Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 for

South East Wales Rivers Trust



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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018. 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are those of promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the waterways within the South East Wales catchment area together with that of the indigenous species of animal and plant life in such waterways. In doing so, the charity will undertake to advance the education of the public in the needs and requirements of aquatic habitats and support the social and economic regeneration of the catchments by engendering the sustainable use of the river valleys and the associated environment with benefits to the region's economy, social well-being, tourism and regeneration. The charity will act as a focal point and coordinator between similar organisations and with the national authorities to achieve these goals.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Business Review for the Year

During the year the Trust carried out a European Eel in the Classroom Project to replace the work we have carried out for many years in the schools with Salmon. This engendered much interest as there have always been myths and misunderstandings about Eels. The project, which was part of a larger project on the River Thaw funded by a grant from RWE Power, produced an unexpected interest in the plight of the endangered European Eel. It also helped us to substantially increase the funding for this project with grants from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales for habitat improvements to benefit eels. The overall success of this project, working in partnership with other Rivers Trusts, and with help from the local farming community was a good example of the Trust working in partnership with like-minded organisations.

The Trust directors and volunteers continued with their Angling Taster Days, involving a large number of Registered Coaches from various South Wales Angling Clubs. During the year these events, continued to be very well received, especially those organised during the National Fishing Months of July and August 2017. This coaching work, as well as catering for able bodied individuals, also attracted a considerable number of disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages. This important project has successfully introduced a wide variety of individuals into the sport of Angling.

The Gwyl Taf Project continued through the year with more work and improvements at Pontygwaith Nature Reserve as well as using the funding from the Post Code Lottery to enhance the Pontygwaith area. New courses for schools have been developed and trialled during the year including "You and Your River" and "How your River works". The funding for Gwyl Taf came to an end in March 2018 and we are currently working with Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association who own the land to see if another source of funding can be obtained to continue work on this well used area.

During the year, we received £40,000 funding from a civil sanction to establish a new project. A civil sanction is where a company or organisation does environmental damage and it is certain that a court case will result. During the fact-finding stage, to avoid a court case, the company can ask to pay a Civil Sanction for work to be carried out in or near to the area where the environmental damage was done or, in agreement with the prosecuting Authority, in an area where the spending of the Civil Sanction will result in the greatest benefit to the Environment. In our case this will be the River Taff catchment area. As a result, we have established a project with this money - The Taff Ely Alternative Mitigation (TEAM) Project, and employed a part-time project officer. Further funds will be attracted for this project over the coming year.

The consolidated six rivers trusts in Wales, namely the South East Wales Rivers Trust, West Wales Rivers Trust, Clwyd Conway and Gwynedd Trust, The Dee Rivers Trust, The Wye & Usk Foundation and the Severn Rivers Trust (The Severn Rivers Trust carries out much work in Wales and is called a Cross Border River Trust), agreed that Afonydd Cymru would make an "All Wales" bid to the European Marine Fisheries Fund for funding on Migratory Fish Rivers. This bid was completed by Dr Stephen Marsh-Smith OBE, CEO of Afonydd Cymru. Initial approval for the funding came through in early January 2018, but as with all these funds, it was not until later in 2018 that the final consent was given, resulting in us not being able to start any work with this fund until late in the year.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE Business Review for the Year

In early 2017 we were given the opportunity to take over a small shop unit in Treforest owned by Greggs the Bakers for the Trust to use as an office. This is proving a very useful base to work from and also provides meeting facilities. Greggs are a substantial supporter of charitable causes and we are grateful for all the help they have given us in providing this unit, and also for all of the funding over the years that they have donated.

On the funding front, the Trust is very grateful to Natural Resources Wales, where the majority of our funding for specific projects comes from. In order to try to diversify the sources of funds into the Trust, we have looked in detail at funding from the Rural Development Fund. This was progressed in the year to a successful conclusion and we were awarded funds in late 2017. This project is on the River Taf Bargoed and is aimed at involving the local community. We have a dedicated project officer running this project who started in March 2018. It is a catchment-based project and the hope is that success with this project that is teasing out the catchment's problems will lead to a very much larger bid being made to a Sustainable Management Fund in late 2018.

We utilised the expertise of Dr Stephen Marsh Smith (mentioned above) to investigate and apply for funding from other sources throughout 2017.

We were successful in March 2018 in agreeing with Natural Resources Wales to use the money that was held in the Cardiff Bay Mitigation Fund. This fund was originally established to help the salmon population on the River Taff after completion of the Cardiff Bay Barrage. A project officer will be employed from this fund and we will be looking in 2018 at several projects that have been identified by Natural Resources Wales as being essential work to improve the River Taff system for migratory fish passage and spawning.

