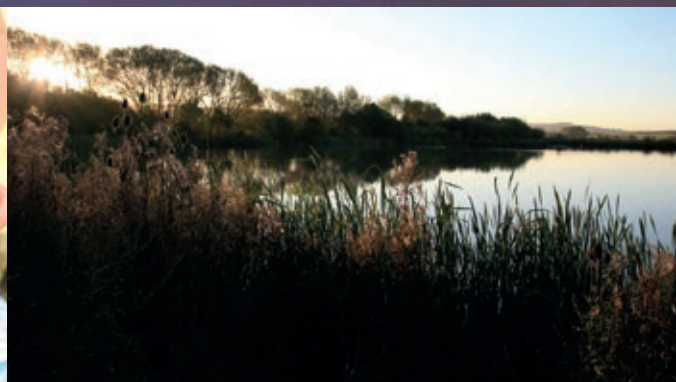


Derbyshire
Wildlife Trust



Annual review 2013 -14



Our vision is for Living Landscapes rich in wildlife, valued by everyone.

Our mission is to protect wildlife, restore biodiversity and to inspire people about nature in Derbyshire.

Chairman's Message



Banded demoiselle damselfly, Margaret Holland

'All in all it has been another great year for the Trust'

This year our CEO Ed Green left us after seven years to take up a new role at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. He did a great job for Derbyshire and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him. We all wish him and his family the very best for what I am sure will be a very exciting future.

Ed was replaced by Jo Smith who joined us in May from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust where she was Director of Operations. We had a very strong field of applicants, which itself is a good sign, but Jo stood out as the sort of person who could take Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to the next level. All signs so far are that we made a very good choice.

It would have been nice if Jo's arrival had coincided with a long overdue move to new offices for the Trust. Negotiations are still under way on this tricky issue but we genuinely hope that within the next 12 months we shall be in our new home in Cromford.

One of the highlights of the year for us was winning the fight to stop the destruction of The Sanctuary Local Nature Reserve in Derby. It was a long battle involving a number of our staff, especially Trevor Taylor, Nick Brown and Tim Birch and key partners including Nick Moyes and the Derbyshire Ornithological Society. This was a very good example of partnership working to stand up for our county's wildlife.

Peregrine falcons continue to breed successfully at Derby Cathedral, but as the year progressed evidence grew of the persecution of birds of prey in the Peak District. We are very pleased to have joined with the RSPB and the National Trust to campaign against illegal practices such as these, attracting much national coverage. Our campaigning on issues like this will continue and I would personally like to thank Tim Birch for leading this work.

All in all it has been another great year for the Trust and I would like to give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my vice chair Shirley Hawkins, my trustee colleagues and our fantastic staff.

Tony Hams Chair



Welcome to our annual review. It has been an eventful year, with the Trust and local wildlife issues hitting the headlines on many fronts. On these pages you'll find just some of the year's highlights.



River Ecclesbourne

Creating Living Landscapes DerwentWISE

In September we received confirmation that our £1.7 million bid for Lottery funding on behalf of the DerwentWISE Partnership had been successful. We are working with 15 partners on this wide-ranging project to inspire people to care for the iconic landscape of the Lower Derwent Valley. A new team is now in place to co-ordinate delivery of 64 sub-projects across the four themes – conserving or restoring heritage, increasing community participation, improving access and learning and providing training and skills.

Water for Wildlife

A grant from the Environment Agency enabled us to continue our community engagement work in the River Ecclesbourne catchment, begun as a pilot project in 2012. Our team of volunteers helped us control Himalayan balsam, create otter holts, thin trees and restore ponds. We also worked with local schools to teach children about the importance of clean water and river wildlife. Following the success of this project, we received funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to host a new partnership covering the whole Derwent catchment.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is the only organisation working to protect all wildlife in the county. A Registered Charity, we are one of 47 Trusts in the national Wildlife Trusts Partnership and have 38 members of staff supported by 569 volunteers. We manage 42 nature reserves cover 677 hectares (1673 acres) throughout the county, from flooded gravel pits in the south to moorland and upland woodland in the north.



