



**Yorkshire**  
Wildlife Trust

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# Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2019



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# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

as at 31 March 2019

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## Reference and administrative details

### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Charity number 210807  
Company number 409650

### Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited

Company number 9922108

### Principal office

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### Legal Advisors

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### Auditors

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### Bankers

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## Report of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are pleased to present their Annual Report and the Consolidated Audited Accounts for the year to 31st March 2019.



The Lighthouse at Spurn Point (Credit: James Hardisty)

### Our Vision

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust works for a Yorkshire rich in wildlife, for the benefit of everyone, with more wildlife, more wild places and more people having a strong connection to nature.

We aim to reverse the decline in Yorkshire's Wildlife on land and sea and inspire others to work with us to achieve this goal.

### Charitable Objects

The objects for which the Trust is established are:

- For the benefit of the public, to advance, promote and further the conservation, maintenance and protection of: wildlife and its habitats; places of natural beauty; places of zoological, botanical, geographical, archaeological or scientific interest; features of landscape with geological, physiographical, or amenity value in particular, but not exclusively, in ways that further biodiversity.
- To advance the education of the public in: the principles and practice of sustainable development; and the principles and practice of biodiversity conservation.
- To promote research in all branches of nature study and to publish the useful results thereof.

The Trustees also confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The annual report and the consolidated audited accounts are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, 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 (FRS102) (Effective 1 January 2015).

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust ("YWT") is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee governed by its Articles of Association. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.



Water Vole (Credit: Terry Whittaker)

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### A message from our Chair of Trustees

It is with great pleasure that I present my first report as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Yorkshire is home to many of our country's most iconic species and landscapes and is a place where wildlife should thrive and succeed. However unfortunately we know this is not the case. Wildlife across the UK is in decline.

**Only by creating bigger, better, more joined up space for nature can we reverse the decline in Yorkshire's wildlife.**

The future of wildlife in the UK is uncertain although the opportunity for adoption of a new robust 25 year Environment Plan is now (#TimeisNow). We are working hard with our colleagues across the national Wildlife Trusts movement to influence MPs and the general public to advocate for a better future for wildlife. We are of course very pleased with the recent announcement of the creation of 41 new Marine Conservation Zones although we know this is just another step and so much more needs to be done nationally.

Whilst we do this, we must of course celebrate the amazing conservation and engagement work being delivered locally by our Trust and the impact we are having right here in Yorkshire. The following strategic report for the year to 31 March 2019 sets out many of our successes across our three pillars - Living Landscapes, Living Seas and Nature Matters. I find it truly inspirational to hear many of the terrific stories and I do hope you will be inspired too.

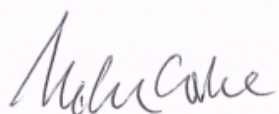
I must personally thank our now departed Chief Executive Dr Rob Stoneman, who leaves us after 13 years at the helm. Rob has successfully positioned Yorkshire as one of the most active and forward thinking Wildlife Trusts in the UK. His knowledge and enthusiasm have inspired members, trustees, staff and volunteers alike. The legacy he leaves sets the Trust up nicely for generations to come.

We will shortly be joined by our new Chief Executive Officer, Rachael Bice, who we are very much looking forward to welcoming to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff and volunteers, who have shown a great deal of commitment and passion during the year. Our activities were supported by 82,112 volunteer hours, the equivalent of 50 full-time staff. We are also lucky to have a strong team of trustees, who provide effective governance and give thoughtful advice based on their wealth of experience, knowledge and above all enthusiasm.

Most of all I want to thank you, our supporters, members and funders, who make our work possible. We are eternally grateful for all your support. We also must remember the many people who donate to us through legacies left in their wills and families who choose to support us in memory of their loved ones. Without this generous support our ambition to make Yorkshire rich in wildlife for everyone would not be achievable.

With your help we are looking forward to another great year in 2019/20 and can approach the future with optimism and confidence.



Mike Cooke  
Chair

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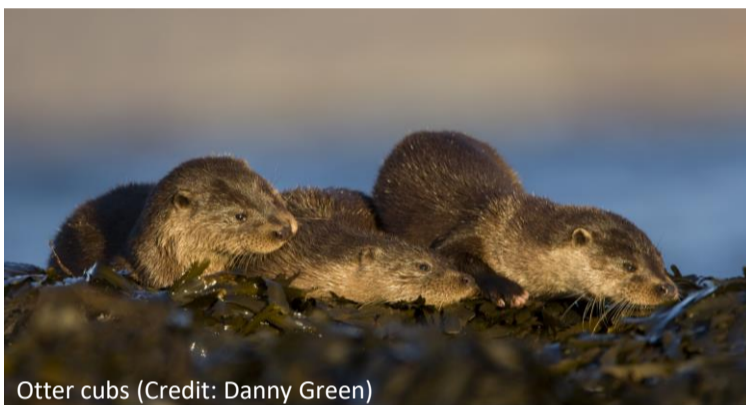
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### Working together - solving global challenges locally

We currently live in uncertain times politically, although as a result we are seeing more and more people wanting to speak up for what they believe in. Wildlife is one of those areas finally getting a voice, giving us all hope that things could be so much different, so much better!

Climate change and the environment has never had a higher profile thanks to the actions of climate change activists and the lobby against single-use plastics making themselves well and truly heard. Through Greener UK, a partnership of Environmental bodies across the UK, The Wildlife Trusts is working to influence environmental legislation and create a nature recovery network that reverses the catastrophic decline of our habitats and species and connects our communities with our amazing wildlife and wild spaces.



Otter cubs (Credit: Danny Green)

Partnerships, like Greener UK, are key to achieving our vision of a Yorkshire rich in wildlife. By working together with other likeminded environmental organisations, corporates and individuals we can achieve so much more and you will see this reflected in our activity below.

Although even more fundamental than this, we must influence and inspire the public to take action with us!

### Having Impact across Yorkshire

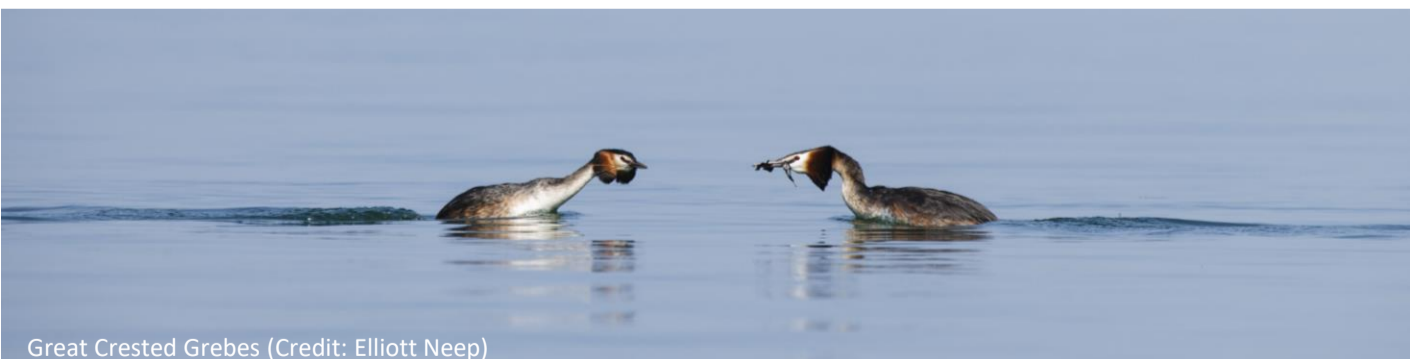
We achieve so much each year across Yorkshire of which all our members, supporters and the people of Yorkshire can be extremely proud. This year is no different.

2018/19 saw us set record turnover of £9.4m (2018: £6.9m) - our highest to date. This of course means that the more we raise, the more we can spend each year on the environment in Yorkshire.

We consider our activities across 3 pillars:

- **Living Landscapes** Land based conservation, restoring habitats for the benefit of wildlife
- **Living Seas** Protecting our seas and oceans and the species that live in them
- **Nature Matters** Engaging with people, involving them in nature conservation and inspiring them to make wildlife a part of their lives

These pillars are by no means mutually exclusive and cross over and complement each other. People's enjoyment of wildlife and nature conservation itself cannot be considered independently. We must facilitate people's ability to enjoy and experience wildlife, enthusing them to value wildlife and its place in the world.



Great Crested Grebes (Credit: Elliott Neep)

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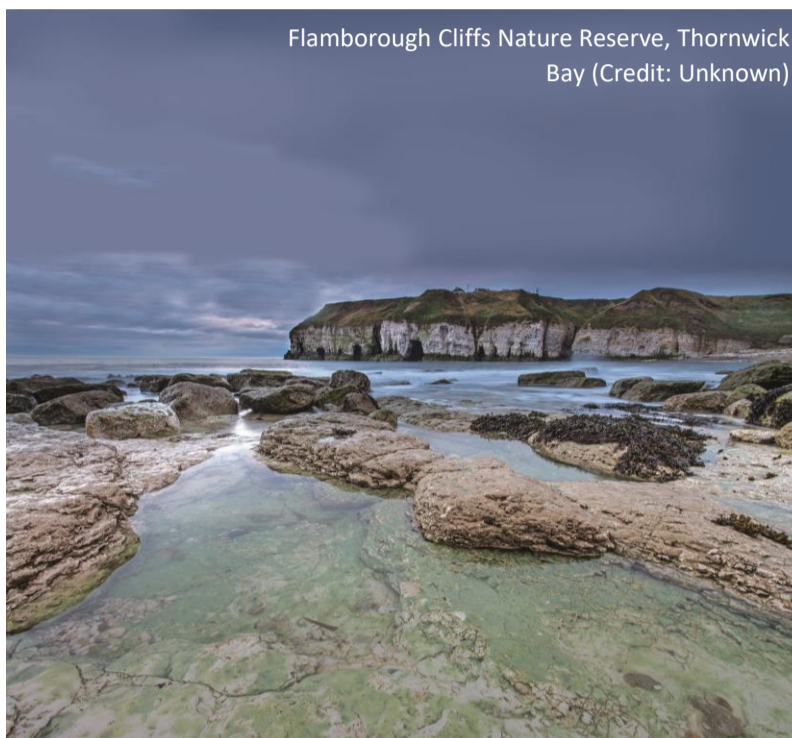
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### A heartfelt goodbye.....

Before sharing some of the amazing things your support helped us achieve last year we must say goodbye and a huge thank-you to Dr Robert Stoneman, our outgoing Chief Executive. Rob has been our CEO for the last 13 years. We are a very different organisation to the one Rob joined and he has led a fantastic journey for us, building us into one of the largest and most vibrant nature conservation charities in Britain. Rob’s passion and inspiring leadership has resulted in more and better managed land for wildlife – both our own and others.

He has had particular influence in restoring huge tracts of our Peatlands (over 30,000ha across Yorkshire so far), influencing marine conservation and securing protection for our seas and in engaging tens of thousands of people and inspiring them about wildlife through creation of several Gateway visitor sites on some of our best nature reserves.



Rob leaves YWT in a strong position, allowing us to continue our great work and build a brighter future for the wildlife and communities of Yorkshire.

### Living Landscapes

On land our reach continues to grow. We now manage over 3,000 hectares of land in Yorkshire, across 108 locations. These nature reserves offer invaluable areas of protected land, managed in the best way possible for wildlife and also providing access for people to experience wildlife first hand.

But we know that alone we cannot reverse the decline in Yorkshire’s wildlife, we must work with and influence others to take action too. We continue to follow the mantra of our President, Sir John Lawton, to create bigger, better, more joined up landscapes as set out in his Making Space for Nature (2010) Environmental White Paper.

### Our Nature Reserves

With iconic sites such as Spurn Point and Southernscales, alongside smaller wildlife rich gems like Wharram Quarry near Malton and Stoneycliffe Wood near Wakefield, our reserves are the jewels in our crown of Yorkshire’s wildlife.

We have successfully expanded two of our nature reserves during 18/19, at Potteric Carr in South Yorkshire (13 Ha) and Kilnsea Wetlands in East Yorkshire (5 Ha).

