



Derbyshire  
Wildlife Trust



# A year at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

2014-15





# Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is the only organisation working to protect all wildlife and habitats throughout Derbyshire. Run by local people, the Trust has 44 members of staff, supported by **478 volunteers** and **13,953 members**. Established in 1962, the Trust manages **42 nature reserves** across Derbyshire, covering more than **688 hectares**. We are part of a nationwide network of 47 local Wildlife Trusts, working in partnership to protect the UK's natural heritage. This annual review explains more about our priorities and progress in 2014 – 15 as we strive to create Living Landscapes rich in wildlife, valued by everyone.

Our vision

**Living Landscapes**  
rich in  
**wildlife**  
valued by **everyone**



We had **32,000 species records**, **1,765 of these were for protected species including otter, great crested newt, and water vole.**



# Create Living Landscapes in Derbyshire


**We have a recovery plan for Derbyshire's natural environment. We are restoring, recreating and reconnecting key habitats so that wildlife can thrive in Derbyshire. This year alone:**

- We had the **first record in over 30 years** for the rare plant, mountain everlasting.
- Water vole and grass snake were spotted at Wollen Meadow for the first time in **10 years**.
- We now have **1,175 Local Wildlife Sites** in Derbyshire and this year we surveyed 42 potential new sites.
- We advised 90 landowners on how to manage over **2,000 hectares** for wildlife.
- We sold 44 beef and lamb boxes and over 300 bales of hay, which helped fund our **grazing programme**.
- **5,485 consecutive days** of bird recording have been clocked up at Carr Vale, a reserve home to 217 bird species.
- **27,500 trees** have been planted over 90 different sites as part of the 3 year Value in Trees project.
- **DerwentWISE** delivered 27 projects in its first year - this is the largest landscape project we have ever undertaken.
- 1,640 butterflies were recorded as part of **Limestone Journeys** survey.

## Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in numbers



**52 years**  
protecting, restoring  
and championing  
Derbyshire's wildlife



**7** Wildlife Watch Groups  
for young people

**478** active volunteers



**13,953**  
dedicated members



**8**  
Local Groups

**42** beautiful nature  
reserves, covering  
**688 hectares**



**35**  
Corporate  
Supporters





# Inspire the people of Derbyshire about their wildlife

Improving people's understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world is fundamental to our work. This year alone:

- We delivered over **732 events** which enabled us to reach 118,097 people.
- Our volunteers contributed **3,770** days.
- We inspired **141 Nature Tots**.
- We ran 2 wonderful **education centres** and 1 outdoor classroom.
- 600 bluebells were planted by school children, community groups and MPs as part the first ever **Community Day of Action**, in partnership with Nestle Waters.
- **15 partner organisations** worked together to deliver DerwentWISE.
- Over **2,000 people** visited our peregrine Watch Points.
- Nearly **2,000 volunteers** and **500 community groups** supported the Value in Trees project.
- 491 children and 87 adults took part in the **Wildlife Guardians Sense of Place** project.
- **Limestone Journeys** created 50 meters of hedges, 3 wildflower meadows, an orchard and a pond on school grounds across Derbyshire.



We made sure 5,953 school children experienced nature first hand.



We reviewed 962 planning applications, influencing 923 and objecting to 6.

# Stand up for wildlife and Derbyshire's natural environment

We want to make sure people whose decisions affect the natural world are motivated to give wildlife a high priority. This year alone:

- We responded to **409 wildlife enquiries**.
- We vaccinated **70% of badgers** at each site targeted in the programme's first year and **90% of badgers** on three of these sites.
- We taught nearly **60 people** how to assist in the vaccination of badgers.
- We invited all 55 Prospective Parliamentary Candidates to come and meet us ahead of **2015's General Election**.
- We were awarded funding from SITA Trust to continue restoring the **River Ecclesbourne**.
- We supported the first ever **Hen Harrier Day**.
- We campaigned for a **Nature and Wellbeing Act** to ensure wildlife and wild places for everyone.
- We supported the North Sea Wildlife Trust programme to help **protect our oceans**.





# Accounts

## Income

The Trust continued to secure funding from a wide range of sources, which gives us stability should any particular source of funding reduce or cease. In 2014/15 the Trust secured £1,574,304 of income, of which £402,720 came from membership. This type of income is extremely important because the Trust can use it wherever the need is greatest to help protect local wildlife. The Trust also received £933,658 income from grant funders, public bodies and partner organisations for the delivery of specific projects as well as £184,208 as donations and legacies. Other recognised gains amounted to £58,433.

## Supporting Key Objectives

The vast majority of our expenditure (54%) was invested in the delivery of conservation for the benefit of wildlife. We also invested £500,287 (31 % of our expenditure) in inspiring and involving people with wildlife. An experienced and skilled staff team continue to be the Trust’s major asset and a major area of investment. Salaries (including national insurance and pension contributions) amounted to 59% of expenditure. We work hard to ensure we keep our administration and running costs to a minimum. Total expenditure for the year was £1,626,916 meaning the Trust made a small surplus in 2014/15 of £5,821. The Trust holds a financial reserve which covers at least three months worth of core expenditure as well as a designated project fund which will finance our move to a new HQ in 2015/16 and allow investment in our new 2015-2020 strategic plan.

**Independent auditor’s statement to the Trustees of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Limited**

We have examined the summarised financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2015 set out on pages 6 and 7.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the auditor**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and the recommendations of the Charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees’ Annual Report.