We have set up a new Trust Web site and will be looking to make use of it in the future. We will also continue to look for more funding avenues to enable us to look at other projects in South East Wales.

FUTURE PLANS

The directors and trustees will continue to work closely with all its partners and contacts to release additional funding that will be used to promote our aims and objective and to build on our past successful projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

The Trust was established as a company limited by guarantee with each member agreeing to contribute £1 towards the payment of any debts should the company ever be wound up and unable to pay it in full its liabilities. In the event of the company being wound up with a surplus of assets after all liabilities have been met, all such surpluses will be distributed to like-minded "not-for-profit" organisations.

Decision making

The Charity is organised and policy implemented through the Board of Directors who meet every two months.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Public Benefit delivery and charitable activities

Through the implementation of the Trust's projects, which promote and actively manage conservation, protection and improvement to the waterways, animals, plant life and public access within the South East Wales rivers catchment area, there is a charitable benefit to the public.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06339974 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1145724

Registered office

Former Glancynon Vestry Glancynon Terrace Abercynon Mountain Ash CF45 4TG

Trustees

Mr D Baynham
Mr J I Mead
Mr A Rees MBE
Mr D F Roberts
Mr J Taylor
Professor R J Williams
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Company Secretary

Mr D Baynham

Independent examiner

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11111 because 1018 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Rees MBE - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South East Wales Rivers Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South East Wales Rivers Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Huw Palin ACA BPU Limited

Chartered Accountants

Date: 12 December 2018.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Administration of designated funds Charitable activities		2,153	-	2,153	11,059
Grants received		•	73,489	73,489	114,153
Investment income	2	3	-	3	4
Total		2,156	73,489	75,645	125,216
EXPENDITURE ON Direct project work Charitable activities Other		6,331	78,039	78,039 6,331	3,348
Total		6,331	78,039	84,370	91,854
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,175)	(4,550)	(8,725)	33,362
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		35,577	100,197	135,774	102,412
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		31,402	95,647 ———	127,049	135,774

Balance Sheet At 31 March 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	6	1,431 30,571	- 95,647	1,431 126,218	- 136,374
		32,002	95,647	127,649	136,374
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	ar 7	(600)		(600)	(600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,402	95,647	127,049	135,774
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURREN' LIABILITIES	Т	31,402	95,647	127,049	135,774
NET ASSETS		31,402	95,647	127,049	135,774
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	9			31,402 95,647	35,577 100,197
TOTAL FUNDS				127,049	135,774

Balance Sheet - continued At 31 March 2018

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 12 2018, and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr J Taylor -Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charitycharity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are primarily received from Natural Resources Wales with the remaining grants coming from other institutions both private and public. All Grants and donations received are in relation to the charity's primary objectives as detailed on page 1 of the report of the Trustees.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2018 £	2017 £
Interest received	3	4

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2018 nor for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustee expenses paid in the year.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricte d fund £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Administration of designated funds Charitable activities	11,059	-	11,059
Grants received	-	114,153	114,153
Investment income	4.		4
Total	11,063	114,153	125,216
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	-	88,506	88,506
Other	3,348		3,348
Total	3,348	88,506	91,854
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	7,715	25,647	33,362
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	27,862	74,550	102,412
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	35,577	100,197	135,774

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

5.	STAFF COSTS		
	Wages & salaries (all expended on direct charitable activities) Pension Cost Social security costs (net of small employer discount)	2018 £ 26,292 121 	2017 £ 29,900 - - 29,900
	Average number of employees Project staff involved in direct charitable activities	2018 Number 2	2017 Number 2
6.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2040	
	Prepayments and accrued income	2018 £ <u>1,431</u>	2017 £ ————
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Accruals and deferred income	2018 £ 600	2017 £ 600

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Unrestricted funds General fund	At 1/4/17 £ 35,577	Net movement in funds £ (4,175)	At 31/3/18 £ 31,402
Restricted funds		() ,	
Cardiff Bay Angling Participation project	8,904	(8,904)	-
Fishing in Safe Hands Merthyr project	6,899	(6,899)	-
Gwyl Taf Project	10,582	(10,582)	-
Greggs new opportunities fund	16,691	(10,629)	6,062
NRW Salmon project - Eels in River	700	(700)	-
River Courses Restoration	6,421	(6,421)	-
RWE Power River Thaw Project	50,000	(5,600)	44,400
Fish Passages under Fixed Structures	-	5,360	5,360
Taff & Ely Alternative Mitigation (TEAM)		39,825	39,825
	100,197	(4,550)	95,647
TOTAL FUNDS	135,774	(8,725)	127,049