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Potteric Carr Nature Reserve (Credit: Matthew Roberts)

The land at Potteric Carr known as Manor Farm is a great example of how it is possible to incorporate high quality greenspace into housing developments, protecting existing woodland and creating green corridors and Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) ponds.

This has been possible through a partnership with Persimmon Homes Plc dating back over 10 years and offers opportunities to local residents to enjoy, volunteer and engage with greenspace on their doorstep.

The extension at Kilnsea Wetlands, funded through the Coastal Communities Fund and a number of incredibly generous legacy gifts and donations has created additional wetland wader roosts in which we have been able to incorporate new wildlife viewing access for the general public.

We have faced challenges this year – our model for wildlife friendly farming at Stirley Community Farm, Huddersfield has had to be reviewed. We have reverted to a more affordable approach, closer to traditional nature reserve management rather than an agricultural model. This will give us the chance to create a more varied landscape that works with nature’s natural processes.



Kilnsea Wetlands (Credit: Martin Batt)



Northcliffe Woods (Credit: Kirsten Carter)

Our nature reserves do however take a lot of resourcing and it is not easy to secure funding to deliver annual conservation and maintenance work plans to keep our reserves at their best.

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### Peatland

Our Peatland restoration programme was as impressive as ever this year, continuing to restore huge tracts of upland peat, improving habitats for wildlife, storing carbon and combatting climate change, slowing water and reducing flood risk, cleaning drinking water and restoring beautiful landscapes for us all to enjoy. The multiple benefits are astounding.

Over £2million funding from Defra this year has allowed us to lead a North of England Peat Partnership, delivering peatland restoration across Yorkshire, Cumbria, Lancashire, Northumberland and Durham. Working with our partners Yorkshire Water, Natural England, Environment Agency and EU Life has seen further restoration in our heartlands of North Yorkshire and the Northern Pennines.

None of this would be possible without the commitment and support of the farmers, landowners and land managers of the moors. A true partnership example!



Peatland team planting Sphagnum (Credit: Ben Queenborough)

### River catchments, wetlands and waterways

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust teams are experts in river restoration and our reach and impact on catchment work grows each year. Strong partnerships and significant funding from the Environment Agency are at the heart of this work and we are active on virtually every catchment in Yorkshire. Our breadth of work is impressive with everything from installing 'leaky dams' to slow the flow of water and reduce flood risk, to improving water quality and habitats for wildlife, to coordinating networks of volunteers to help us carry out river surveys through citizen science.

This year saw us kick off the Calder Greening project. Funded through the European Regional Development Fund and in partnership with Calderdale Council and the Environment Agency, it is a landscape scale project that will create new nature reserves, improve water quality and river habitats and control Invasive Non Native Species across the Calder catchment. Whilst in North Yorkshire through the Derwent Catchment Partnership we have restored Barmby Marsh nature reserve, carried out natural flood management techniques in the North Yorkshire Moors and completed Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed control.



Natural flood management Leaky Dam (Credit unknown)

We have also expanded our partnership with Leeds City Council from the collaborative management of 10 nature reserves in the Lower Aire Valley to include working together on the Wyke Beck Project. Here we will involve local people in the development of greenspaces created as part of a major flood alleviation scheme in the valley.



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### Living Seas

Our marine advocacy work has been at full pace this year. Working on behalf of all the North Sea Wildlife Trusts we have supported individual trusts and the Wildlife Trusts nationally to lobby for enhanced protection for our marine environment.

We are delighted that in June 2019 the Government announced the designation of another 91 Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) – a brilliant result following a decade of campaigning led by the Wildlife Trusts and other environmental charities. Two of these reserves are within Yorkshire Waters and will help protect species including lobster and chalk reef habitats.

Marine pollution and plastics have been high on the country's agenda following Blue Planet and other impactful wildlife reporting this year. Our Living Seas team continue to lead and support volunteer led beach cleans through our 'Waves of Waste' programme, removing 9455 items of rubbish in 2018, 70% of which was plastic.

Yorkshire fishermen are also playing their part, with over 150 engaged in 'Fishing 4 Litter' our coast wide waste disposal scheme which removes an estimated 25,000 tonnes of waste a year that would otherwise enter Yorkshire's seas.



Minke Whale (Credit: Anthony Hurd)

We are also engaging with our local fishing community in a ground breaking way by working with the Holderness Health Trainers of the Humber NHS Foundation Trust to socially prescribe wildlife as part of a wider programme of improving their health and wellbeing. The project is funded by the European Maritime Fisheries Fund and Seafarers UK.

Oysters have been reintroduced to the Humber following their extinction 60 years ago, thanks to a partnership between ourselves and the University of Hull through the Humber Aquaculture Partnership and funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. Over 1,000 oysters have been relocated from Scotland's Loch Ryan to Spurn Point with the intention that they will improve water quality and encourage marine life.



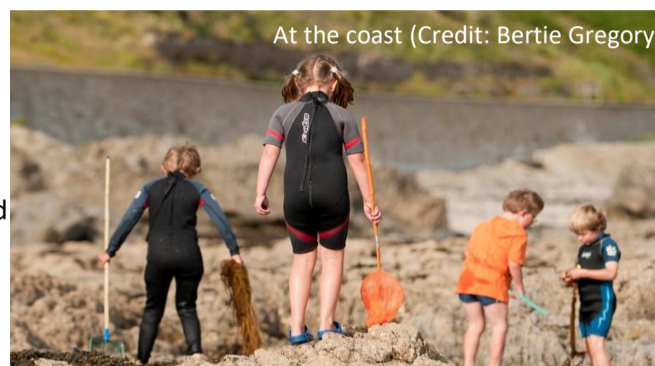
Puffins at Flamborough (Credit: Peter Batchelor)

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Another 5,000 oysters will follow in 2019 with their aggregations creating new habitats and structures that allow other species to colonise their reefs and become established.

Our Living Seas Centre continues to welcome thousands of school children and visitors through the door every year who get involved in many varying activities from beach cleans to rock pooling, showing and telling people about the marine world and bringing what is usually hidden below the waves into the public's understanding – inspiring more marine wildlife supporters!



At the coast (Credit: Bertie Gregory)

### Nature Matters

Nature matters cuts across all our work streams, and as you will have noticed benefits to people have already been mentioned within the Living Landscapes and Living Seas sections.



Spurn Point Discovery Centre (Credit: unknown)

Further to this Spurn Discovery Centre, opened in March 2018, and what a great first year we have had, welcoming over 50,000 visitors to the centre - a true gateway to one of the UK's most iconic nature reserves where visitors find out more about the site whilst enjoying a bite to eat at our café and enjoying the views of the estuary, the North Sea and adjacent wetlands.

The centre helps people understand the importance of not only the extraordinary wildlife, not least the migratory importance, but also the economy and history of the local area including its military and maritime heritage.

With increasing evidence that access to nature improves mental and physical wellbeing Bradford Urban Discovery Project kicked off this year to support communities in south west Bradford to access their local green spaces.

Funded by the National Lottery Communities Fund and in partnership with Bradford Council we will, over the next three years, restore seven urban greenspaces into cared for, wildlife rich spaces that are designed, used and looked after by the local communities.

The project's focus is on getting families active to tackle childhood obesity and also to improve general physical and mental wellbeing of the communities.



Nature explorer (Credit: G Jagpal)

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Natural spaces help to slow the flow of water and reduce flood peaks in our rivers and drainage infrastructure. Funded by, and in partnership with, Yorkshire Water, the 'Soak it Up' project entered its second year, where schools and community groups learn about what they can do to make their schools and grounds soak up surface water run-off and design and implement measures that will help to do that. Yorkshire Water colleague volunteers have helped to install measures such as rain gardens to the specification of the pupils designs to help school grounds solve some of the problem of surface water flooding in locations across Yorkshire including York, Calderdale, Leeds and Hull.



Soak It Up Project (Credit: Jennifer Krill)



After eight fantastic years promoting all corners of East Yorkshire's wildlife wonders, the Yorkshire Nature Triangle project came to a close at the end of March 2019.

This externally funded project, supported by the Coastal Communities Fund and LEADER has helped place East Yorkshire firmly on the map as one of the UK's best wildlife watching destinations and has more than doubled the value of wildlife watching visits on East Yorkshire's economy – increasing from £9million to £24million during the course of the project.

Tomorrow's Natural Leaders, our programme to support young people taking action for the environment is in its third of four years of placements.

Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund through the Our Bright Future programme, these placements allow young people to develop the skills and experience needed to enter the green sector, whilst improving their local environment with other young people.

Also part of the Our Bright Future programme, Youth in Nature, working with partners Probe and Child Dynamix, continues to deliver amazing things for young people in inner city Hull, with young people reporting increasing confidence and self-worth, finding friendship and connecting through wildlife.



Tomorrow's Natural Leaders at Spurn (Credit: Unknown)

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### Campaigning

This year we asked you to help us secure a new Environment Act to ensure the recovery of Britain’s wildlife. This is a once in a generation opportunity (the last Environment Act was 1995) for legislative change to not only protect, but actively restore wildlife and wild places.

You responded brilliantly by asking your MPs to support a strong Environment Act - making contact with every MP in Yorkshire – thank you!

The ask being to secure within the act ambitious targets for nature's recovery, an independent nature watchdog to help people challenge bad decisions made by government and councils about wildlife and to secure a nature recovery network – a connected network of green space (land) and blue space (water) that allows wildlife to recover and people to thrive.

A commitment has been made to include targets and a watchdog and we will continue to influence and support MPs to define how a nature recovery network will be created. We expect the Environment Bill to go to Parliament in autumn 2019.

You may have also been moved to take action by the Wind in the Willows ‘movie trailer’ produced by The Wildlife Trusts to highlight the destruction of wildlife in the UK.



We were also overwhelmed with the support shown for our ‘Save Askham Bog’ campaign, with over 7,000 people contacting City of York Council to ask them to refuse the planning application proposing a development adjacent to the nationally important nature reserve due to the damage it could cause. A decision on this is expected from City of York Council in July 2019. Follow the results of the campaign at [www.ywt.org.uk](http://www.ywt.org.uk)



Askham Bog (Credit: Adam Harland)

Our conservation planning team continue to provide a voice for Yorkshire’s wildlife facing an ever increasing threat from unsympathetic development.

We are developing an ambitious vision for HS2 to invest in mitigation that responds to local needs and improves the network of habitats and accessible wild space for people and wildlife along the route. We have outlined worked examples of how HS2 could do this in both Leeds and Barnsley.

We are also proud to see the role young people have played in our campaigning work, with our Tomorrow’s Natural Leaders making connections with MPs previously not engaged with by the Trust. They also attended parliamentary receptions to make direct asks both on a new Environment Bill and asking for change for young people and the environment.

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### The importance of supporters

We could not achieve any of this without the unwavering backing of our wide ranging supporter base, who help us each year in many different ways.



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Volunteers (Credit: Matthew Roberts)

We now have over 44,000 members, who contribute collectively £1.2m in membership each year to enabling our work. Many of our members also donate generously to our campaigns and activities throughout the year.

Each year, over 800 volunteers provide the Trust with an amazing amount of their time (82,112 hours during 18/19). This additional support (equivalent to approximately 50 FTE) enables the Trust to deliver so much more nature conservation, engagement activity and advocacy of our great work than would otherwise be possible.

In return, volunteering offers health and well-being benefits, as well as skills development and experience for many of the volunteers.

Bearing in mind that the Trust's Full Time Equivalent staff count is currently c115, this is a huge additional support of which we can all be immensely proud.

It is our aim to continue to grow our supporter base, enabling us to fundraise more and engage with more people than ever before. To truly meet our Vision of a Yorkshire rich in wildlife for everyone we must continue to ensure that we are inclusive of all and make efforts to remove barriers to participation where possible.

We know that to truly achieve our goals, we need more members, more volunteers and more donors.

Given that we know the people of Yorkshire are proud of their heritage, its landscapes and nature – this is eminently achievable.



