



Members of the GWT staff 2019

Gwent Wildlife Trust // Ymddiriedolaeth Natur Gwent

Annual Review 2018 - 2019

Welcome to Gwent Wildlife Trust's Annual Review. It is always heartening to see just how much we have managed to achieve in the course of one year! Once again, we have spent considerable time in opposition to the new M4 proposals, including the making of a successful and most beautiful video, which showed clearly just how unique is the wetland ecosystem of the Gwent Levels. We are delighted that the Welsh Government has been so impressed by our campaigning, which was supported by so many of you, that the scheme has now been permanently cancelled, with environmental concerns being cited as the principal reason.

Education is a vital part of our work, and the numbers of children and young people that we reach continues to grow every year. It is our children's future

that is threatened by climate change, and it has been most moving this spring to see children themselves, all across the world, making their voices heard in demanding action to mitigate climate change. Here in GWT we are working with them.

Our work would not be possible without the huge support that we get from people everywhere: our volunteers, our valued conservation partners, so many local businesses, and of course our thousands of members. If it wasn't for you, we would not be able to achieve all that we do. Finally, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful staff, whose non-stop commitment and skills are all-important. We look forward to another rewarding year.

Alison Willott, Chair, Gwent Wildlife Trust.

Protecting Wildlife for the Future // Gwarchod Natur ar gyfer y Dyfodol

A snapshot of what we achieved in 2018 – 2019

Our Year In Numbers

- Over 1,000 days' volunteer support to manage our nature reserves on the Gwent Levels
- Thousands of children visit our education centre at Magor Marsh – and enjoy our new dipping platform



Restoration of 120 acres of grassland on land around our HQ in Dingestow commenced, including registered, historic parkland habitat

- Over 9km of field ditches restored on the Gwent Levels, to help re-colonise with nationally-important wildlife
- We bought an additional 2-acres at Prisk Wood SSSI nature reserve, increasing space for wildlife and access for people

We donated 145 'Lost Words' illustrated wildlife poetry books, one to every primary school in Gwent



- We coppiced almost 1 hectare of woodland with volunteers and trainees at Croes Robert SSSI
- 3km of fencing replaced at the top of Silent Valley... supported by 100 days of volunteer time!
- We delivered over 20 events for schools in Torfaen and Central Valley through the Where's your Wildlife project

More than 7,000 people sent our #SavetheGwentLevels e-action to the First Minister to oppose the new M4

- We welcomed 252 new members to Gwent Wildlife Trust – thank you!



My Wild Newport

In July 2018, we launched a new project, funded by NRW and working with Newport City Council to promote wellbeing through enjoyment of the city's many green spaces. Since then...

- We've established a new monthly volunteering group, with 15 new volunteers!
- We've delivered 5 litter picking days, 2 footpath maintenance tasks, 5 school engagement activities, 2 guided walks and 6 x invasive species removal tasks on Newport's green spaces.
- 20 businesses have got engaged in wildlife conservation volunteering.

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Our Year In Your Words:

"I visited Magor Marsh nature reserve a few years ago and loved it. It's ideal for giving me a short break from work or caring duties... there is always something to see and photograph whatever the time of year. I love coming to Magor Marsh and immersing myself in nature and the wildlife here."

Hugh Gregory, supporter.

"I started volunteering as a shepherd a year and a half ago, and gradually got more involved until I applied for the trainee position. The difference it has made in my life has been incredible. Not only have I discovered amazing wildlife sites that I never knew existed, even on my doorstep, but gained so much knowledge, new qualifications and made friends for life with so many amazing people... Gwent Wildlife Trust is truly a guardian of wildlife."

Nadine Evans, volunteer, Grassland Conservation Trainee

"It's like she's found a place where she can develop her budding love of the outdoors and nature with other children. She's comes back buzzing from the sessions! Thanks so much."

Parent of Wildlife Warrior, Iona.



