Clean Rivers Trust

Registered Charity No. 1037414

Annual Report
2010-2011

The Great Rivers Experience.

January 2012

Information:

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Legal and Administrative Information.

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Meetings

The Trustees met five times in the last twelve months.

Report of the Director.

To be Director at the end of the Trust's twenty first year of activity has been a privilege; it has not been so much a coming of age, rather a time to take stock of all the organisations actions and work that has been fundamental to its continuing growth and scope of abilities. It is also a time to express gratitude to all those that have used the organisation as a resource or tool to benefit the water environment.

Over the years the Trust has worked with all the UK's water providers, most of the mining companies, some of the largest players in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, most government ministries and environment agencies. The Trust has worked outside the UK in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, East and West Africa and has advised on issues in Australia, the United States and South America. Over the twenty one years it has continued to focus on local issues such as the River Trent; the first centre of concern that saw the establishment of the charity in the first instance.

Being both an international and local organisation has allowed the Trust to pull together a remarkable and dynamic group of active supporters whose expertise is both encyclopaedic and global. The ability to find answers to obscure issues in remote places is remarkably achievable today and with the modern communications the base of information is truly world wide.

Over the past year the work of the Trust has again been diverse, including helping UK communities with planning issues that worried them with regard to there water supplies and sewage related contamination to local wells, streams and rivers.

The sewering of Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia continues to gather momentum. There is much to develop further with this and has so far involved discussions with several of the Ethiopian government's ministers of state and HE the Deputy Prime Minister. We have developed a working arrangement with Addis Ababa University which gives the Trust a firm base from which to work from.

Our interest in the agricultural and waste water issues in Yemen continue; but at a distance. The 'Arab Spring' is considered to be at present a 'winter' by many Yemeni.

Work continues on several water related issues in Devon, Dorset and Cornwall; historic mining pollution concerns still abound as do the developing shortages of water from the moors.

The Trust has been invited to take an interest in the proposals to develop transport infrastructure to the east of London and the development of an airport in the Thames Estuary. This has led to several meetings with the various planners and other parties involved in two the main schemes. There are no concrete proposals as yet on which the Trust can take a view as to its opinion at present.

The Trust is involved in monitoring the proposed plan to burn coal in seam to generate power in the Firth of Forth and has been consulted about other sites that might be considered suitable else where in the UK. The burning of coal bed methane being another area of research that has been raised with the Trust. The issues of obtaining shale gases has also come to the fore this year and has required the Trust to take an active interest in the subject.

As can be seen from the highlights reported above it has been another full and fascinating year.

Dr Harvey Wood FRSA, FGS.

Report of the Trustees; Including Public Benefit.

The Trustees of Clean Rivers Trust present their report of the Charity and its activities so as to outline their regard for due diligence with regard to the demonstration of Public Benefit, and to show that the works that have been undertaken are in line with the registered aims and objectives of the Trust.

The objects of the Trust are to 'advance the education of the public by research and dissemination of any findings regarding inland and estuarine waters.'

This is a huge intellectual catchment in which to work; it allows the Trust to be involved in all aspects of water, its conservation, use, quality and general management. There is a prerequisite for the protection of waters from pollution and the clean up of that that is polluted. It involves those practitioners in water care, in science; hydrogeology, chemistry, botany and the arts. It includes all these and much else. This skills base involves the continual and ongoing development of ideas and the revision of the Trust's stance on varied issues. Regular meetings help to keep abreast of issues as do constant informal involvements at irregular times.

The Trust is regularly consulted by the regulatory regimes in the UK and Europe, in the last year this has included the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Home Office, Environment Agency, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, The House of Commons Committees on Farming, Energy, Environment and Public Accounts. The European Environment Agency and the Ministry of Water in Finland have also requested opinion and technical information. There have been several requests for information or opinion by local authorities and interest groups, located in the UK and further afield. All have expressed their satisfaction with the advice, information, data or other help that was given. The trust is always available to talk to schools or other organisations that request such attention.

The accounts bear witness to the careful management of the organisation's finances; no salaries or retainers are paid, the only headquarters' expenditure being the rental, heating and lighting of the building which houses the office, meeting rooms and library facilities. The main expenditure is in furtherance of the aims of Clean Rivers Trust.

The Trustees oversee the financial regulation, one Trustee (Karen Hindle), maintaining the day to day accounts book. The meetings consider the financial situation of the Trust at regular intervals, regularly questioning the validity of any specific use of funds that has not been expected or flagged up at formal Trustees' and informal liaison meetings with the Director. The Trustees have carried out the financial care of the Trust in accordance with the Charity's declaration of trust and in accordance to the law.