Donating to the Trust (Credit: Peter Batchelor)

### Thriving Organisation

It is important to remember that to allow us to achieve so much each year, it is essential we underpin the organisation with a strong, effective structure of governance and support.

We aim to run our operations as efficiently and effectively as possible. We are continually looking at ways we can improve our business processes, using IT to do so where appropriate and affordable.

We have made great strides to ensure our staff and our offices are well connected and people can work together productively, whilst keeping travel (both for environmental and cost reasons) to a minimum. We have also worked hard to make improvements during the year to protect the organisation from cyber security risks and ensure we are GDPR compliant at all times.

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The introduction of a new Customer Relationship Management system (CRM) in May 2019 will improve our operations, optimising how we communicate with our supporters, so people get the best possible experience when they engage with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

It is also essential that we continue to ensure that the teams working day in day out in the field have access to the right tools, training and resources to all do our jobs effectively and safely.

### Our People

At Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, we are very fortunate to have a hardworking, passionate workforce, who all care deeply about wildlife in Yorkshire.

For many it is the opportunity to do what they truly believe in on a day to day basis. However, with only finite resources and the short term nature of much of our funding it means we face a constant battle to retain quality staff where project funding is uncertain or where we are unable to offer remuneration on a par with the corporate sector.



Working hard for wildlife (Credit: Clea Grady)

It is also so important we have the right culture underpinning our organisation. The Trust sets out 5 values within the Strategic Framework;

- Courage
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust

We reinforce this further with key behaviours underpinning our operations; ensuring our people act in a green environmentally friendly manner and consider health and wellbeing as well as equality, diversity & inclusiveness in everything we do. It is everyone's role to consolidate these and make them part of what we do.

We are proud to be a place that people want to work and make a real difference.

### Our financial position

Financial stability remains key to the trust. We manage our financial reserves as best we can to hold as little as we possibly can, preferring to see our resources spent on nature conservation and people engagement making a clear difference on the ground.

During 18/19 the Trust set and delivered successfully against an affordable deficit unrestricted budget of £0.3m. We end the year slightly below our unrestricted financial reserve target of £0.7m. We have set a breakeven budget for 19/20, although we will be looking for opportunities to improve upon this as the year progresses to replenish our financial reserves, providing us with flexibility and the ability to invest for the future.

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One of our biggest challenges remains securing funding to deliver conservation and engagement projects that can become financially self-sustainable. Many of our funding streams remain short term (12-36 months) after which funding ends and is not directly replaceable.

We are eternally grateful to all our supporters, partners, corporates and charitable trusts that have chosen to work with us and support us this year. We can't thank each of them enough. A special mention must go to The People's Postcode Lottery and Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust who have recognised our unique position to have great impact for wildlife across Yorkshire and provide us with essential unrestricted funding to enable us to invest and grow each year.

### Future Plans

The pressures on wildlife and the environment across the UK and Yorkshire are unrelenting. We must continue to campaign on national issues such as ensuring the UK's new Environment Act is fit for purpose and any exit from the EU is completed in a way that enhances nature within our lives, not further weakens wildlife protections.

Locally, we must continue to deliver projects that achieve bigger, better nature conservation in Yorkshire, across the North of England and into the North Seas.

We will be continuing to develop our partnerships across Yorkshire, progressing opportunities with other charities, local authorities, central government agencies and corporate supporters.



Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership beach clean (Credit: Kirsten Carter)

It is imperative that we engage with more people than ever before, facilitating people to come together and support wildlife in a way that works for them. Whether it is through joining as a member, fundraising or volunteering for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust or alternatively supporting wildlife through changing how they go about their daily lives.



The Time is Now - campaigning for a new Environment Act (Credit: Unknown)

Changes to how landowners manage their estates, people creating wild spaces in their gardens, or selecting lifestyle choices that are positive for the environment.... It all makes a difference. And remember, we can't do it on our own!

In our Living Seas advocacy work, with new Marine Conservation Zones designated as a result of our hard work, our focus will switch to ensuring the correct management is implemented to protect these newly designated areas of the sea, working closely with IFCA (the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities) and the MMO (Marine Management Organisation).

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We aim to invest around £7m in the wildlife of Yorkshire during 2019/20, in what we anticipate will be another frenetically busy and productive year.

A few highlights for the year ahead:

- In May 2019, we take on a new Nature Reserve, Ripon City Wetlands, a former gravel quarry, which our partners Aggregate Industries UK have made into what will become a fabulous wetland nature reserve.
- June 2019 will also see the replacement of the access bridge at Wheldrake Ings Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve, which thanks to a grant from Natural England will resolve one of the Trust's biggest single identifiable risks during the last 25 years!
- We are delighted to have been invited to host the Wildlife Zone at Yorkshire's first Countryfile Live, to be held at Castle Howard in August 2019. This is a real opportunity to showcase our work and provide people with greater knowledge of our work right across Yorkshire.



Ripon City Wetlands (Credit: Unknown)

We have taken some very positive steps through our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion work, but there is much more to do. Over the coming year we will launch a Diversity and Inclusion Communications Plan and work with partners such as Experience Community to explore how we can improve accessibility at our Gateways, reserves and offices.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming Rachael Bice, our new Chief Executive Officer, in September 2019. Rachael will join us from her Head of Environmental Growth and Partnerships role for Cornwall Council. Rachael is delighted to be joining us at this critical time for nature conservation and community cohesion in the UK, to lead Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in playing an increasing role in creating opportunities for more people to get in touch with their nature.



Tawny Owl Chick (Credit: Peter Batchelor)



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### Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees constantly review the risks the charity may face and where appropriate establish processes and procedures to mitigate those risks identified, including, where appropriate, putting in place insurance and setting aside financial reserves. The Trust's principal risks and uncertainties include the following;

- Securing funding for its charitable activities each year and managing working capital (see financial reserves policy section below)
- The managing of 108 sites across Yorkshire and the potential impact of major disasters and adverse events at these sites
- The occurrence of an event that threatens the reputational damage or integrity of the Trust
- Sudden Loss of key personnel or our head office communication and IT systems
- A UK exit from the EU and the potential risks to UK Environmental Policy & Legislation and the availability of wildlife related land management subsidies
- Weaker UK Government protection of wildlife in favour of commercial focussed large scale development projects such as HS2, HS3, fracking and Local housing development plans
- Potential for overtrading with limited resource to deliver a large, diverse range of projects and over extending the Trust's support resources

**The trustees approve the Strategic Report contained within the Annual Report as required by The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013.**



Potteric Carr Visitor Centre (Credit: Tom Marshall)

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### Financial Reserves Policy

The Trust's financial reserves policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. In setting the Trust's reserve policy, the trustees consider various financial metrics and data, including: reviewing historic and forecast financial data, cashflow movements and working capital requirements, anticipated risks, fixed assets equity availability and material future commitments. The Trust's key driver in setting its general unrestricted target is maintaining sufficient cash flow to allow it to continue to trade and ensuring it can fund the large number of projects for which grant funding is received in arrears, whilst at the same time not retaining large sums of money that could be put to use to support nature conservation in Yorkshire.

At 31 March 2019, the Trust had total reserves of £12.2m, including unrestricted, restricted and fixed asset reserves. Of this, our unrestricted funds (including fixed assets) totalled £2.62m, down £0.32m on prior year, with general unrestricted reserves £0.3m lower at £0.65m (2018: £0.94m).

The Trust therefore has fallen below its general unrestricted reserves target of £0.7m at 31 March 2019 meaning it must seek to generate a surplus during the year to 31 March 2020 to return to its target level to ensure it holds sufficient reserves to provide financial security.

General unrestricted funds represent available funds of the charity which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Trust. Funds used to purchase fixed assets, net of the Trust's long term mortgage liability, are set aside as designated funds as these assets are not generally available for day-to-day operations of the Trust. These comprise primarily nature reserves, which are held as part of the charitable objects of the Trust and cannot be readily sold and also Trust premises and equipment which are required for us to operate effectively. These assets may from time to time be used to raise funding if it is in the best interests of the Trust to do so.

### Investment Policy

The Trust's Articles of Association enable it to invest monies not immediately needed for its purposes in such investments deemed appropriate, subject to such conditions as may be required by law. While trustees have delegated authority for the management of investments to a Finance and Risk Committee and to fund managers, they retain ultimate responsibility for all matters relating to and affecting the Trust's investments. The investment policy objectives are:

- Investment objectivity and integrity
- Preservation of real value of the Trust's monetary assets
- Optimisation of capital growth and income generated from the Trust's monetary assets, with appropriate consideration and management of investment risk
- Invest in an ethical manner, consistent with the Trust's charitable status
- Flexibility and accessibility of invested funds

During the financial year, the trustees resolved to hold all Yorkshire Wildlife Trust investments within stocks, shares or funds in those investments that are subject to screening of an ethical nature and to ensure that no investments are made which are knowingly contrary to the objects of the Trust. The Trust therefore sold its holdings in Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust in May 2018. All Trust investments are currently held in either the CCLA COIF Ethical Investment Fund or the EdenTree Amity Global Equity Fund.

Strong investment performance in the first half of the 18/19 financial year was reversed during a disappointing Autumn period. However a strong final quarter meant the Trust's retained investments finished the year with total unrealised investment gains of £0.13m. The Trustees will continue to monitor market performance and the suitability of its investment options.

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Report of the Board of Trustees

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### Fundraising Disclosure

A new Fundraising Regulator was established in January 2016. We have voluntarily subscribed to the Fundraising Regulator's fundraising promise, which is available to download on our website.

### Our commitment to supporters

Through our members' magazine, our website, events and activities and our other communications we will always tell you about how you are helping to make a difference for wildlife so you know how your money is being spent.

We strictly adhere to the Fundraising Regulator's code of fundraising practice and all relevant Institute of Fundraising guidance including Treating Donors Fairly guidance. All fundraisers representing us receive rigorous training so as to understand the standards we expect when they are speaking to members of the public on our behalf, to ensure a positive experience.

We will always take action if others acting on our behalf fail to meet our high standards and we will never sell your data to anyone else or share it without consent or having a legitimate reason to do so\*.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has a procedure for handling complaints and we are committed to dealing with all complaints constructively, impartially and effectively. We will make every effort to ensure that all complaints receive a complete, accurate and timely response and no complaint is ever disregarded. If we cannot resolve a fundraising related complaint we will provide information about how to raise a complaint with the Fundraising Regulator, and we provide an Annual Complaints Return to the Fundraising Regulator each April.

In the year 2018/19, we received a total of 29 complaints, of which 2 were fundraising related.

### Governing document

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The Articles of Association were updated at the 2012 AGM.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The Trust currently has 12 trustees. The trustees serving during the year are listed at the beginning of this report. Dr Rob Stoneman was Chief Executive throughout the year, although he left the Trust on 1 May 2019. Caroline Thorogood was appointed as interim Chief Executive Officer of the Trust on 1 May 2019.

The Directors consider the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team together comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. The pay of the Chief Executive and senior management team is reviewed annually.

*\*It is sometimes necessary for YWT to allow its carefully vetted suppliers to use supporter data to carry out work on our behalf, such as undertaking member satisfaction surveys or sending out mailings to our supporters. We may also sometimes have to share data in other circumstances, for example where there's a legal requirement to do so. Please see our privacy policy on the website.*

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Report of the Board of Trustees

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### Trustee appointment, induction and training

Trustees are elected by the members of the Trust at the Annual General Meeting for an initial period of 4 years. Trustees are eligible to seek re-election for a further 4 year period. Trustees may from time to time co-opt an eligible person to fill a temporary vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. Co-opted trustees can subsequently stand for election at the following Annual General Meeting.

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Trust. They are also invited to meet key employees and other trustees. New trustees attend an induction day, led by the Chief Executive and hold trustee feedback sessions each year with Chair and Deputy Chair of the board of Trustees.

### Organisation

The Board of trustees administers the charity and meets at least five times a year. The Finance and Risk Committee comprises a minimum of three trustees and up to two other members of the Trust who can be appointed by the Board, and meets at least four times a year. The Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. The trustees actively engage with the Chief Executive Officer and Directors, working collectively in development of organisational strategy.