Sam Willis and The Avenue Award



Badger, Colin Varndell

Standing up for Wildlife Badger Vaccination

In June 2013 we launched our appeal to raise £50,000 for a badger vaccination programme in the county. We reached this target in March 2014 and are continuing to fundraise. We have been able to pay for training for three lay vaccinators and started to purchase equipment ahead of our first vaccinations in May 2014. Along with other Wildlife Trusts, we remain opposed to badger culling and hope that our work will show there are alternatives in the fight to combat bovine tuberculosis. We are particularly proud of the partnerships we have forged in this project, with Derbyshire badger groups, Derbyshire County Council and the National Farmers' Union.

Nature Reserves

Our nature reserves celebrated some great successes, with The Avenue Washlands receiving the Land Trust's national award for best environmental space. This reserve at Wingerworth near Chesterfield is on part of the once heavily contaminated Avenue Coking Works site. Now it provides habitats for a range of wildlife including many birds, including yellowhammer, skylark, wigeon, teal and snipe as well as declining species such as the water vole and great crested newt.

Carr Vale saw its best spring ever – this reserve near Bolsover is well-known among birdwatchers and in April 2013 recorded 122 species. This was due partly to the dedication of its volunteer recorders who visit every day without fail – in 2013 Carr Vale's team clocked up their 5000th consecutive day of bird recording.

Conditions at Willington Gravel Pits during winter 2013-14 were perfect for starlings, with a roost of over 10,000 congregating there and delighting observers with their acrobatic murmurations.

The Sanctuary Local Nature Reserve

We joined forces with other local wildlife organisations including Derbyshire Ornithological Society to fight Derby City Council's plans to build a closed circuit cycle race track on The Sanctuary Local Nature Reserve at Pride Park, Derby. Despite mounting local opposition and our formal objection to the planning application, the council decided to continue with its plans. Given the precedent about to be set – with a council developing for the first time on a Local Nature Reserve that it had designated – the Trust decided to take legal action. Following a temporary injunction the

High Court indicated that there were grounds for a judicial review of the decision by Derby City Council to grant planning permission for the track. At this point the council decided not to pursue the development. Despite some initial damage, the reserve is now safe and will continue to support its varied bird life including sand martins, little ringed plovers, lapwings and skylarks among others.



Tim Birch at The Sanctuary



Left: Outdoor classroom opening
Below: Hunloke Park School at
The Avenue Washlands



Inspiring People

From Nature Tots to adult education and guided walks on nature reserves, we organised a full and varied programme of events through the year to inspire, inform and motivate people to get out and active in the natural world. A new outdoor classroom at Carsington, funded by The Veolia Environmental Trust, opened in July 2013, complementing our Wildlife Discovery Room on the site.

Funding from Western Power Distribution enabled us to bring local school groups on visits to The Avenue Washlands Nature Reserve, where they were able to try out willow coppicing, bird box making and tree identification among other things.

Family events provided the opportunity for people to discover local wildlife during school holidays and occasional weekends, while our seven Wildlife Watch groups provide regular monthly sessions. This year the Hardwick Watch Group, which we run in partnership with the National Trust, came second in the national Watch Group of the Year competition, the second time they have done so.

Peregrines

Derby Cathedral's nesting peregrine falcons have now successfully reared young for eight years. They are great ambassadors for the city and raise awareness of this beautiful species locally and much further afield via our web cameras. Our lottery funded Peregrines, People and Places project continued to spread the message through local communities – this included work with Indian and Pakistani Community Centres, the Derby Refugee Forum, the Visual Impaired Unit of St Benedict's School and Brownies and Guide groups.



Peregrine chick ringing

Other Highlights

- We received 25,000 species records including rare plants such as frog orchid, fly orchid and dyer's greenweed
- Four peregrine chicks fledged at Derby Cathedral despite a snowy start to the breeding season
- 105 Local Wildlife Sites and 54 potential sites were surveyed
- Two new Local Wildlife Sites were designated
- We engaged 5,596 school children in our environmental education programmes
- 3,000 veteran tree seeds and 9,675 trees were planted as part of the Value in Trees project
- We worked with British Fluorspar near Stoney Middleton in the Peak District to ensure that thousands of people were able to enjoy another spectacular murmuration of up to 100,000 starlings, the biggest in the county for many years
- We continued to engage communities and volunteers as partners in the Limestone Journeys Project in the north east of the county
- We reviewed 817 planning applications and responded to more than 760, objecting to 13
- Our volunteers contributed a record 4,400 days, equivalent to 20 extra members of staff
- Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, we continued to develop Woodside Nature Reserve, creating a Wild Play Barn and education garden and a new viewing platform



Volunteers at Lea Wood

Accounts

Income

The Trust continued to secure funding from a wide range of sources which gives important stability should any single source of funding cease. The Trust secured income exceeding £1,360,000 of which £382,000 came from our essential and growing membership, which now stands just under 14,000. Due to the unpredictable nature of some of our income sources, the Trust's policy is to maintain a financial reserve that would cover at least three months' worth of the core expenditure. As the Trust's reserves are currently much higher than this, due to a large legacy received in 2013/14, the Trust invested in the delivery of strategic objectives for which we are unable to secure funding from external bodies. Expenditure therefore exceeded income by £93,751. This strategic investment will continue over the next three years.