The donors to the Trust and the public, generally, expect that charities make full use of the funds that are available to them; and do not over accumulate excess funds.

The Policy of the Trustees.

The Trustees ensure the organisation carries out research into water qualities, and methods of remediating polluted water and returning it to the natural environment or otherwise utilising water for environmentally sustainable uses. The Trust demonstrates care for the water environment at all times so as to educate and sustain all interested parties in good practice.

The Trust has widened its sphere of activities to include requests for expertise from NGOs and governments where it is feasible. These commissions are developing into fully fledged water research and remediation schemes.

The fundraising for the Trust is an important area of activity that is overseen by the Director. The financial and economic climate has been very adverse but due to the Trust's industry has been worked through. The next year is expected to be equally problematic.

Financial Report.

The Trust has had another interesting financial year. The figures are to be found in the accounts that follow this Annual Report. The general situation is similar to that of the previous financial year (2009-2010). The national financial crisis continues to be noticeable; there continues to be a lack of commissions for commercial consultancy.

This work is vital, as the fees allow the Trust to fund much work that would otherwise go unfunded. The Trust, if it cannot raise funding, never turns its back on a project; it does though take much longer to complete.

The Trust continues to be reliant on donation funding for its work; it is very much reliant on the generosity of charities and funding organisations.

The Clean Rivers Trust thanks all the funders this last twelve months, and also thanks those organisations that have helped in the past.

The financial report is not a happy one but with the support of grant making bodies and a renewed campaign to attract commercial commissions; work continues as normal. The work will carry on with the same undiminished enthusiasm. This is important now that government has cut the Environment Agency's Grant in Aid.

Accounts.

Report of the Auditor.

To the Trustees of Clean Rivers Trust.

I have audited the financial statements on the following pages which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 16.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditor.

As described in the Annual Report the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements an accordance with UK law and accounting standards. My responsibility, as independent auditor, is established in the UK by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by my profession's ethical guidance.

Basis of Opinion.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practice Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable surety that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion.

In my opinion the financial statements give me a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at 30th November 2010 and of incoming resources and resources expended, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations)2000.

Mark Cooling FCA,
MCA Solutions,
6 the Malthouse,
Newark.

January 2012.

Income and Expenditure 2010/11.

	£
Incoming Resources.	
Fees and charitable income;	
[2010 figures in ( )]	
Grants and Donations	31,270 (13,800)
Fees	0 (14,326)
Reclaimed Funds (VAT, debts, etc.)	3,066 (1,458)
Total incoming resources	34,336 (29,584)
Resource expended.	
Charitable expenditure;	
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charities objects	39,918 (32,407)
Money at Bank 30th November 2010	7,423
Net incoming resources (-resources expended)	**nil (-2,823)**
Library revaluation	- (5,000)

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2011.

	£
Fixed Assets.	
Library	134,800 (124,000)
Other Tangible assets	-
Current Assets.	
Debtors	9,790 (9,790)
Cash at bank and in hand (at 30th Nov 2010)	1,841 (7,423)
Funds:	
Unrestricted funds	**1,841 (7,423)**
Less deficit	1,841
Total funds	11,631

As laid before the Trustees 6th February 2012.

Notes forming part of the financial statement for the year ending 30th November 2011.

1 Accounting Policies.

(a) Basis of Preparation.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practise, and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Status.
The charity is governed by a trust dated 8th May 1994.

(c) Fund Accounting.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discression of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

(d) Incoming Resources.
All incoming resources are included accounts when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

(e) Resources Expended.
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(e) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation.
Tangible fixed assets costing more that £1000 are capitalised as follows

LIBRARY	Nil
Equipment	20% reducing balance.

2 Total Resources Expended.

	Direct Costs
Other costs	39,918
Depreciation	-
Remuneration.	-
	39,918

3 Library is an asset of acknowledged historic, scientific and environmental importance, the continuing retention and use of which is in direct furtherance of the objectives of the charity and is the primary reason for retaining it. The asset will be held for the lifetime of the trust and if any disposals are made the proceeds will be used for their replacement in order to maintain the collection.

The library is revalued annually as a complete collection and any increase or decrease in revaluation is reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

4 Tangible Fixed Assets.

	Library £	Equipment £
Cost		
At 1 December 2010	124,000	-
Additions	11,800	-
At 30 November 2010	119,000	-
Depreciation		
At 1 December 2009	-	-
Revaluation	5,000	-
Charge for the Year		
At 30 November 2010		
Net Book Value		
At 30 November 2010	134,800	-
At 30 November 2009		

5 Debtors

	2011	2010
Trade Debtors	9,790	9,790

6 Creditors

Trade Creditors	-	-

Income and Expenditure Analysis for Year Ended 30th November 2011.