Supporters groups operate to encourage, coordinate and focus the active participation and contribution of volunteers to the Trust's projects and objectives at a local level. Supporters groups are a part of the Trust's volunteer structure, reporting through staff, and may be formed around a specific project, site or community, a group of sites or wider geographic area, according to the interests of the group members.

The Trust is an active member of The Wildlife Trusts. This is a national partnership organisation of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts and the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) which operates throughout the UK. All the Wildlife Trusts contribute an annual levy to fund RSWT to provide advocacy and representation at a national level.

### Equality and Diversity

The Trust's vision is a Yorkshire rich in wildlife for everyone. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is committed to becoming a Wildlife Trust that seeks to provide access and equality in its activities, across its nature reserves, as well as supporting equal opportunities in its employee recruitment. The Trust has a dedicated group tasked with developing the Trust's approach to equality and diversity. The Trust is not currently required by law to comply with gender pay gap reporting, however as part of our commitment to promoting equality and diversity in the workplace we have calculated our gender pay at April 2018 as follows;

	Lower quartile	Lower mid quartile	Upper mid quartile	Upper quartile
Male	40%	54%	34%	54%
Female	60%	46%	66%	46%

Our Mean gender pay gap for YWT is 8.1% (April 2017: 6.72%) and the median gender pay gap is 0% (April 2017: 0%). These figures have been calculated using the standard methodologies used in the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017. YWT is committed to the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment for all employees, regardless of sex, race, religion or belief, age, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or disability. It has a clear policy of paying employees equally for the same or equivalent work, regardless of their sex (or any other protected characteristic).

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Report of the Board of Trustees

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### Trading Subsidiary - Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited

Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited ("YWSL"), a company registered in England, is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. YWSL commenced trading on 1 April 2016, with a view to generating funds on behalf of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for the furtherance of its charitable objectives and ensuring continued compliance with UK tax legislation. Profits generated by Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited are generally distributed to the charity using gift aid. Further information is included at Notes 15 and 24 of the accounts.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the year end and of its incoming and expended resources during that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue to operate.

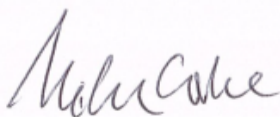
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information;
- at the time of approving the financial statements, the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate and there are no material uncertainties regarding the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This statement is agreed by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Board of Trustees



Mike Cooke  
Chair  
17 July 2019

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Independent Auditors' Report

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the group and the parent charitable company as at 31 March 2019 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and the parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Independent Auditors' Report

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If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the group or parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 21, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Independent Auditors' Report

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### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

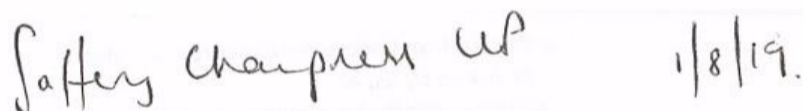
We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members and the trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members and trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sally Appleton 1/8/19.

Sally Appleton  
For and on behalf of Saffery Champness LLP

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Saffery Champness LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006



## Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	1,447,009	672,920	2,119,929	1,722,320
People's Postcode Lottery		230,000	-	230,000	230,000
Charitable activities	5	1,716,680	4,976,293	6,692,973	4,653,334
Other trading activities	6	419,262	-	419,262	348,420
Investment Income	7	3,904	3,649	7,554	4,640
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>3,816,855</b>	<b>5,652,863</b>	<b>9,469,718</b>	<b>6,958,714</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Raising Funds		529,062	36,600	565,662	567,828
Charitable Activities		3,532,395	4,125,617	7,658,012	4,811,706
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4,061,457</b>	<b>4,162,217</b>	<b>8,223,674</b>	<b>5,379,534</b>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	15	34,109	94,606	128,715	59,409
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>(210,493)</b>	<b>1,585,252</b>	<b>1,374,759</b>	<b>1,638,589</b>
Transfers between funds		(90,353)	90,353	-	-
<b>Net incoming resources before other recognised gains</b>		<b>(300,846)</b>	<b>1,675,605</b>	<b>1,374,759</b>	<b>1,638,589</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Gains/(losses) on fixed assets		9,883	6,900	16,783	(9,750)
Actuarial gains / (losses) on DB pension scheme	16	(1,547)	-	(1,547)	170
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(292,510)</b>	<b>1,682,505</b>	<b>1,389,995</b>	<b>1,629,008</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,911,040	7,906,188	10,817,228	9,188,221
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,618,530</b>	<b>9,588,693</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
General unrestricted funds		654,609	-	654,609	938,726
Restricted income funds		-	3,247,517	3,247,517	1,670,324
Fixed asset purchases fund		1,963,921	6,341,176	8,305,097	8,208,178
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>2,618,530</b>	<b>9,588,693</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>

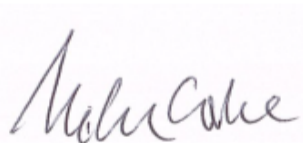
All income resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. The profit / (loss) for Companies Act purposes comprising the net income for the year including net realised gains on investments was £641,812 (2018: £152,570)

**Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**  
**CONSOLIDATED AND CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31 March 2019

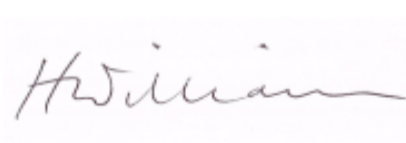
	Notes	Group 2019 £	2018 £	Charity 2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11a	4,682,550	4,686,611	4,682,550	4,686,611
Heritage assets	11b	4,221,663	4,169,779	4,221,663	4,169,779
Investments	15	1,570,877	1,169,119	1,570,887	1,169,129
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>10,475,090</b>	<b>10,025,509</b>	<b>10,475,100</b>	<b>10,025,520</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	124,331	116,636	72,937	83,458
Debtors	13	1,706,506	1,421,493	1,864,300	1,559,108
Cash at bank and in hand		2,004,499	1,044,485	1,892,936	929,142
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>3,835,336</b>	<b>2,582,614</b>	<b>3,830,173</b>	<b>2,571,707</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	1,471,186	1,106,443	1,466,033	1,095,547
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>2,364,150</b>	<b>1,476,171</b>	<b>2,364,140</b>	<b>1,476,160</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>12,839,240</b>	<b>11,501,680</b>	<b>12,839,240</b>	<b>11,501,679</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	632,017	684,451	632,017	684,451
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
General unrestricted funds		654,609	938,726	654,609	938,726
Restricted income funds		3,247,517	1,670,324	3,247,517	1,670,324
Fixed asset purchases fund		8,305,097	8,208,178	8,305,097	8,208,178
<b>Total funds</b>	20	<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17 July 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



**Mike Cooke**  
Chair



**Hugh Williamson**  
Hon. Treasurer

**Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**  
**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31 March 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11a	1,592,837	3,089,713	4,682,550	4,686,611
Heritage assets	11b	970,199	3,251,464	4,221,663	4,169,779
Investments	15	234,583	1,336,304	1,570,887	1,169,129
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>2,797,619</b>	<b>7,677,482</b>	<b>10,475,100</b>	<b>10,025,520</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	72,937	-	72,937	83,458
Debtors	13	1,214,625	649,675	1,864,300	1,559,108
Cash at bank and in hand		(208,565)	2,101,501	1,892,936	929,142
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,078,997</b>	<b>2,751,176</b>	<b>3,830,173</b>	<b>2,571,707</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	626,069	839,964	1,466,033	1,095,548
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>452,928</b>	<b>1,911,212</b>	<b>2,364,140</b>	<b>1,476,159</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>3,250,547</b>	<b>9,588,693</b>	<b>12,839,240</b>	<b>11,501,679</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	632,017	-	632,017	684,451
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**Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**  
**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	21	1,689,361	2,524,098
Cash inflow / (outflow) from investment activities		(681,291)	(1,893,507)
Cash inflow / (outflow) from financing activities		(46,827)	(486,703)
<b>Increase / (decrease) in net cash in the year</b>		<b>961,243</b>	<b>143,888</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		1,044,743	900,855
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting period</b>		<b>2,005,985</b>	<b>1,044,743</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash at Bank		2,004,499	1,044,485
Accrued investment income		1,485	-
Cash held for reinvestment		-	258
		<b>2,005,985</b>	<b>1,044,743</b>

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### for the year ended 31 March 2019

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### a. *Basis of accounts*

- (i) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.
- (ii) The financial statements have been prepared applying the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting in accordance with the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015.
- (iii) At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees deemed the Trust to have sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months and there are no material uncertainties regarding the Trust's financial position. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.
- (iv) Yorkshire Wildlife Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

##### b. *Funds held by the charity*

###### **Restricted Income Funds**

- (i) Restricted Income funds are those held where a use has been specified by the donor. These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes.
- (ii) Where the cost of delivering a restricted project is only partially funded by restricted income, a transfer between funds, of unrestricted income to a restricted fund is made.

###### **Unrestricted Income Funds**

- (iii) Unrestricted Income funds are those held where there are no restrictions and which the Trustees are free to use, in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Trust.

##### c. *Income and Expenditure*

- (i) Membership subscriptions are accounted for on a cash received basis.
- (ii) Income from legacies is recognised when the entitlement to the legacy is known with certainty, the value of the legacy receipt can be quantified with reasonable certainty and the timing of receipt is known with reasonable probability.
- (iii) Grants income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which it relates. Where a grant is restricted by the funder for use in a future period, its recognition is deferred until the charity becomes entitled to the resource. Grants in respect of specific projects are credited to a restricted fund, against which relevant expenditure is charged.
- (iv) Contractual income is recognised in the incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities to the extent that the charity has provided the related goods and/or services. Where such income is received in advance then the income is deferred until the charity becomes entitled to the resource.
- (v) Investment income and gains and losses on disposals are allocated on the basis of whether the funds invested are for restricted use or for general unrestricted purposes.
- (vi) Income from all other Trust activities is accounted for when it is receivable.

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- (vii) Resources used are accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT. Resources used are apportioned on the basis of whether the incoming resources were for restricted purposes or for general unrestricted purposes.
- (viii) Support costs, which include administration costs and the running and maintenance of the Trust's offices, and which are not directly attributable to any one specific activity, are apportioned and allocated to the other direct activities on the basis of full time equivalent staff levels attributable to that activity. Expenditure directly attributable to specific activities has been allocated directly to those activities. This allocation is consistent with previous years.

#### **d. Tangible Fixed Assets**

- (i) Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives as follows:
  - Plant and Equipment, including Fixtures and Fittings, together with Motor Vehicles are written off on a straight line basis over three years.
  - Freehold property is valued at cost less depreciation, which is applied on a straight line basis over 100 years.
  - Leasehold Improvements are valued at cost less depreciation, which is applied on a straight line basis over the duration of the lease.
- (ii) Tangible fixed assets costing over £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated at the rates as set out above.

#### **e. Heritage Assets**

- (i) The Trust holds heritage assets in furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. These assets are nature reserves and cannot be readily sold and so in the normal operations of the Trust are not available for other use. The Trustees consider that owing to the incomparable nature of these reserves, conventional valuation approaches lack sufficient reliability and that, even if valuations could be obtained, the costs would be onerous compared with the additional benefits derived by the Trust and users of the accounts. The figures in the accounts represent the cost or valuation of the asset on acquisition where available, or where this is not available are included at the historic book cost.

#### **f. Investments**

- (i) Quoted Investments held in the nature of fixed assets are stated at market value. Gains and losses on disposal and revaluation are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise.

#### **g. Stock**

- (i) Retail stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for any obsolete items.
- (ii) Livestock assets are stated at fair value less estimated costs of sale

#### **h. Operating Leases**

- (i) Property rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

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#### *i. Pension Costs*

- (i) The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of eligible employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust, being invested with insurance companies. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. The company also has liabilities under a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. The defined benefit scheme was closed to new members in 2005. The currently agreed schedule of contributions, based on the last available actuarial valuation as at 1 April 2016, is provided for in full within creditors.