Supporting Key Objectives

The Trust invested in the delivery of the Strategic Development Plan with 82% of expenditure going towards its charitable activities. The remainder of our expenditure was committed to generating voluntary income of all types and the processes of governance. 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 64% of total expenditure.

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 2014 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 2014.

Parkinson Matthews LLP

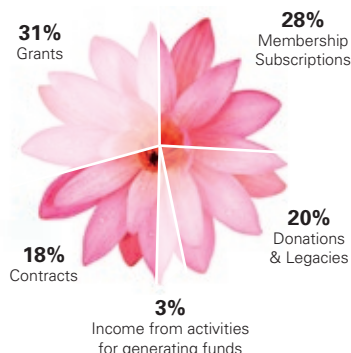
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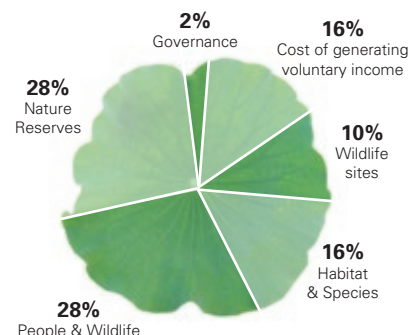
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INCOME



EXPENDITURE



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2014

	Total funds 2014 £	Total funds 2013 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	650,173	1,269,408
Activities for generating funds	33,242	66,406
Investment income	12,155	16,470
Incoming resources from charitable activities	672,690	725,375
Total incoming resources	1,368,260	2,077,659
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds	229,130	194,250
Charitable activities	1,216,423	1,158,102
Governance costs	21,938	20,677
Total resources expended	1,467,491	1,373,029
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses	(99,231)	704,630
Other recognised gains and losses		
Gain on investments	5,480	10,395
Net (expenditure)/income for the year and net movement in funds	(93,751)	715,025
Reconciliation of funds		
Fund balances at 1 April 2013	3,032,665	2,317,640
Fund balances at 31 March 2014	2,938,914	3,032,665

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 March 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	306,032	231,640
Heritage assets	1,226,120	1,218,320
Investments	92,903	87,423
	<u>1,625,055</u>	<u>1,537,383</u>
Current assets		
Stock	993	1,417
Debtors	294,467	211,567
Cash at bank and in hand	1,210,461	1,447,051
	<u>1,505,921</u>	<u>1,660,035</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>156,062</u>	<u>128,753</u>
Net current assets	1,349,859	1,531,282
Total assets less current liabilities	2,974,914	3,068,665
Provision for liabilities	(36,000)	(36,000)
Net assets	<u>2,938,914</u>	<u>3,032,665</u>
Income funds		
Unrestricted funds – general	833,593	966,730
– designated	765,151	770,376
Restricted funds	1,340,170	1,295,559
	<u>2,938,914</u>	<u>3,032,665</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 10th July 2014 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr A. Hams Chair



Mr S Brent Secretary

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Trust Staff at March 2014

Chief Executive: Ed Green
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Local Wildlife Sites Officer: Teresa Hughes
Local Wildlife Sites Officer (Planning): Trevor Taylor
Conservation Technical Assistant: Ann Hall
Water for Wildlife Project Manager: Chris Wood
Senior People Engagement Officer: Louise Valentine
People Engagement Officer: Jill Leheup
People Engagement Officer: Diane Gould
Limestone Journeys Project Officer: Dave Savage
Peregrines and People Engagement Officer: Ian Layton
Reserves Manager: Richard Spowage
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Western Power Distribution
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William Dean

Our thanks to everyone who has donated funds, or in-kind support, to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust throughout the year. All help no matter how large or small is much appreciated.

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This Annual Review Summary
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April 2013 to 31st March 2014

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