Income		
	£	
Commercial	0	(14,326)
Charitable Grants	13,800	(13,800)
Rebates	3,066	(1,458)
Money at bank	7,423	
Expenses		
Rent/Rates/Utilities/ Telephone	10,500	(10,280)
Travel	4,300	(4,290)
Books	12,150	(10,000)
Research	10,750	(6,860)
Accountancy	200	(200)
Membership of Institutions	410	(360)
Bank Charges	200	(268)
Miscellaneous	508	(149)
Internet Web	700	
Total Outgoings	**39,918**	**(32,407)**

Retention

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2010.

Fixed Assets	-	(-)
Library	133,200	(124,000)
Current Assets		
Cash in Bank	1,841	(7,423)
Debtors	9,790	(9,790)
	[11,631]	([17,213])
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-	-
	[0]	([0])
Current Assets (30th November 2011)		
Accumulated Fund – Retention	**146,431**	**(151,213)**

Appendices.

Funders and Acknowledgements.

The following funders have given donations towards the work of Clean Rivers Trust. The Trust has written to each expressing thanks and we hope they feel assured by the Trust's words and actions that there is a surety that their generosity is used for the purposes that the organisation champions. The Report demonstrates that as a small organisation the Trust is able to grow in knowledge, deliver satisfactory and cutting edge solutions but not develop a top-heavy, bureaucracy.

Funders; The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust, the Gladys Wightwick Charitable Trust, the Stella Symons Charitable Trust, the Marr-Munning Trust, the HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust, Walcote Drive Community Centre, the Merrick and Heath Fund, the JSF Pollitzer Charitable Trust and others who request anonymity.

The Trust acknowledges the commissions of the following organisations for research commissions; The Ministry of Justice, Home Office, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Farley Engineering, and Water Investments.

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Embassy; HE The Ambassador Mr Berhanu Kebede, his staff including Mrs Hirut Zemene and Ms Angela Kolongo, of the Press Office; all deserve the Trust's thanks for their time, interest and ongoing enthusiasm.

Other people who deserve the Trust's thanks include, Eur Ing Victor Johnson, Mike Wood, Dr Adrian Hicken, Dr Eva Valsami-Jones, Peter Bass, Maggi Smith and the others who have given their time and expertise to the Trust.

The accounting of time donated to the Trusts affairs by the over seventy specialists in a wide variety of water and environmental specialties is noted in a time related manner, and is estimated to be in the region of 12,000 hours expended in research and other forms of help.

Statement of Ongoing Social and Environmental Care.

Equal Opportunity Statement.

Clean Rivers Trust has committed itself to lessoning its environmental impacts where ever possible, it works with all peoples of what ever sexuality, nationality, creed or none. Disability has been proven as no obstacle; the organisation will work with or advise those that can ill afford going to other, commercial sources of support or advice.

Environmental Statement.

Clean Rivers Trust will work for the benefit of the environment, and during this quest will minimise its use of unsustainable materials.

The Trust undertakes to develop ways of working that minimise the operative impacts its functions have on the environment, though striving to maximise the positive nature of the Trust's work.

The Trust recognises the needs of society for a cleaner environment, whilst accepting that commercial activity has to exist so as to, amongst other things, fund the decontaminations or rectification of past despoliation.

The Trust looks to its fellow stakeholders in the care of the environment to consider their actions from a moral perspective that protects not just the natural environment, but human rights such as ethnicity, freedom of worship and education.

Library.

The Library has developed remarkably over the last twelve months; as usual driven by new areas of research and interest as well as the routine general updating of set publications.

The library's stock continues to diversify, and mirror areas of developing research, the Thames Estuary and London sewage issues are amongst major growth areas. Flora, particularly long out of print volumes continue to be acquired.

The major Middle East and East African floras have yet to be sourced.

The Trust's library has been of use to over two hundred researchers and others who have accessed it. The Trust needs to consider the need to index the collection, but time, finance and inclination have been lacking this year. To do justice to its content is a major undertaking, and not to be treated lightly. Once this scheme has been achieved the result will be made available on the internet.

The digitisation of the Trusts records and early works is planned to start shortly and will be run separately to the catalogue project.

Publications.

The Trust has had another reasonably productive 12 months and has published a number of papers; all are now on the Trust's web site.

The new web site has required a great deal of development and writing pieces specifically for it. The importance of the site has been surprising and pleasing. The site has attracted a great deal of praise as well as use.

Publications in journals have been few this year the most importantly was published in November in Water 21 the journal of the International Water Association. The issues covered were minewater accidents, liabilities and pollution remediation.