#### *j. Consolidated financial statements*

- (i) The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the charity has not been presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemption afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### *k. Financial Instruments*

- (i) The charity and its subsidiary only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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#### 2. APPEALS

The Trust received donations for the following appeals (including gift aid) in the year:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Peatland Appeal	10,549	-
Marine Appeal	9,943	-
Askham Bog Appeal	6,767	-
Ashes Pasture Land Purchase Appeal	50	70,561
Other Appeals	3	8,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,311</b>	<b>79,005</b>

#### 3. LEGACIES

The Trust received income in the year from legacies from the following benefactors who were kind enough to make bequests of over £1,000 in their wills:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Doreen Almond	36,182	6,722
Enid Gilberthorpe	35,000	-
Margaret Sanderson	33,414	-
Eileen Eden	19,701	-
Arthur Horne	12,824	-
Mary Watson	8,289	15,000
Stanley Hall	6,025	-
Margaret Tottle	5,000	-
Dorothy Burns	4,535	-
Margaret Andrew	4,345	-
Aileen Thomas	3,580	-
John Gill	3,000	-
Mary Thallon	2,967	-
Margaret Webb	2,943	-
Florence Wilson	2,750	57,000
Gordon Pilling	2,500	-
Jill Coates	1,797	-
Patrick Quinn	1,000	-
Shelia Gaskill	1,000	-
Stanley McManus	-	144,960
Margaret Gosden	-	23,500
Joseph Goodworth	-	20,480
George Thorogood	-	13,006
Robert Davidson	-	5,767
Peter Bearfield	-	5,000
Janet Harrison	-	3,500
Dorothy North	-	2,000
Valerie Parton	-	1,815
Martin Coles	-	1,500
Maurice Rowland	-	1,000
Alice Walton	-	30
Other legacies	15	(1,868)
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,867</b>	<b>299,412</b>

Legacy income includes accrued legacy income of £40,285 (2018: £9,054), notified at year end over which we had sufficient certainty of the amount receivable and the timing of receipt. The value of legacies notified, but which have not yet been included within the above figures due to uncertainty as to value and the timing of receipt, is estimated at approximately £1,269,000 (2018: £92,000).



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**4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Membership subscriptions		1,245,815	-	<b>1,245,815</b>	1,192,628
Legacies	3	148,453	38,414	<b>186,867</b>	299,412
Donations		52,738	607,198	<b>659,935</b>	151,274
Appeals	2	3	27,308	<b>27,311</b>	79,005
<b>Total Donations and Legacies</b>		<b>1,447,009</b>	<b>672,920</b>	<b>2,119,928</b>	<b>1,722,320</b>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Grants & subsidies	610,950	4,436,219	5,047,168	3,888,675
Contract & consultancy	901,958	124,384	1,026,343	515,002
S106 Agreements & compensation	-	415,690	415,690	102,000
Rents & other income	93,822	-	93,822	65,005
Admissions, education and workshops	109,950	-	109,950	82,652
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>1,716,680</b>	<b>4,976,293</b>	<b>6,692,972</b>	<b>4,653,334</b>

Charitable income includes £3.76m (2018: £1.8m) of income from various Government funding streams. This includes land management subsidies through various Government schemes totalling £0.45m (2018: £0.45m) and various Government grants and contracts totalling £3.31m (2018: £1.34m). These relate to works including land management on behalf of local authorities, various rivers and peatland restoration projects and marine advocacy grants.

**6. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Catering & other ancillary sales	407,507	-	407,507	333,781
Fundraising events	11,755	-	11,755	14,639
<b>Total</b>	<b>419,262</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>419,262</b>	<b>348,420</b>

**7. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Dividend Income - UK	955	3,649	<b>4,605</b>	1,362
Bank interest - UK	2,949	-	<b>2,949</b>	3,278
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>3,904</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>7,554</b>	<b>4,640</b>

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**8. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Direct staff costs	Other Direct Costs	Support costs (Note 9)	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>					
Membership	213,020	216,876	69,161	<b>499,057</b>	444,380
Fundraising & legacies	45,429	7,689	13,487	<b>66,605</b>	96,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>258,449</b>	<b>224,565</b>	<b>82,649</b>	<b>565,662</b>	<b>540,730</b>
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>					
Living Landscapes	1,713,521	3,072,058	561,205	<b>5,346,784</b>	2,994,838
Living Seas	161,159	173,460	72,801	<b>407,420</b>	217,396
Nature Matters - Inspiring & Involving People	981,660	538,728	383,420	<b>1,903,808</b>	1,626,571
<b>Total cost of charitable activities</b>	<b>2,856,340</b>	<b>3,784,246</b>	<b>1,017,425</b>	<b>7,658,012</b>	<b>4,838,804</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>3,114,789</b>	<b>4,008,811</b>	<b>1,100,073</b>	<b>8,223,674</b>	<b>5,379,534</b>

**This is stated after charging:**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Operating lease rentals: Land & buildings	18,839	21,715
Auditor's remuneration:		
Audit fees (including irrecoverable VAT)	13,573	13,017
Taxation services	700	700
Grant assurance services	1,800	-
Depreciation	372,259	336,647
Trustees expenses	832	610

No Trustees were remunerated for their role as Trustees during the year. One Trustee, Bob Missin, received £1,582 for providing environmental planning consultancy services to the Trust.

Two Trustees were reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, with total expenses of £832 (2018: £610)

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**9. ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	Membership	Fundraising & legacies	Living Landscapes	Living Seas	Nature Matters - Inspiring & involving people	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Support	39,098	6,590	240,299	20,647	152,878	<b>459,513</b>	392,216
Communications & IT	4,966	837	30,520	2,622	19,417	<b>58,362</b>	55,047
Financial & Governance	1,294	218	7,953	683	5,059	<b>15,207</b>	14,032
Premises & vehicles	16,569	2,793	101,835	8,750	64,787	<b>194,734</b>	201,383
Depreciation	7,234	3,050	180,598	40,098	141,279	<b>372,259</b>	336,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,161</b>	<b>13,487</b>	<b>561,205</b>	<b>72,801</b>	<b>383,420</b>	<b>1,100,074</b>	<b>999,324</b>

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**10. EMPLOYEES**

	2019	2018
	£	£
<b>Total staff costs</b>		
Wages & salaries	3,050,772	2,647,352
Social Security costs	260,091	224,274
Pension costs	220,532	180,213
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>3,531,394</b>	<b>3,051,840</b>

Staff costs excludes contributions to the Wildlife Trusts' Defined Benefit Scheme for former employees (see note 16).

Average number of employees (and full-time equivalent) analysed by activity for the year ended 31st March 2019	2019	2019	2018	2018
	Total	FTE	Total	FTE
Living landscapes	60	55	54	51
Living seas	7	5	6	4
Nature Matters	46	35	39	30
Membership and fundraising	19	10	16	10
Support	12	11	12	10
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>105</b>

At 31 March 2019, the Trust had 140 employees.

In addition to our employees, the Trust relies on volunteers to help in all aspects of our work, particularly practical conservation work and involving and inspiring activities such as education, events and membership. During the financial year the Trust had over 800 active registered volunteers.

The number of employees whose emoluments (including taxable benefits in kind but excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000, was as follows:	2019	2018
	Number	Number
£70,000 - £79,999	1	-
£60,000 - £69,999	-	1
<b>Total over £60,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

The Trust's Chief Executive Officer salary paid to Dr Robert Stoneman during the year to 31 March 2019 was £71,811 (2018: £68,587). Payments made by the Trust during the year into the defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of Dr Stoneman amounted to £8,617 (2018: £8,230).

During 2018/19, employee salary and benefits of the key management personnel of the Trust, comprising the Chief Executive and four Operational Directors, totalled £296,648 (2018: £284,906). Trustee roles are voluntary and received £nil remuneration (£2018: £nil).

The Trust made redundancy payments during the year totalling £nil (2018: £nil).

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**11a. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (excluding Heritage Assets)**

Group	Freehold Property £	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor vehicles £	Plant & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
at 1 April 2018	4,427,639	166,528	451,375	1,454,893	6,500,435
Additions	103,158	-	113,257	151,782	368,198
Disposals	-	-	(35,353)	(20,914)	(56,267)
<b>31 March 2019</b>	<b>4,530,798</b>	<b>166,528</b>	<b>529,279</b>	<b>1,585,762</b>	<b>6,812,366</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
at 1 April 2018	227,055	20,881	366,600	1,199,288	1,813,824
Disposals	-	-	(35,353)	(20,914)	(56,267)
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	45,308	5,551	101,309	220,092	372,259
<b>31 March 2019</b>	<b>272,363</b>	<b>26,432</b>	<b>432,556</b>	<b>1,398,466</b>	<b>2,129,816</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
31 March 2018	4,200,584	145,647	84,775	255,605	4,686,611
<b>31 March 2019</b>	<b>4,258,435</b>	<b>140,096</b>	<b>96,723</b>	<b>187,296</b>	<b>4,682,550</b>

The Trust's York Office is subject to a Legal Charge in favour of Barclays Bank Plc dated October 2005.

In February 2014, the Trust granted a legal charge to the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund over certain of its land and buildings located at Spurn Point. As at 31 March 2019, the Trust had no liability to the chargee.

In September 2016, the Trust granted a legal charge to HSBC Bank plc over freehold land at Low Carr Farm, near Pickering, North Yorkshire.

**11b. HERITAGE ASSETS**

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
at 1 April 2018	970,199	3,199,580	4,169,779
Additions	-	51,884	51,884
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>970,199</b>	<b>3,251,464</b>	<b>4,221,663</b>

Five year summary of heritage asset transactions	2018-19 £	2017-18 £	2016-17 £	2015-16 £	2014-15 £
<b>Additions:</b>					
Purchases	51,884	223,647	3,225	8,330	247,401
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(11,000)	-	-	-
<b>at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>51,884</b>	<b>212,647</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>247,401</b>

In August 2018, The Trust acquired 5 Hectares of land adjoining its Kilnsea Wetlands Nature Reserve, East Yorkshire.

In August 2018, The Trust acquired 13 Hectares of land, known as Manor Farm, adjoining its Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, South Yorkshire.

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12. STOCK	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Goods held for resale	59,136	41,746	7,742	8,568
Livestock	65,195	74,890	65,195	74,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,331</b>	<b>116,636</b>	<b>72,937</b>	<b>83,458</b>

13. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	771,612	366,192	770,403	366,184
Taxation receivable	40,083	37,860	40,083	37,860
Accrued income	859,308	719,754	859,308	719,754
Prepayments	33,222	16,680	33,222	16,680
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	-	159,002	137,623
Other debtors	2,281	281,007	2,281	281,007
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,706,506</b>	<b>1,421,493</b>	<b>1,864,300</b>	<b>1,559,108</b>

Included in amounts due from group undertakings is an unsecured loan to Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited of £18,475. Interest is payable on the loan at a rate of 3% per annum. The loan is repayable to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on 31 March 2022 and is therefore due after more than 1 year.

14. CREDITORS	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	1,147,811	478,011	1,132,700	462,368
Taxation, social security and pension	125,373	65,697	112,569	65,804
Other creditors	-	169,991	-	169,991
Mortgage	48,117	45,846	48,117	45,846
Accruals	111,319	312,289	107,620	309,090
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	-	26,461	7,839
Deferred income	38,568	34,609	38,568	34,609
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,471,186</b>	<b>1,106,443</b>	<b>1,466,033</b>	<b>1,095,547</b>

Amounts falling due after more than one year	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Mortgage	599,116	648,213	599,116	648,213
WT Pension provision	32,902	36,238	32,902	36,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>632,017</b>	<b>684,451</b>	<b>632,018</b>	<b>684,451</b>

Included in creditors amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount of £397,117 (2018: £462,224), which is due after five years. This relates to two mortgages as follows:

- Mortgage provided by Barclays Bank Plc, secured on the Trust's York Office, is repayable by October 2025 at an interest rate of 1.125% over Base Rate.
- Mortgage provided by HSBC Bank PLC, Secured on land owned by the Trust at Low Carr Farm, nr Pickering North Yorkshire, repayable by September 2036 at an interest rate of 1.8% over Base Rate.