SUMMARY OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31st March 2019

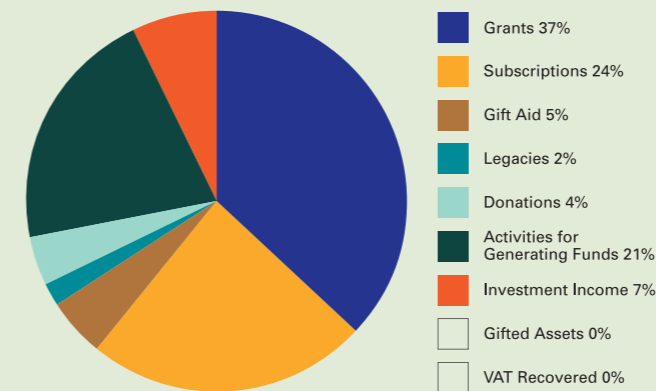
Incoming Resources	£'s	Resources Expended	£'s
Grants	278,348	Project wages	245,495
Subscriptions	181,383	Core business wages	418,078
Gift Aid	40,597	Contractors costs	77,590
Legacies	16,843	Management costs	64,606
Donations	32,737	Advancement charitable activities	125,525
Activities for generating funds	158,886	Membership & Marketing cost	112,955
Investment income	52,366	Governance costs	36,529
Gifted assets	2471	Depreciation	40,553
VAT Recovered	98	Disposal of fixed assets	0
Total Incoming Resources	763,729	Total Resources Expended	1,121,331

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

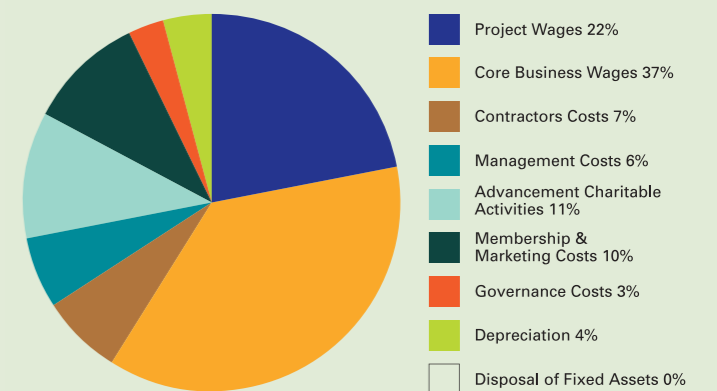
The accounts here are a summary of information extracted from the statutory Financial Statements which were approved by the Trustees on 22nd July 2019. The full statutory Annual Report and Financial Statements will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and submitted to the Charity Commission. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. A copy of the full accounts is available from our registered office on request, from 1st September 2019.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees Sue Finn, Honorary Secretary 23rd July 2019.

Income



Expenditure



ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2019

	2019	2018
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	88,355	73,333
Heritage assets	1,676,465	1,315,318
Total fixed assets	1,764,820	1,388,651
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	144,606	397,303
Cash at bank	1,650,242	2,143,271
Total current assets	1,794,848	2,540,574
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within 1 year	-16,331	-28,286
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1,778,517	2,512,288
Total assets less current liabilities	3,543,337	3,900,939
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Designated unrestricted funds	2,001,818	2,422,685
General unrestricted funds	155,553	140,477
Restricted funds	1,385,966	1,337,777
Total funds	3,543,337	3,900,939

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

In our opinion, these summarised accounts are consistent with the full statutory accounts on which we have reported with an unqualified opinion. UHY Hacker Young Auditor 1st August, 2018 Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Lanyon House, Mission Court, Newport, South Wales, NP20 2DW

GWT OBJECTIVES

Our vision is for people close to nature, in a landscape rich in wildlife.

Our mission is to champion nature conservation and inspire people about wildlife in Gwent.

We will do this by being **passionate leaders** and **natural partners** whose objectives are to: inspire people to value and take action for nature; champion nature and our work and enable this by: growing our resources; knowledge sharing, cooperation, flexibility and effectiveness, ensuring good governance.