We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees’ Annual Report of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Limited for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Parkinson Matthews LLP  
Statutory Auditor

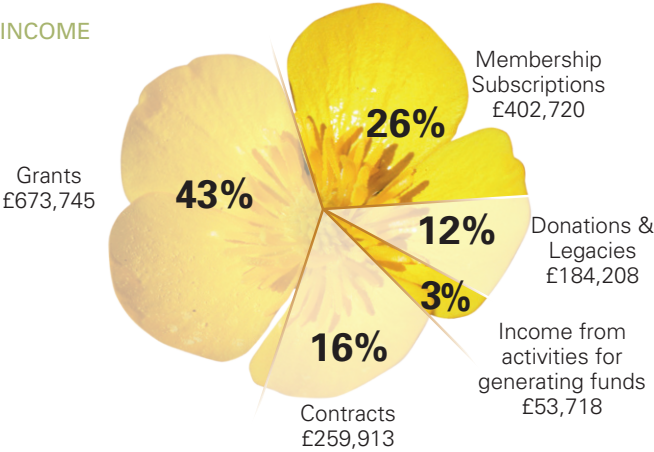
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2015

	Total 2015	Total 2014 (restated)
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>		
Voluntary income	586,928	650,173
Activities for generating funds	31,551	33,242
Investment income	22,167	12,155
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	933,658	672,690
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>1,574,304</b>	<b>1,368,260</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Cost of generating funds	225,624	229,130
Charitable activities	1,379,740	1,216,423
Governance costs	21,552	21,938
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>1,626,916</b>	<b>1,467,491</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>	(52,612)	(99,231)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>		
Gain on investments	38,630	5,480
Defined benefit pension scheme surplus/(deficit)	19,803	(283,545)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds</b>	5,821	(377,296)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Fund balances at 1 April 2014	2,655,369	3,032,665
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2015</b>	<b>2,661,190</b>	<b>2,655,369</b>

## INCOME



## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 March 2015

	2015	2014 (restated)
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	299,901	306,032
Heritage assets	1,294,411	1,226,120
Investments	626,235	92,903
	<u>2,220,547</u>	<u>1,625,055</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock	231	993
Debtors	261,338	294,467
Cash at bank and in hand	672,696	1,210,461
	<u>934,265</u>	<u>1,505,921</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	193,880	156,062
<b>Net current assets</b>	740,385	1,349,859
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	2,960,932	2,974,914
<b>Defined benefit pension scheme liability</b>	(299,742)	(319,545)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,661,190</b>	<b>2,655,369</b>
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds – general	387,423	550,048
– designated	759,926	765,151
Restricted funds	1,513,841	1,340,170
	<u>2,661,190</u>	<u>2,655,369</u>

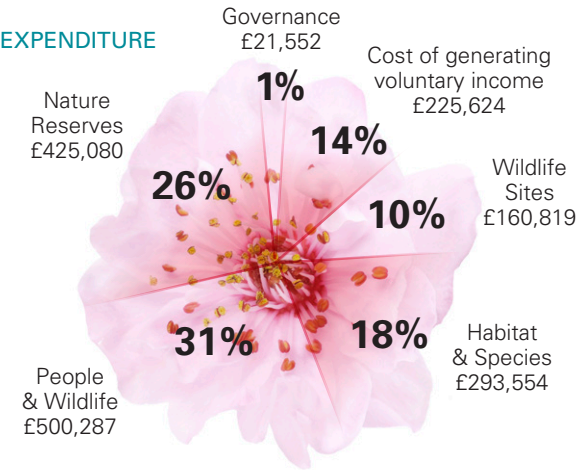
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved and signed by the Directors and authorised for issue on 27th July 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

*Dr A. Hams* Chair  
*Mr S Brent* Secretary

Company Registration Number 0715675

## EXPENDITURE



## Board of Trustees 2014-15

### Council Officers

Chair: Tony Hams  
Vice-Chair: Shirley Hawkins  
Secretary: Stephen Brent  
Treasurer: Mike Cox

### Council Members

Mary Bayntun  
David Charlton  
Chris Gale  
Mike Greenwood  
Trevor Hudson  
Chris Monk

Phil Shore  
Alan Willmot  
Huw Edwards  
Fred Pickering  
Sarah Fowler  
Sarah Lewis

## “A year of considerable change”

I am delighted to announce that we will be moving to our new head quarters this autumn. The new office is based less than a mile from one of our nature reserves and is a much better environment for visitors and the public. The early signs are that the staff will be very happy there.

Jo Smith, our Chief Executive, has now been with us over a year. Implementing a new strategic plan, working towards the office move and always bringing a smile, she is doing a fantastic job for the Trust.

Sadly the terms of office for four Trustees - Mary Bayntum, Stephen Brent, Alan Willmot and Chris Monk are coming to an end. Together they have given well over 30 years to the Trust and I would like to thank them so much and wish them all the best for the future.

As well as change, it has been a year of great success, one of the highlights for me has been the growth in membership - brought about by our wonderful membership team.

Other successes include starting work on the DerwentWISE programme, a 1.7 million pound Heritage Lottery funded project which is improving wildlife throughout the lower Derwent Valley – the largest scale improvement project we have ever undertaken. We also completed the first year of our badger vaccination programme and the fantastic results are providing evidence that there is no need to cull badgers in Derbyshire and beyond.

Finally, I would like to thank the Trustees, staff and all our volunteers who are doing their utmost to ensure that Derbyshire’s wildlife flourishes.



Tony Hams, Chair

# Thank You

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Derbyshire Gardens Historical Society  
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Local Groups  
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This Annual Review covers the period from  
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