Deferred income	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2018	34,609	37,867	34,609	37,867
Amount released to income	(34,609)	(37,867)	(34,609)	(37,867)
Amount deferred in year	38,568	34,609	38,568	34,609
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>38,568</b>	<b>34,609</b>	<b>38,568</b>	<b>34,609</b>

Deferred income comprises contract income received in the year relating to works to be undertaken in 2019-20, income relating to education activities and school visits to take place during the following year, and 2018-19 rental and subsidy income received by the Trust.

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**15. INVESTMENTS**

**Group and charity**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Listed investments</b>		
Market value at 1 April 2018	1,168,861	1,108,170
Additions	323,733	1,282
Disposals	(51,917)	-
Net gain/(loss) on investments	128,715	59,409
<b>Market value at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>1,569,391</b>	<b>1,168,861</b>
Cash held for reinvestment	-	258
Accrued investment dividend	1,485	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,570,876</b>	<b>1,169,119</b>

**Historical cost of investments at 31 March** **961,213**      **678,730**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Analysis of investments by type</b>		
COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	80%	96%
Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust	0%	4%
EdenTree Amity Global Equity Fund for Charities	20%	0%
Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited	0%	0%

At 31 March the geographic allocation of investments was as follows:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Geographic Analysis of investments</b>		
UK	100%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

The above investments were all held with UK registered funds, that include overseas holdings.

**Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited**

On 18 December 2015, Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited ("YWSL") a company registered in England was incorporated. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust owns the entire share capital of YWSL (10 ordinary shares of £1).

Further information is provided at Note 24.

The investment in YWSL (£10) is included in the balance sheet of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

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#### 16. PENSION COSTS

The Trust operates two pension arrangements: a Standard Life Auto-enrolment defined contribution scheme, and the Wildlife Trusts Pension Scheme. The latter is described below.

##### The Wildlife Trusts Pension Scheme (WTPS)

The WTPS is a multi-employer scheme with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust being one of 18 participating Wildlife Trusts. The Scheme's assets are held separately from those of the Trust. The WTPS has two categories of membership: defined benefit and defined contribution. The defined benefit or 'final salary' category closed to further accrual of benefits in October 2005, however, Trusts continue to make contributions to eliminate the scheme deficit.

##### WTPS Pension Scheme Deficit

A revaluation of the defined benefit scheme was undertaken by the scheme's actuary in April 2017 with an overall estimated deficit of £5.9m. The actuary of The Wildlife Trusts Pension Scheme, Capita, have confirmed that it is not currently possible to provide an accurate apportionment of the scheme's assets and liabilities between each wildlife Trust.

Therefore, in accordance with FRS 102, we have calculated Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's share of the pension deficit based on the discounted cost of its deficit reduction plan payments. Again, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's share of deficit repayment contributions is estimated at approximately 0.6% of total contributions. A revised deficit repayment plan was proposed by the Trustees of the pension scheme, commencing August 2017. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is making repayment contributions in line with this plan. The Trust made contributions in the year to 31 March 2019 of £4,637 (2018: £3,944) Annual deficit repayment contributions increase by 2.8% per annum under the plan until 2026.

On this basis, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's estimated deficit at 31 March 2019 totals £38,122 (2018: £41,213), for which the Trust has made provision in full within its accounts. Proposed deficit reduction repayments less than one year total £5,220 (2018: £4,975) with £32,902 (2018: £36,238) due after more than one year.

Whilst the revised liability was in place at 31 March 2018, we have not adjusted our prior year accounts to reflect this as the change is not material.

The Trustees of the Wildlife Trust Pension Scheme have also made us aware that Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, along with a number of other participating Trusts may have triggered a S75 event in July 2002 which would crystallise the Trust's liability at this date. We understand contributions made since this date may be deductible from Trust's S75 liability. Based on the Scheme's liability at April 2004 of £5m, less contributions made by the Trust it is possible that the Trust may have repaid its S75 liability in full. We are currently awaiting further information from the trustees on this matter and have therefore at this stage have not adjusted the basis on which the liability is displayed within our accounts.

	2019	2018
	£	£
<b>WTPS Defined Benefit Scheme contribution commitments</b>		
Contributions payable within one year	5,220	4,975
Contributions payable after one year	32,902	36,238
<b>Total pension contribution commitments</b>	<b>38,122</b>	<b>41,213</b>



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**17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 March 2019, the Trust had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows;

	2019		2018	
	Land & buildings £	Other £	Land & buildings £	Other £
<b>Annual operating lease commitments in respect of leases expiring</b>				
Within one year	12,823	135	18,347	135
Between one and five years	-	-	11,698	-
After five years	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,823</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>30,045</b>	<b>135</b>

**18. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

**18a. COMMITMENTS UNDER AGENCY AGREEMENTS**

Periodically, the Trust enters into agreements with Yorkshire landowners to act as their agent for peat restoration contracts on their land and for claiming Higher Level Stewardship grants from Natural England on their behalf. The total value of the contract work within the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £NIL (2018 £0.97m). Neither the grant income receivable from Natural England, nor the payments to the contractors for the peat restoration works are included in the Statement of Financial Activities, because the incoming resources do not belong to the Trust and the Trust has no responsibility for their ultimate application, being legally bound to apply the funds to the peat restoration works as agent for the landowners.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, included within Other debtors is income receivable as agent for peat restoration works completed of NIL (2018: £0.27m). Other creditors include NIL(2018: £0.17m) for work completed but not yet paid.

**18b. CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS FOR CAPITAL ITEMS**

In November 2017, the Trust contracted with Access UK Ltd for the supply, installation and migration of data to a new customer relationship management system. Migration to the new CRM system completed 10 May 2019.

In May 2019 the Trust entered into a contract totalling £0.18m for the replacement of the bridge accessing the Trust's nature reserve at Wheldrake Ings. The installation of the bridge completed in June 2019. This amount is not included below as the contract was signed post year end.

	2019 £	2018 £
Customer Relationship Management Project	6,203	43,637
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>43,637</b>

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#### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Dr Robert Stoneman who was Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Chief Executive until May 2019, is a Trustee of the Peter De Haan Charitable Trust. Dr Stoneman declares a conflict of interest at any meetings in relation to grants to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and takes no part in decisions relating to such grants. During the year ended 31 March 2019 the Trust received income from Peter De Haan Charitable Trust of £46,000 (2018: £124,217).

Dr Stoneman is also a Trustee of the Postcode Care Trust, the Postcode Children Trust and the Humber Nature Partnership. Neither Dr Stoneman or the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust receive any financial benefit from these organisations.

Peter Batchelor, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Director of Finance and Central Services is also a Director of Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited, the Trust's wholly owned trading subsidiary.

Mike Cooke, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is also a Non Executive Director of Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has contracted with Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of health trainer services in East Yorkshire focussing on the wellbeing of fisherman in East Yorkshire, funded by the European Maritime & Fisheries Fund and Seafarer's Hospital Society. Mr Cooke declares a conflict of interest at any meetings in relation to services provided by Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and takes no part in decision making relating to the procurement of such services by the Trust. During the year the Trust incurred £65,763 (2018: £nil) under this contract to Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust of which £7,307 (2018:nil) was included in Creditors at 31 March 2019.

Christine Packer, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is also a Director of Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited, the Trust's wholly owned trading subsidiary.

Gurdev Singh, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is also a Director of North Wold Printers Ltd who provide printing services to the Trust. Mr Singh declares a conflict of interest at any meetings in relation to services provided by North Wold Printers Ltd to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and takes no part in decision making relating to the procurement of such services by the Trust. During the year, the Trust purchased print and mailing services from North Wold Printers Ltd totalling £57,243 (2018: £50,979), with £11,886 (2018:£1,096) included within creditors at 31 March 2019. North Wold Printers Ltd is also a corporate member and supporter of the Trust contributing income of £500 (2018: £750) in the year.

Richard Tripp, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is also a partner at Pinsent Masons LLP. The Trust received £286 (2018: £150) of fundraising income from Pinsent Masons during the year.

Bob Missin, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust until October 2018, received £1,582 for providing environmental planning consultancy services to the Trust.

Paddy Hall, a Trustee of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is also Chairman of the West Beck Preservation Society. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has granted the West Beck Preservation Society a licence to 31 March 2020 for restricted fishing rights and access to 1.6km of West Beck, a tributary of the River Hull, East Yorkshire.

During the course of the year, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust undertook regular operational transactions with Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited, its subsidiary company. This included the sale of goods and services between the two organisations. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust also entered into an agreement with Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited for the provision of operational and administrative services to the trading subsidiary. During the year the following transactions took place between the Trust and Yorkshire Wildlife Services Ltd (YWSL):

- Purchases of £46,036 (2018: £22,744) were made from YWSL during the year, of which £26,461 (2018: £7,838) is outstanding at the year end and is included within creditors;
- Recharges for goods and services provided by the Trust to YWSL of £224,810 (2018: £165,302), of which £140,527 (2018: £119,148) was outstanding at 31 March 2019;
- Interest charge to YWSL of £554 (2018: £554) for the loan of £18,475 (2018: £18,475) from the Trust to YWSL. The loan capital and interest is included within debtors at 31 March 2019. The loan is repayable on 31 March 2022.
- The transfer under gift aid of the trading profits of YWSL to the Trust of £16,899 (2018: £4,870) of which £16,899 was included in debtors as at 31 March 2019.

There were no other outstanding balances with related parties as at 31 March 2019 (2018: £nil).

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**20. Analysis of Net Accumulated Funds**

	Balance	Movement in Funds					Balance
	1 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Expended in year £	Gains & Losses £	Transfers in year £	Transfer to Asset purchase £	31 March 2019 £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>							
General Unrestricted Funds	938,726	3,816,855	(3,900,173)	42,445	(90,353)	(152,891)	654,609
Unrestricted Fixed Asset Funds	1,972,314	-	(161,284)	-	-	152,891	1,963,921
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2,911,040</b>	<b>3,816,855</b>	<b>(4,061,457)</b>	<b>42,445</b>	<b>(90,353)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,618,530</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>							
<b>Long Term Funds</b>							
Communities along the sands fund	51,816	-	-	-	-	-	51,816
Crackles legacy	52,109	-	(1,000)	769	(2,471)	-	49,407
Dealtry legacy	169,301	-	(12,000)	16,392	-	-	173,693
Humberhead Levels Fund	-	200,000	(45,930)	-	-	-	154,070
Humberhead Levels Partnership Fund	-	15,616	-	-	-	-	15,616
Land purchase fund	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
North Cave long term fund	777,054	43,125	(41,181)	80,716	-	-	859,714
North Leeds nature reserves Fund	-	200,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	195,000
NY Moors Fund - Bill & Ursula Mitchell Trust	107,905	-	(20,000)	6,900	-	(10,245)	84,560
Potteric Carr - Manor Farm Fund	-	412,415	(18,498)	(3,271)	-	(7,361)	383,285
Potteric Carr Fund	1,500	100,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	96,500
Potteric Visitor Centre Solar Fund	691	63	-	-	-	-	754
Richmondshire fund	19,000	2,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	20,000
Sanderson legacy land purchase	-	33,414	-	-	-	-	33,414
Woodland Management Fund	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
	<b>1,180,876</b>	<b>1,026,633</b>	<b>(149,609)</b>	<b>101,506</b>	<b>(2,471)</b>	<b>(17,606)</b>	<b>2,139,329</b>
<b>Project Funds</b>							
Peatland Appeal	-	10,549	-	-	-	-	10,549
Marine Appeal	-	9,943	(9,943)	-	-	-	-
Askham Bog Appeal	-	6,767	(4,504)	-	-	-	2,263
Ashes Pasture Appeal	6,739	6,193	(8,633)	-	-	-	4,299
Aire & Calder Catchment Partnership	1,335	3,152	(4,487)	-	-	-	-
Anston Brook & Oldcotes Dyke EA	7,619	-	(7,619)	-	-	-	-
Back from the Brink RSPB, Veolia and NLHF	28,067	25,520	(53,587)	-	-	-	-
Bradford Urban Discovery Project National Lottery Community Fund	13,502	50,137	(25,529)	-	-	(1,001)	37,109
Clifton Beck National Lottery Heritage Fund & EA	40,609	7,416	(48,025)	-	-	-	-
Deerne Valley Environment Agency	21,662	16,538	(38,200)	-	-	-	-
Fenay Beck BIFFA	-	25,935	(25,935)	-	-	-	-
Harrogate Supporters Allerton Waste Recovery	5,222	1,438	(1,367)	-	-	(3,464)	1,828
Humber Health Partnership EMFF & Seafarers	-	152,030	(89,416)	-	-	(60,114)	2,500
Humberhead Levels North Lincolnshire Council	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-	-	-
Ingleborough Project YorksDalesMilleniumTrust	-	27,506	(37,619)	-	11,309	(1,196)	-
Invasive Species Project	28,563	23,500	(31,392)	-	-	-	20,671
Invasive Species Project Yorkshire Water	14,241	22,612	(28,028)	-	-	-	8,825
IUCN UK Peatland Project Peter de Haan CT	36,726	32,750	(66,838)	-	-	-	2,638
Leeds City Council Partnership	-	16,258	(32,470)	-	16,212	-	-
Leeds City Council Wyke Beck Project	-	130,000	(13,590)	-	-	(1,001)	115,409
Marine Advocacy Esmee Fairbairn & other WTs	10,344	55,240	(55,739)	-	-	-	9,845
Marine Education EMFF	-	43,459	(43,459)	-	-	-	-
Marine Fisheries Esmee Fairbairn	16,251	-	(15,250)	-	-	(1,001)	-
Marine Fishing for Litter EMFF	-	12,555	(12,555)	-	-	-	-
Marine MCZ Campaign TWT Marine Fighting Fund	-	17,933	(17,933)	-	-	-	-
Marine Peter de Haan Charitable Trust	-	29,217	(29,217)	-	-	-	-
Nature Triangle Project Coastal Communities Fund	290	147,928	(117,513)	-	-	(30,705)	-
North Cave Wetlands short term fund	8,113	2,500	(4,086)	-	-	-	6,527
North of England Peat Partnership Defra	-	2,263,752	(1,667,325)	-	-	(3,864)	592,563
Owler Beck Project	40,103	38,345	(78,629)	-	181	-	-
Pennine Peat Life Project EU LIFE	-	130,000	(91,878)	-	-	-	38,122

