028	1,724
		6,964	8,584

12) **DEFERRED INCOME**

Deferred income relates to grants received towards the cost of plant and equipment, etc, which will be credited to the income and expenditure account by instalments over the expected useful life of the related assets, a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

13)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	1999 £	1998 £
	Balance at 1 April 1998	108,762	58,819
	Surplus for the Year	9,536	10,761
	Transfer from Restricted Funds	-	39,182
	Prior Year Adjustment - Transfer from Restricted		
	Funds (see note 16)	3,532	-
	Balance at 31 March 1999	121,830	108,762

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999 (CONTINUED)

14)	RESTRICTED FUNDS	1999 £	1998 £
	Balance at 1 April 1998	389,972	422,813
	Surplus for the Year	8,926	1,023
	Capital Grants Received	3,120	5,318
	Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	<u>-</u>	(39,182)
	Prior Year Adjustment - Transfer to Unrestricted		,
	Funds (see note 16)	(3,532)	-
			
	Balance at 31 March 1999	398,486	389,972
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Restricted Funds are represented by funds raised less expenditure incurred, donations and grants received for the purchase or renovation of freehold properties and after revaluation of freehold properties, and for Restricted Income Projects, as under.

389,972

398,486

RESTRICTED CAPITAL FUNDS:		
Gilfach Farm	170,000	170,000
Gilfach Farmhouse and Barn Restoration	150,000	150,000
Gamalit Plantation	24,000	24,000
Rhayader Tunnel	1,500	1,500
Pentrosfa Mire	35,000	35,000
Heritage Lottery Fund (Cwm Byddog Reserve)	5,318	5,318
Heritage Lottery Fund (Mynydd Ffoesidoes)	3,120	-
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS:		
Gilfach Project	-	3,532
Heritage Lottery Fund (Biological Evaluation Project)	9,171	622
RSNC Mellanby Fund - Watch Group Project	377	-

15) ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	NET CURRENT ASSETS	DEFERRED INCOME	TOTAL
Restricted Funds:	£	£	£	£
Gilfach Farm	170,000			170,000
Gilfach Farmhouse & Barn				
Restoration	150,000			150,000
Gamailt Plantation	24,000			24,000
Rhayader Tunnel	1,500			1,500
Pentrosfa Mire	35,000			35,000
Cwm Byddog	5,318			5,318
Mynydd Ffoesidoes	3,120			3,120
Heritage Lottery Fund:				
Biological Evaluation Project	1,662	9,600	(2,091)	9,171
RSNC - Watch Group Project	<u> </u>	377		377
	390,600	9,977	(2,091)	398,486
Unrestricted Funds	66,633	61,493	(6,296)	121,830
	457,233	71,470	(8,387)	520,316

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999 (CONTINUED)

16) TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Capital Funds £	Restricted Project Funds £	TOTAL £
Transfers in Year:				
Transfers To Core From Projects	23,801	(23,801)	-	-
Transfers to Projects from Core Funds	(6,817)	6,817		<u>-</u>
	16,984	(16,984)	-	
Prior Year Adjustment:				
Transfers to Core from Projects	3,532	(3,532)	-	-
				

The transfers to Core or Unrestricted Funds from Project Funds represents:

- unspent money which has been transferred to Core funding for general use by the company.
- transfers to cover the costs of administering and supporting these projects by the core functions.

The transfers to Project Funds from Unrestricted Funds reflects the allocation of general funds for specific purposes.

17) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are contingent liabilities in respect of grants made to Radnorshire Wildlife Trust Limited by certain authorities and organisations, in the event of non-compliance with the terms of the grant offers. The Council Members are not aware of non-compliance.

18) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company paid rent of £5,200 (1998 - £5,200) to Mr D Garman who is a Council Member. The transaction was carried out on an arm's length basis.

19) VOLUNTARY HELP

The Council Members have estimated the value of voluntary help received during the year as £13,412 (1998 - £8,320).

20) COUNCIL MEMBERS (TRUSTEES) REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the year to any council member or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

A total of £926 (1998 - £842) was reimbursed to Council Members in the year. These payments were for travel costs incurred in providing voluntary help.

21) POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the year end the Trust has been allocated a Heritage Lottery Grant of approximately £524,000 to be spread over five years towards management on ten of the Trust's nature reserves. The Trust has also applied for grants in respect of further improvements to Gilfach.