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Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited Company Limited by Guarantee Unaudited Financial Statements 31 March 2022

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited

Charity registration number XT1572

Company registration number NI063910

Principal office and registered 3 Lock Keeper's Lane

office

Milltown Road Belfast

BT87XT

The trustees

Mr A J J Halliday (Retired 27 September 2021)

Mr D Hughes

Mr J Jackson (Retired 27 June 2022)

Mr C Somerville Mr S Pollock

Mr R Wasson (Retired 27 September 2021)

Councillor G McAteer

(Retired 27 June 2022) Ms U McKernan (Appointed 27 June 2022) Chi Ting Yip

Councillor J Palmer Councillor A Swan Councillor U Mackin Councillor G Spratt

Ms G Daly (Appointed 27 June 2022)

Mr T Duffy Dr B Simon

Councillor K Nicholl Mr C Kinney Ms S McClintock

Company secretary Dr Andy Bridge

Independent examiner John Magee Aubrey Campbell & Company

631 Lisburn Road

Belfast BT97GT

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, governance and management

The Board is made up of public representatives from Belfast City Council (BCC), and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (LCCC), and individuals with a particular interest in the environment and conservation.

Under the guidance of a Chairman and Vice Chairman, each Director is charged with governance over the operation of the Regional Park, maintenance of its assets and welfare of its staff. There are four Board Subcommittees: Audit and Risk; Finance and Strategy; Selection and Planning. A Company Secretary is responsible for charities regulations, Companies House administration and all aspects of financial compliance. The Board meet regularly throughout the year. An effective structure runs the Park on a day to day basis. The Management Committee (including related stakeholder representatives) and Park Manager are supported by the relevant functional heads in LCCC and BCC. The Park Manager in turn manages the operational and administrative staff.

Objectives and activities

All of the Park's objectives and activities are underpinned by the Board and staff's desire to promote the Park to visitors, thus ensuring its long term future. Their strategy document and management plan outline the long term sustainability of the Regional Park and AONB. The key long term strategic focus areas are Biodiversity, Heritage, Visitors, Community, Landscape, and Health and Recreation. These themes are reflected in the five year management plan, covering the period 2017 to 2022.

The plan focuses on tasks such as biodiversity monitoring, enhancement and protection through practical conservation of woodland, wetland, wildflower meadow and hedgerow, to extensive survey work of key fauna including bees, butterflies, wildfowl and small mammals. The Park actively promotes and protects the built and cultural heritage of the area and is exploring the potential to uncovering the archaeological aspects of the area with a proposed audit of archaeological features in the park from which a a larger project may develop. The team also cover aspects of recreational planning and support for a range of diverse park users and visitors. In built planning, the regional park ensures that planning policy plays its part in preserving the Park's character, landscapes and biodiversity and this year responded to 21 planning consultations, as well as contributing to several strategic consultations affecting the Park and the wider countryside.

The Park continues to maintain over 42km of paths to make the Park accessible to the general public, to investigate the possibility of physical links to other conservation areas, and to further enhance the existing towpath. Park management are also working on ongoing practical works, aimed at the conservation of rare species and habitats, whilst sympathetically improving the aesthetics of the Park. This includes developing biodiversity by way of promoting and protecting priority species, through tackling invasive species via a separate initiative, and by protecting and creating existing and new habitats.

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Year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance

The Regional Park continues to welcome large numbers of visitor with 1.8 million visitors recorded during 2021 maintaining its status as being one of the most popular complimentary visitor attractions in Northern Ireland. Whilst this is a drop from the previous 1.97 million users during the 2020 covid year, it remains higher than the previous years and continues to present challenges both in terms of pressure on resources and user needs.

It has been a welcome return for staff and volunteers alike to be able to get involved again in direct community support for this valuable resource and whilst by year end we are not at full capacity, we are well on course to return to pre-covid community engagement.

Financial review

Core funding for the Park comes from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Belfast City Council, the Department for Infrastructure. Despite continuing difficulties as a result of austerity and the political impasse on the not-for-profit sector in Northern Ireland, we successfully secured £207,263 of funding during the 2021/22 financial year. This is moderately lower than the previous year.

As expected, core costs are almost entirely consistent with the previous year. As with the prior two years, careful financial planning and management means that the company was in an annual surplus of funds. This has an effect of leaving an overall underspend of approximately £8,000.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 October 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr D Hughes

Trustee

Mr C Somerville

Trustee

Mr S Pollock

Trustee

Councillor G McAteer

Trustee

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Chi Ting Yip

Trustee

Councillor J Palmer

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Councillor G Spratt

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Ms G Daly

Trustee

Mr T Duffy

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Dr B Simon

Trustee

Trustee

Mr C Kinney

Councillor K Nicholl

Trustee

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Ms S McClintock

Trustee

Dr Andy Bridge

Charity Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

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 the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Magee
Aubrey Campbell & Company
Independent Examiner

631 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 7GT

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022			2021
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Income	5	207,263	207,263	208,769
Total income		207,263	207,263	208,769
Expenditure			•	<u>- : </u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	199,564	199,564	183,233
Total expenditure		199,564	199,564	183,233
Net income		7,699	7,699	25,536
Other adjustments	13	-	_	(11,996)
Net movement in funds		7,699	7,699	13,540
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward		173,617	173,617	160,077
Total funds carried forward		181,316	181,316	173,617