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**20. Analysis of Net Accumulated Funds (Cont'd)**

	Balance	Movement in Funds					Balance
	1 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Expended in year £	Gains & Losses £	Transfers in year £	Transfer to Asset purchase £	31 March 2019 £
<b>Project Funds (cont'd)</b>							
Potteric Carr Grazing Project BIFFA Award	-	47,648	(47,937)	-	289	-	-
Potteric Carr Lodge Land Trust	-	49,015	(49,015)	-	-	-	-
Red Kite Project	2,369	2,575	(3,235)	-	-	-	1,709
Ripon City Wetlands Aggregate Industries	-	12,483	(5,952)	-	-	(1,550)	4,981
River Derwent Project	12,510	138,739	(57,380)	-	-	-	93,869
River Hull Project	40,217	91,748	(111,599)	-	8	-	20,374
River Idle Veolia	8,314	7,557	(15,871)	-	-	-	-
River Torne EA	8,847	36,075	(44,783)	-	-	-	139
River Wiske EA & Yorkshire Water	27,314	29,858	(52,779)	-	-	-	4,393
Soak it Up Project Yorkshire Water	-	55,382	(53,950)	-	-	-	1,431
Spurn & Kilnsea Wetlands Access	-	168,507	(54,895)	-	2,471	(116,083)	-
Coastal Communities Fund							
Staveley & Ripon Wetlands WREN FCC CA Fund	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000
Stirley Meadows BIFFA Waste	-	20,706	(20,757)	-	51	-	-
Stirley Volunteer Accommodation Project	6,000	10,000	(200)	-	39,909	(55,709)	-
Tomorrows Natural Leaders National Lottery Community Fund	-	200,585	(200,585)	-	-	-	-
Tomorrows Natural Leaders PDHCT	27,367	-	(27,367)	-	-	-	-
Upper Aire Environment Agency	-	18,469	(18,469)	-	-	-	-
Upper Dunsforth Carrs Allerton Waste Recovery	4,060	-	(4,060)	-	-	-	-
Wheldrake Access WREN FCC and Donations	2,830	48,461	(27,348)	-	350	(21,500)	2,793
Wolds Dew Ponds National Lottery Heritage Fund	11,694	25,450	(32,660)	-	-	-	4,484
Yorkshire Peat Partnership EA & N Pennines AONB	-	82,762	(82,762)	-	-	-	-
Youth in Nature Probe (Hull)	-	51,737	(51,737)	-	-	-	-
Other restricted project funds	43,540	159,301	(162,526)	-	22,044	(1,494)	60,866
<b>Restricted Long Term &amp; Project Funds</b>	<b>1,670,324</b>	<b>5,652,863</b>	<b>(3,951,241)</b>	<b>101,506</b>	<b>90,353</b>	<b>(316,288)</b>	<b>3,247,517</b>
<b>Restricted Fixed Asset Funds</b>	<b>6,235,864</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(210,976)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>316,288</b>	<b>6,341,176</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>7,906,188</b>	<b>5,652,863</b>	<b>(4,162,217)</b>	<b>101,506</b>	<b>90,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,588,693</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>	<b>9,469,718</b>	<b>(8,223,673)</b>	<b>143,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>

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#### 20. Analysis of Net Accumulated Funds (cont'd)

The general unrestricted funds represents the available unrestricted funds of the charity which the Trustees are free to use, in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Trust.

The fixed assets fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets, net of the Trust's long term mortgage liability. The allocation of tangible fixed assets is carried out on the basis of whether the funds used for the acquisition were from restricted funds or from unrestricted funds. Transfers to Asset Purchase represents expenditure on items capitalised as fixed assets at 31 March 2019 and movement from general unrestricted funds to reflect the annual capital repayment of the Trust's mortgage liability. Transfers In Year arise when unrestricted money was utilised to contribute towards delivery of a restricted fund project.

The Dealtry legacy is a legacy received during the year ended 31 March 2001 to be used for the purchase and development of freshwater nature reserves within North & East Yorkshire.

The Crackles legacy is a legacy received during the year ended 31 March 2008 to be used for the purchase of land in the East Riding of Yorkshire for conservation purposes.

The North Cave long term fund comprises donations for the long term development of the North Cave reserve. During the year, the fund benefited from Humberside Aggregates contribution towards the fund and a donation from Stephen Martin, a generous supporter and Patron of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

The Bill and Ursula Mitchell Trust legacy received in 2015 is to be spent by the Trust on conservation activity within the North Yorkshire Moors National Park.

The Humberhead Levels Fund was created using a donation received in August 2018 from Yorkshire Water. The fund is to be used to support our work across the Humberhead Levels.

The North Leeds nature reserves fund was created using a donation received from Yorkshire Water in March 2019. The fund is to be used to support nature reserve management and engagement activities in North Leeds and enable access improvements to our nature reserves at Adel Dam and Hetchell Wood.

The Potteric Carr - Manor Farm Fund is a donation received from Persimmon Home Plc to manage land and deliver engagement activities at Manor Farm, adjacent to Potteric Carr nature reserve.

The Potteric Carr fund was created using a donation from Tesco PLC received in October 2018. The fund is to be used to support nature reserve management, engagement activities and projects at Potteric Carr nature reserve, Doncaster.

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#### 20. Analysis of Net Accumulated Funds (cont'd)

During the year to 31 March 2019, the Trust received restricted funds with incoming resources in excess of £50,000 as follows:

- Bradford Urban Discovery Project - In December 2018, the Trust began a new project in South Bradford supporting urban communities to reclaim and improve local green spaces for people and wildlife, providing residents with accessible and local natural areas. The project is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and Bradford City Council;
- Spurn Discovery Centre - Improving visitor facilities at Spurn Point providing a safe, informative and enjoyable gateway to nature. The Discovery Centre has only been possible thanks to grants from E.ON Climate & Renewables UK Limited and the Coastal Communities Fund;
- Our Nature Triangle Project aims to show how nature tourism income can help revitalise Yorkshire's coastal and inland economy. The project is currently funded by the Coastal Communities Fund;
- Tomorrow's Natural Leaders - training scheme launched with funding from National Lottery Community Fund, Our Bright Future fund to encourage young people to connect with their local environment and gain skills and experience contributing to the green economy;
- River Wiske Project - Our project along the River Wiske Corridor looks to address local flooding and water pollution issues, as well as to create new habitat for wildlife. The project is funded by Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency;
- Youth in Nature - Hull - Partnering with Probe (Hull) Ltd to introduce young children in Hull to nature. With funding from National Lottery Community Fund, Our Bright Future fund;
- North of England Peat Partnership and the Yorkshire Peat Partnership - Lead partner in £4.5m project to deliver peatland restoration across the North of England. Funded by Defra, the Environment Agency and Bannister Charitable Trust;
- Pennine PeatLIFE is funded by the EU LIFE programme with match funding from Yorkshire Water, United Utilities, Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency. Pennine PeatLIFE is led by the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership in collaboration with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership;
- Environment Agency Torne catchment partnership funding delivering improving water quality, natural flood defence and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) initiatives and education;
- Land Trust funding at Carr Lodge has successfully allowed us to continue to bring 70 acres of land at Carr Lodge, Doncaster under environmental management;
- Humber Health Trainers Partnership - working in partnership with the Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust and Seafarers Hospital Society, a dedicated Healthtrainer service was launched in October 2018 that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's fishermen;

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#### 20. Analysis of Net Accumulated Funds (cont'd)

- Staveley and Ripon City Wetlands - funding from WREN FCC Community Action Fund in March 2019 towards access and conservation improvements at Staveley Nature Reserve and Ripon City Wetlands Nature Reserve;
- Marine Advocacy Esmee and other WTs - Leading a North Sea Marine Advocacy Programme on behalf of the Wildlife Trusts, campaigning for Marine Protection Zones in UK waters, and particularly in the North Sea (MPZ); The campaign is funded by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation;
- River Derwent Project - Lead delivery partner of the Derwent Catchment Partnership, aiming to improve water quality and create wildlife habitat in the Derwent catchment;
- Soak it Up - Partnering with Yorkshire Water to deliver a programme of sustainable drainage initiatives and education to school across South and East Yorkshire;
- Leeds Wyke Beck Project - collaboration with Leeds City Council to develop a green infrastructure corridor along the Wyke Beck Leeds.
- River Hull Project aims to improve water quality and create wildlife habitat along the chalk stream headwaters of the River Hull. The project is currently funded by Natural England, the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and The Boatman Charitable Trust;

Other restricted funds are grants for a range of projects, of which the largest are displayed separately.

