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Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited **Company Limited by Guarantee Unaudited Financial Statements** 31 March 2023

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Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors 631 Lisburn Road **Belfast BT9 7GT**

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

Year ended 31 March 2023

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 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name

Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited

Charity registration number

XT1572

Company registration number

NI063910

Principal office and registered

office

3 Lock Keeper's Lane

Milltown Road

Belfast

BT87XT

The trustees

Mr M Murray

(Appointed 19 December 2022)

Mr D Hughes

Mr J Jackson

(Retired 27 June 2022)

Mr C Somerville Mr S Pollock

Councillor G McAteer

Ms U McKernan

(Retired 27 June 2022) (Appointed 27 June 2022)

Chi Ting Yip Councillor J Palmer

Councillor A Swan Councillor U Mackin

Councillor G Spratt

Ms G Daly

Mr T Duffy

Dr B Simon Councillor K Nicholl

Mr C Kinney

Ms S McClintock

(Appointed 27 June 2022)

(Retired 16 April 2023)

Company secretary

Dr Andy Bridge

Independent examiner

John Magee Aubrey Campbell & Company

631 Lisburn Road

Belfast **BT97GT**

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Year ended 31 March 2023

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 and will be be reviewed in developing the next five year management plan 2023 to 2028.

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, wildflowl 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 14 planning consultations, as well as contributing to several strategic consultations affecting the Park and the wider countryside.

The Park continues to maintain over 47km 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 2023

Achievements and performance

The Regional Park continues to welcome large numbers of visitor with 1.8 million visitors recorded during 2021 and 2022 stabilising to a higher level than before the Covid peak of 1.97 million users. This makes it the most visited outdoor visitor attraction in Northern Ireland and continues to present challenges both in terms of pressure on resources and user needs.

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 £220,191 of funding during the 2022/23 financial year. This is higher 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 surplus. This has an effect of leaving an overall underspend of approximately £8,500.

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 2023

The trustees' annual report was approved on 11/9/2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr M Murray Trustee Mr D Hughes Trustee

Mr C Somerville Trustee

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Mr S Pollock Trustee

Councillor G McAteer Trustee

Chi Ting Yip Trustee

Councillor J Palmer Trustee

Councillor A Swan Trustee

Councillor U Mackin Trustee Councillor G Spratt Trustee

Ms G Daly Trustee Mr T Duffy Trustee

Dr B Simon Trustee Councillor K Nicholl Trustee

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

Year ended 31 March 2023

Mr C Kinney Trustee 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 2023

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 2023.

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
Abbrey 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 2023

		20	023	2022
		Unrestricted		•
		funds	Total funds	Total funds
·	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments				,
Income	5	220,191	220,191	207,263
Total income		220,191	220,191	207,263
Expenditure				,
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	211,602	211,602	199,564
Total expenditure		211,602	211,602	199,564
	•			
Net income and net movement in funds		8,589	8,589	7,699
Reconciliation of funds		. •		•
Total funds brought forward		181,316	181,316	173,617
Total funds carried forward		189,905	189,905	181,316

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 2023

		2023	3	2022
·	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets		•		•
Tangible fixed assets	13		14,876	5,526
Current assets	-			
Debtors	14	167,908		162,054
Cash at bank and in hand		10,121		16,736
•		178,029	•	178,790
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	3,000		3,000
Net current assets			175,029	175,790
Total assets less current liabilities			189,905	181,316
Net assets		•	189,905	181,316
-		•		
Funds of the charity		:		
Unrestricted funds			189,905	181,316
Total charity funds	. 16	•	189,905	181,316
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For the year ending 31 March 2023 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 2023

Mr M Murray Trustee

Mr D Hughes Trustee

Mr C Somerville

Trustee

Mr S Pollock Trustee

Councillor G McAteer

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Chi Ting Yip Trustee

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Ms G Daly Trustee

Mr T Duffy **Trustee**

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Statement of Financial Position (continued)

31 March 2023

Dr B Simon Trustee Councillor K Nicholl Trustee

Mr C Kinney Trustee Ms S McClintock Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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 2023

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, non-charitable 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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

20% 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

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.

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.

Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
Funds	2023	Funds	2022
£	£	£	£

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

Income (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	_	_	-	~ ,
Northern Ireland Environmental		•		
Agency	10,684	10,684	· 6,373	6,373
Belfast City Council - Core funding	67,000	67,000	66,055	66,055
Belfast City Council - Additional	01,000	0.,000	·	00,000
funding	15,104	15,104	15,104	15,104
Events income	-		634	634
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	66,061	66,061	66,055	66,055
Keep NI Beautiful Grant	8.778	8,778	-	-
Department for Infrastructure (Cycling	0,770	0,170	. –	_
& Waterways Unit)	42,000	42,000	40.000	40,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	4,582	4,582	6,480	6,480
	•			
Department for communities - DFC	5,982	5,982	6,562	6,562
	220,191	220,191	207,263	207,263
Expenditure on charitable activities to	by fund type			

	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2023	Funds	2022
	£	3	£	£
Lagan Valley Regional Park	171,250	171,250	166,103	166,103
Support costs	40,352	40,352	33,461	33,461
•	211,602	211,602	199,564	199,564

Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

• *	Activities			
	undertaken	Support	Total funds	Total fund
•	directly	costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Lagan Valley Regional Park	171,250	33,409	204,659	195,087
Governance costs	_	6,943	6,943	4,477
	171,250	40,352	211,602	199,564

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8. Analysis of support costs

	Communications and IT General office Finance costs	Analysis of support costs activity 1 £ 4,247 26,162 3,000 33,409	Total 2023 £ 4,247 26,162 3,000 33,409	Total 2022 £ 5,434 20,552 3,000 28,986
9.	Net income			•
	Net income is stated after charging/(crediting): Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	·	2023 £ 3,718	2022 £ 1,382
	Operating lease rentals		7,025	5,463
10.	Independent examination fees			
			2023 £	2022 £
	Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements Other assurance services Tax advisory services		1,875 575 250 2,700	1,875 575 250 2,700

11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 5). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

		2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of administrative staff		1 ·	1
Number of management staff		1	1
Number of other staff		3	3
	• .	5	5

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: 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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Year ended 31 March 2023

13. Tangible fixed assets

		Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost		•	
	At 1 April 2022	10,239	13,820	24,059
	Additions	_	13,068	13,068
	At 31 March 2023	10,239	26,888	37,127
	Depreciation			
	At 1 April 2022	10,239	8,294	18,533
	Charge for the year		3,718	3,718
	At 31 March 2023	10,239	12,012	22,251
	Carrying amount			
	At 31 March 2023	. –	14,876	14,876
	At 31 March 2022	·— <u> </u>	5,526	5,526
	·			0,020
14.	Debtors	•		
			2023	2022
			£ .	£
	Prepayments and accrued income		167,908	162,054
	·			

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

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

•	2023	2022
•	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,000	3,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds				
	At	•	A 31 March 20	
	1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure 23 £	
General funds	181,316	220,191	(211,602) 189,905	<u>;</u>
•			Α	t
•	At		31 March 20)
	1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure 22	2
	£	£	£	
General funds	173,617	207,263	(199,564) 181,316	<u>.</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds		•
	Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	14,876	14,876
Current assets	178,029	178,029
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net assets	189,905	189,905
	Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	. 2022
•	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,526	5,526
Current assets	178,790	178,790
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net assets	181,316	181,316
•		