Gwent Wildlife Trust Who's Who June 2019

Iolo Williams	<i>Patron</i>
Roger James	<i>President</i>
Martin Anthoney	<i>Vice-President</i>
David Leat	<i>Vice-President</i>
David Richards	<i>Vice-President</i>
Stephanie Tyler	<i>Vice-President</i>
Julia James	<i>Vice-President</i>
Chris Hatch	<i>Vice-President</i>

GWT COUNCIL

Alison Willott	<i>Chair</i>
Robert Waller	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Sue Finn	<i>Hon Secretary</i>
David Jones	<i>Hon Treasurer</i>
Richard Waller	<i>Trustee</i>
Fay Mansell	<i>Trustee</i>
Keith Allen	<i>Trustee</i>
Jonathan Stephens	<i>Trustee</i>
Tom Clancy	<i>Co-opted</i>
Chris Duncan	<i>Co-opted</i>
David Rees	<i>Co-opted</i>
Rebecca Spooner	<i>Co-opted</i>
Natasha Harris	<i>Co-opted</i>

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Gwent Wildlife Trust's 56th Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at the Glen Yr Afon House Hotel, Pontypool Road, Usk. Following a break for refreshments, there will be a showcase of our work from staff and a presentation of the new strategic plan, 2019 – 2024.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM and matters arising (See Notes below)
3. To receive the Annual Report of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019 (See Notes below)
4. To receive the Annual Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019 (See Notes below)
5. To appoint Auditors of the charity to hold office until the conclusion of the next General Meeting at which the accounts are laid before the charity
6. To agree the proposed changes to The Articles of Association (See Notes below)
7. To elect five new trustees to the Gwent Wildlife Trust (See Notes below)
8. To introduce the newly-elected Officers of the Council of Trustees for 2019/20
9. Presentations

By *order of Council July 2019*

Sue Finn, Hon Secretary

NOTES

The following papers can be inspected at the AGM, obtained from the Gwent Wildlife Trust office on 01600 740600 or by emailing info@gwentwildlife.org and also online at www.gwentwildlife.org from 1st September, 2019.

- Minutes of 55th AGM on 19th September 2018.
- The full statutory Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019.
- The proposed changes to the Articles of Association.
- Short biographies of the five new trustees to be elected.

GWT STAFF

Ian Rappel	<i>Chief Executive</i>
Leigh Danziger	<i>Finance & Administration Manager</i>
Sarah Binmore	<i>Finance & Administration Officer</i>
Anthony Cook	<i>IT & Administration Officer</i>
Debbie Stenner	<i>Marketing & Membership Manager</i>
Martyn Wright	<i>Membership Recruitment Officer</i>
Robert Magee	<i>Fundraising Officer</i>
Sarah Harris	<i>Senior Press & Communications Officer</i>
Lois Holroyd	<i>Membership and Marketing Administrator</i>
Naomi Davis	<i>Senior Development Officer</i>
Natalie Waller	<i>Eastern Valleys Landscape Manager</i>
Tom Eyles	<i>Eastern Valleys Senior Reserves Officer</i>
Rebecca Ward	<i>Eastern Valleys Learning Officer</i>
Liz Winstanley	<i>Eastern Valleys Reserves Officer</i>
Gemma Bodé	<i>Gwent Levels Living Landscape Manager, Deputy CEO</i>
Mike Webb	<i>Conservation Officer</i>
Kathy Barclay	<i>Senior Education Officer</i>
Petra Mitchard	<i>Education Officer</i>
Richard Bakere	<i>Gwent Levels Senior Reserves Officer</i>
Ben Boylett	<i>Gwent Levels Reserves Officer</i>
Lowri Watkins	<i>Conservation Monitoring Officer</i>
Mark Stokes	<i>Senior Natural Heritage Project Officer</i>
Beccy Williams	<i>Living Levels Project Volunteer Coordinator</i>
Neville Hart	<i>Usk to Wye Living Landscape Manager</i>
Tim Green	<i>Senior Farm & Wildlife Development Officer</i>
Andrew Karran	<i>Senior Conservation Ecologist</i>
Doug Lloyd	<i>Woodland Conservation Officer</i>
Linda Magyar	<i>Usk to Wye Reserves Officer</i>
Ian Thomas	<i>Wild Health Project Officer</i>