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	2022		?	2021
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		5,526	5,454
Current assets				
Debtors	15	162,054		153,827
Cash at bank and in hand		16,736		17,336
		178,790		171,163
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	3,000		3,000
Net current assets			175,790	168,163
Total assets less current liabilities			181,316	173,617
Net assets			181,316	173,617
Funds of the charity			404 040	470.047
Unrestricted funds			181,316	173,617
Total charity funds	17		181,316	173,617

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The statement of financial position continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position (continued)

31 March 2022

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr D Hughes

Trustee

Mr C Somerville

Trustee

Mr S Pollock

Trustee

Councillor G McAteer

Trustee

Chi Ting Yip

Trustee

Councillor J Palmer

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Ms G Daly

Trustee

Mr T Duffy

Dr B Simon

Trustee

Councillor K Nicholl

Trustee

Mr C Kinney Trustee

The statement of financial position continues on the following page. The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position (continued)

31 March 2022

Ms S McClintock

Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Lock Keeper's Lane, Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 7XT.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. It is understood that management were not required to make any significant judgements or estimations when applying the entity's accounting policies during the year.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the
 contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual
 requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case
 it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, noncharitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking
 activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those
 support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable
 activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets (continued)

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor vehicles Equipment Fully depreciated

- 25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £5 per member of the charity.

5. Income

'Income' includes donations and grant income from various entities as listed below, and is non-trading in nature unless otherwise stated.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

5. Income (continued)

Ų.	mcome (commota)				
		Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
		Funds	2022	Funds	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Donations				
	Northern Ireland Environmental				
	Agency	6,373	6,373	10,311	10,311
	Belfast City Council - Core funding	66,055	66,055	66,055	66,055
	Belfast City Council - Additional				
	funding	15,104	15,104	15,104	15,104
	Events income	634	634	60	60
	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	66,055	66,055	66,055	66,055
	Department for Infrastructure (Cycling	,	•	,	·
	& Waterways Unit)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Heritage Lottery Fund	6,480	6,480	6,331	6,331
	Department for communities - DFC	6,562	6,562	4,853	4,853
		207,263	207,263	208,769	208,769
		201,203	201,200	200,103	200,703
6.	Expenditure on charitable activities by	by fund type			
		Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
		Funds	2022	Funds	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Lagan Valley Regional Park	166,103	166,103	151,431	151,431
	Support costs ·	33,461	33,461	31,802	31,802
		199,564	199,564	183,233	183,233

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

Lance Maller Bustoned Bard	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Lagan Valley Regional Park Governance costs	166,103 	28,984 4,477	195,087 <u>4,477</u>	178,895 4,338
	166,103	33,461	199,564	183,233

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

8. Analysis of support costs

	Communications and IT General office Finance costs Governance costs	Analysis of support costs activity 1 £ 5,434 20,552 3,000 4,475 33,461	Total 2022 £ 5,434 20,552 3,000 4,475 33,461	Total 2021 £ 4,866 20,597 2,000 4,340 31,803
9.	Net income			
	Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):		2022	2021
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		£ 1,382	£ 1,546
10.	Independent examination fees	•		
	Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		2022 £	2021 £
	Independent examination of the financial statements		2,940	2,665
		•	2,940	2,665

11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2021: 4). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	202	:2	2021
	. No.		No.
Number of administrative staff		1	1
Number of management staff		1	1
Number of other staff		3	2
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		5	4
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No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

13. Other adjustments

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	2022	2021
	£	£
Extraordinary charges	_	(11,996)

'Other adjustments' as above refers to a one-off adjustment to accumulated underspend, held and administered by LCCC, following a comprehensive review of this aspect of the finances since incorporation.

14. Tangible fixed assets

		Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 April 2021 Additions	10,239	12,366 1,454	22,605 1,454
	At 31 March 2022	10,239	13,820	24,059
	Depreciation At 1 April 2021 Charge for the year	10,239	6,912 1,382	17,151 1,382
	At 31 March 2022	10,239	8,294	18,533
	Carrying amount At 31 March 2022		5,526	5,526
	At 31 March 2021		5,454	5,454
15.	Debtors			
	Prepayments and accrued income		2022 £ 162,054	2021 £ 153,827

[&]quot;Other debtors" refers to LVRP's accumulated reserve of underspend, held by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,000	3,000

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

17. Analysis of charitable funds

	Unrestricted funds				
		At 1 April 2021		Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	General funds	£ 173,617	£ 207,263	£ (1 <u>99,564</u>)	£ 181,316
		At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2021
		£	£	£	£
	General funds	160,077	208,769	(195,229)	173,617
18.	Analysis of net assets between funds	;			
				Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors less than 1 year			5,526 178,790 (3,000)	5,526 178,790 (3,000)
	Net assets			181,316	181,316
				Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
	Tangible fixed assets			5,454	5,454
	Current assets			171,163	171,163
	Creditors less than 1 year			(3,000)	(3,000)
	Net assets			173,617	173,617