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21. Cash flow analysis	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Operating activities</b>			
<b>Net incoming resources before gains/(losses)</b>		<b>1,246,044</b>	<b>1,579,180</b>
<b>Adjustment for:</b>			
Interest costs		15,216	13,943
Investment income		(9,039)	(4,640)
Depreciation	<b>11a</b>	372,259	336,647
<b>Changes in working capital:</b>			
(Increase) / decrease in stock (exc gain on livestock)		(7,695)	(20,848)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	<b>13</b>	(285,014)	401,974
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<b>14</b>	359,137	217,674
Adjustment for DB Pension scheme movement in creditors		(1,547)	170
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>1,689,361</b>	<b>2,524,098</b>
<b>Investment activities</b>			
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment income received		7,554	4,640
Accrued investment income		1,485	-
Interest paid		(15,216)	(13,943)
Purchase of fixed & heritage assets		(420,081)	(1,884,172)
Purchase of investments		(323,733)	(1,282)
Sale proceeds of disposal of assets		16,783	1,250
Sale proceeds of investments		51,917	-
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investment activities</b>		<b>(681,291)</b>	<b>(1,893,507)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Debt due within one year:</i>			
Increase / (decrease) in short term borrowing	<b>14</b>	-	(442,000)
Increase / (decrease) of secured loan (mortgage)		2,270	(1,947)
<i>Debt due beyond one year:</i>			
Increase / (decrease) of secured loan (mortgage)	<b>14</b>	(49,097)	(42,757)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>(46,827)</b>	<b>(486,703)</b>



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21. Cash flow analysis (cont'd)	2019	2018
Note	£	£
<b>Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash in hand	2,004,499	1,044,485
Cash held for reinvestment	-	258
Accrued investment income	1,485	-
Overdraft	-	-
	<b>2,005,985</b>	<b>1,044,743</b>

Analysis of change in net funds / (debt)	1 April	Cash	31 March
Note	2018	Flow	2019
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>1,044,485</b>	960,014	<b>2,004,499</b>
Liquid resources	<b>258</b>	(258)	-
Debt due within one year	14	(2,270)	<b>(48,117)</b>
Debt due after one year	14	49,097	<b>(599,116)</b>
<b>Net funds</b>	<b>350,684</b>	<b>1,006,583</b>	<b>1,357,267</b>

**22. Analysis of Group Net Assets by fund**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total
		General	Fixed Assets	Income	Fixed Assets	
		£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets		-	2,563,036	-	6,341,177	<b>8,904,213</b>
Investments		234,573	-	1,336,304	-	<b>1,570,877</b>
Cash at bank and in hand		(97,002)	-	2,101,501	-	<b>2,004,499</b>
Stock		124,331	-	-	-	<b>124,331</b>
Debtors		1,056,832	-	649,674	-	<b>1,706,506</b>
Current Liabilities		(631,222)	-	(839,964)	-	<b>(1,471,186)</b>
Creditors > 1 year		(32,902)	(599,115)	-	-	<b>(632,017)</b>
		<b>654,609</b>	<b>1,963,921</b>	<b>3,247,516</b>	<b>6,341,177</b>	<b>12,207,223</b>

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**23. Comparative financial information for the financial year to 31 March 2018**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations and legacies	1,561,747	160,573	1,722,320
People's Postcode Lottery	230,000	-	230,000
Charitable activities	1,294,147	3,359,187	4,653,334
Other trading activities	348,420	-	348,420
Investments	4,640	-	4,640
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,438,954</b>	<b>3,519,760</b>	<b>6,958,714</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Raising Funds	545,871	21,957	567,828
Charitable Activities	2,660,731	2,150,976	4,811,706
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,206,602</b>	<b>2,172,933</b>	<b>5,379,534</b>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	13,319	46,090	59,409
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>245,671</b>	<b>1,392,917</b>	<b>1,638,589</b>
Transfers between funds	(176,398)	176,398	-
<b>Net incoming resources before other recognised gains</b>	<b>69,273</b>	<b>1,569,315</b>	<b>1,638,589</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	(9,750)	-	(9,750)
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Actuarial gains / (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	170	-	170
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>59,693</b>	<b>1,569,315</b>	<b>1,629,008</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	2,851,347	6,336,874	9,188,221
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,911,040</b>	<b>7,906,188</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	1,650,327	3,036,285	4,686,611
Heritage assets	970,199	3,199,580	4,169,779
Investments	216,025	953,105	1,169,129
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>2,836,551</b>	<b>7,188,970</b>	<b>10,025,521</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	83,458	-	83,458
Debtors	856,075	703,033	1,559,108
Cash at bank and in hand	315,771	613,371	929,142
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,255,303</b>	<b>1,316,404</b>	<b>2,571,707</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	496,363	599,185	1,095,548
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>758,940</b>	<b>717,219</b>	<b>1,476,159</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>3,595,491</b>	<b>7,906,188</b>	<b>11,501,679</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	684,451	-	684,451
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,911,040</b>	<b>7,906,188</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
General unrestricted funds	938,726	-	938,726
Restricted income funds	-	1,670,324	1,670,324
Fixed asset purchases fund	1,972,314	6,235,864	8,208,178
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>2,911,040</b>	<b>7,906,188</b>	<b>10,817,228</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### for the year ended 31 March 2019

#### 24. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

##### Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited

On 18 December 2015, Yorkshire Wildlife Services Limited ("YWSL") a company registered in England was incorporated. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust owns the entire share capital of YWSL (10 ordinary shares of £1). YWSL was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary, with a view to generating funds on behalf of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and ensuring continued compliance with UK tax legislation. YWSL commenced trading on 1 April 2016. On 1 April 2016, the retail and catering operations of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust were moved to YWSL. All retail and catering stock at 1 April 2016 was transferred to YWSL.

During the 12 months to 31 March 2019, a profit of £16,899 before taxation was generated and subsequently distributed to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust under the gift aid scheme.

<b>Profit and loss account for 12m to 31 March 2019</b>	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2018 £</b>
Turnover	421,774	322,518
Cost of sales	383,303	298,729
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>38,471</b>	<b>23,789</b>
Administrative expenses	21,017	18,365
Interest payable	554	554
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>16,899</b>	<b>4,870</b>
Taxation		
Gift Aid Donation to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	16,899	4,870
<b>Retained earnings for the financial year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Balance sheet at 31 March 2019</b>	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2018 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock	51,394	33,178
Debtors	27,670	7,954
Cash at bank and in hand	111,563	115,343
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>190,627</b>	<b>156,476</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	172,142	137,991
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>18,485</b>	<b>18,485</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18,475	18,475
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Called up share capital	10	10
Profit and loss reserves	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Corporate Members

### for the year ended 31 March 2019

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust would like to thank all its corporate partners who have supported the Trust throughout the year.

#### **CORPORATE BENEFACTOR**

Yorkshire Water  
Vine House Farm  
St Helen's Farm

#### **SILVER**

Dining UK State Bidco Ltd  
Farmhouse Potato Bakers Ltd  
O'Donnell Civil Engineers Ltd  
University of York

#### **BRONZE**

Airedale International Air Conditioning  
Austin Hayes Ltd  
Beal Developments  
Concept Data Display Ltd  
Construction Marine Ltd  
Consulo Financial Planning Ltd  
Croda International Plc  
Double Two Ltd  
Evans Management Ltd  
Far 'n' Beyond Ltd  
Forest Holidays  
Friendship Estates Ltd  
Harland & Co Solicitors  
Hungate York Regeneration Ltd  
Intravel Ltd  
J W Crowther & Son Limited  
Kingston Unity Friendly Society  
North Wolds Printers  
Peppers Marquees Ltd  
Persimmon Homes Yorkshire  
Phoenix Mechanical Services Ltd  
Power Health Products Ltd  
R S Cockerill (York) Ltd

#### **GOLD**

Blue Dolphin Holiday Park  
DB Cargo (UK) Limited  
Dr Reddy's Laboratories (EU) Ltd  
GB Railfreight  
Nestle  
University of Leeds  
Wykeland Limited

#### **BRONZE (cont'd)**

Read Family Group Ltd  
Sherwin Williams  
Syngenta Ltd  
Tennants Auctioneers Ltd  
The Conservation Volunteers  
The Reed Boardall Group Ltd  
W Clifford Watts Ltd  
Wienerberger Ltd  
Xiros Ltd  
York St John University

# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Vote of Thanks

for the year ended 31 March 2019

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust would like to thank all its partners, supporters, major donors and Wildlife Guardians for their help with its work, many of whom are listed below.

We would like to also give thanks to players of **People's Postcode Lottery** and **The National Lottery**. Each year People's Postcode Lottery, The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund continually support Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, providing significant funding for our work.

Aggregate Industries UK Ltd	Experience Community
Aire Rivers Trust	FCC Communities Foundation
Jonathan and Margaret Allison	Filey Bird Observatory Group
Arco	Flamborough Bird Observatory
Associated British Ports	Flamborough Golf Club
Barclays plc	Friends of Lower Derwent Valley
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Friends of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Biffa Award	Garfield Weston Foundation
Bon Bons (Wholesale)	Garganey Trust
Bourne Leisure	GB Rail Freight
Bradford City Council	Genr8
Breedon Group	Give as You Live
Bridgeland Developments Limited	George and Mary Crosfield Charitable Trust
British Dragonfly Society	Great Rail Journeys
Butterfly Conservation	Green Future Building
Calder & Colne Rivers Trust	Green Leeds
Calderdale Council	Habitat Aid Ltd
Canal and River Trust	Harewood House Estate
Castle Howard Estate	Harland and Co Solicitors
Cemex Community Fund	Harlaxton Engineering Services Limited
Child Dynamix	Harrogate Borough Council
City of York Council	Holderness Coast Fishing Industry Group
Coastal Communities Fund	Holderness Fisheries Local Action Group
Community Foundation Limited	Howardian Hills AONB
CP Thackray Charitable Trust	HSBC Bank plc
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	Hull and East Riding Wildfowlers Association
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Hull City Council
Emily Weircroft Charitable Trust	David and Elizabeth Hulme
Don Catchment Partnership	Humber Aquaculture Partnership
Don Catchment Rivers Trust	Humberhead Levels NIA Partnership
Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board	Icthius Charitable Trust
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	IUCN Peatland
Durham County Council	Joe Browns
E.ON UK	John Lewis Plc
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Jordans Cereals
East Yorkshire Rivers Trust	Karian & Box
Environment Agency	Kirklees City Council
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	Lafarge Landfill Communities Fund
eulife	Land Trust
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	Leeds City Council

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## Vote of Thanks (cont'd)

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Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust  
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
Loch Lomond & the Trossachs NPA  
McDonald's Scarborough  
Margaret Joan Tuttle Trust  
Marine Management Organisation  
Stephen Martin  
Master Pile  
Micro Program Services  
Middlemarch Environmental Ltd  
National Trust  
Natural England  
Nidderdale AONB  
Ninehundred Communications Group Limited  
Norfolk Wildlife Trust  
North Lincolnshire Council  
North Pennines AONB Partnership  
North York Moors National Park Authority  
North Yorkshire County Council  
Northumberland Wildlife Trust  
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust  
Persimmon Homes  
Robin and Sue Perutz  
Peter De Haan Charitable Trust  
Probe (Hull) Ltd  
R E Chadwick Charitable Trust  
River Hull Valley Drainage Heritage  
Rotary Club of Harrogate  
Royal Botanic Gardens Kew  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts  
Sandbeck Park  
Scarborough Borough Council  
Scottish Natural Heritage  
Scottish Water  
Seafarers Hospital Society  
Selby District Council  
Seven Trent PLC  
Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust  
South Holderness Countryside Society  
Spurn Bird Observatory Trust  
Spurn Migfest  
St Helen's Farm  
Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
SUEZ Communities Trust  
Tesco Bags of Help  
The Banister Charitable Trust  
The Boatman Charitable Trust  
The Co-operative  
The Coulthurst Trust  
The Deep  
The Linden Charitable Trust  
The Liz and Terry Bramhall Foundation  
The National Lottery Community Fund  
The National Lottery Heritage Fund  
The Players of the People's Postcode Lottery  
The Robert Fuller Gallery  
The Rotary Club of Doncaster  
The Shears Foundation  
University of Hull  
University of Leeds  
University of York  
Veolia Environmental Trust  
Vincent Wildlife Trust - Kevin O'Hara  
Vine House Farm  
Visit Hull and East Yorkshire  
Voluntary Action Barnsley  
Voluntary Action Kirklees  
Waitrose Limited  
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council  
Walker Morris LLP  
Welcome to Yorkshire  
West Beck Preservation Society  
West Yorkshire Combined Authority  
Wharfedale Naturalists Society  
Wildlife Travel  
Woodlands Trust  
WREN FCC Community Action Fund  
Xiros  
YHA Youth Hostels Association – Boggle Hole  
YMCA Barnsley  
York Diocesan Board of Finance/ Pybus trust  
York Ornithological Club  
Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank  
Yorkshire Agricultural Society  
Yorkshire Coast Nature  
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust  
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust  
Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership  
Yorkshire Farming and Wildlife Partnership  
Yorkshire Naturalists Union  
Yorkshire Water