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,156	(6,331)	(4,175)
Restricted funds			
Gwyl Taf Project	4,179	(14,761)	(10,582)
Reintroducing spawning gravel Taf & Ebbw	550	(550)	-
River Courses Restoration	-	(6,421)	(6,421)
RWE Power River Thaw Project	19,400	(25,000)	(5,600)
Fish Passages under Fixed Structures	9,360	(4,000)	5,360
Taff & Ely Alternative Mitigation (TEAM)	40,000	(175)	39,825
Cardiff Bay Angling Participation project	-	(8,904)	(8,904)
Fishing in Safe Hands Merthyr project	-	(6,899)	(6,899)
Greggs new opportunities fund	-	(10,629)	(10,629)
NRW Salmon project - Eels in River		(700)	<u>(700</u>)
	73,489	(78,039)	(4,550)
TOTAL FUNDS	75,645	<u>(84,370</u>)	(8,725)

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	Comparatives	for	movement in	funds
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·	At 1/4/16 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/17 £
Unrestricted Funds General fund	27,862	7,715	35,577
Restricted Funds Cardiff Bay Angling Participation project Fishing in Safe Hands Merthyr project Gwyl Taf Project Reintroducing spawning gravel Taf & Ebbw Greggs new opportunities fund NRW Salmon project - Eels in River River Courses Restoration RWE Power River Thaw Project	12,939 12,714 17,451 7,155 23,591 700	(4,035) (5,815) (6,869) (7,155) (6,900) - 6,421 	8,904 6,899 10,582 16,691 700 6,421 50,000
	74,550 ———	25,647 ———	100,197
TOTAL FUNDS	102,412	33,362	135,774

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,063	(3,348)	7,715
Restricted funds			
Gwyl Taf Project	18,700	(25,569)	(6,869)
Greggs new opportunities fund	-	(6,900)	(6,900)
River Courses Restoration	41,053	(34,632)	6,421
Rivers Survey	4,400	(4,400)	-
RWE Power River Thaw Project	50,000	-	50,000
Cardiff Bay Angling Participation project	•	(4,035)	(4,035)
Fishing in Safe Hands Merthyr project	-	(5,815)	(5,815)
Reintroducing spawning gravel Taf & Ebbw		<u>(7,155</u>)	(7,155)
	114,153	(88,506)	25,647
			
TOTAL FUNDS	125,216	<u>(91,854</u>)	33,362

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Information on the Restricted Funds for ongoing projects

SOURCE OF FUNDS	PURPOSE	AMOUNTS RECEIVED
Natural Resources Wales	Cardiff Bay Angling Participation project. To introduce and encourage people of all ages and abilities into the sport of Angling, including holding demonstration and coaching classes in the Cardiff and Vale areas. This project ceased in the year.	£23,750
Natural Resources Wales	Fish (Merthyr) project. To introduce and encourage people of all ages and abilities into the sport of Angling, including holding demonstration and coaching classes in the Merthyr and surrounding Valleys areas. This project ceased in the year.	£39,750
A combination of: Natural Resources Wales, Greggs the Bakers, P B Gelatins UK and Merthyr Town Borough Council	Gwyl Taf Project: Funding for project officers to:- Assist in the continuing recovery and regeneration of the River Taff and surrounding land from being a polluted, unloved and neglected river to one of the premier fishing and activity based rivers in the UK. Some of the works involved: Organising volunteers to participate on work along the river banks and associated nature reserves. Creating and undertaking classroom based environmental learning programmes for schools. Publicising the project and it's successes.	£131,792
Greggs the Bakers	This project ceased during the year. New Opportunities Fund. A grant to assist the Trust and its national body (Afonydd Cymru) to engage a specialist individual whose role would be to identify and bid for funds to carry out their future Charitable work.	£25,000
Natural Resources Wales	Salmon Project. To assist in the purchase of equipment required to support a previously completed project on Salmon migration.	£700
Natural Resources Wales	Restoration and Improvement to Rivers. To improve river barriers for migratory fish movement to the upper reaches of the smaller rivers and tributaries in South East Wales and undertake preventative work on trees that potentially could fall into and block these smaller rivers. This project ceased during the year.	£41,053

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

RWE Power and Natural Resources Wales	River Thaw Project. To improve the habitat in and around the river and to reduce the silt load and decrease the phosphate level in the river. These measures aim to improve the river for migratory Eels and Salmon.	£69,400
Natural Resources Wales	Fish Passages (River Easement) Project. To investigate and improve areas under fixed structures (e.g. bridges) where barriers to fish movement exist.	£9,360
P B Gelatins UK and Natural Resources Wales	Taff and Ely Alternative Mitigation (TEAM). To improve the Rivers Taff & Ely for migratory fish, such improvements will also be of benefit to other fish as well as to the biodiversity of the Rivers.	£40,000

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2018.

10. MEMBERS FUNDS

The liability of the members is limited to £1 during membership or within one year after ceasing to be a member.