Clean Rivers Trust

Registered Charity No: 1037414

Annual Report

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Accounts

2013-2014

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Legal and Administrative Information.

Trustees: Brenda Lewthwaite, Peter Jones OBE, Melody Stokes, Simon McCormac, Dr Keith Gregson, Lawrence Brooks, Paul Southby, Karen Hindle (ceased 1st November 2014).

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Solicitors.

BrowneJacobson LLP, 44 Castlegate, Nottingham NG1 7BJ

Meetings.

The Trustees met four times in the financial period 1st December 2013 to 30th November 2014.

Directors Report.

Clean Rivers Trust has been as busy as ever this last year. As the organisation enters its Silver Jubilee Year it has demonstrated its constant ability to develop new skills and areas of activities with work carried out relating to low temperature aqueous energy sources; it has set up the first minewater energy scheme to be set in the UK, located in Northumberland. It has also carried out research on two Nottinghamshire locations into potential water/energy resource projects and is about to begin a further piece of research in North Warwickshire.

Blue Carbon has appeared on the international agenda as a major facet of the campaign against global warming; this has been welcome as it involves a central area of the Trust's expertise. The redevelopment and establishment of new wetlands, both coastal and inland are both considered essential to the health of the planet going into the future.

Karen Hindle has had to stand down as a Trustee due to pressure of work, her active involvement in the Trust's bookkeeping and accounting has been a great help over the last few years.

The Trust has been fortunate in being at the forefront of United Nations thinking with regard to the value of wetlands both as habitat and natural depository of environmental carbon. The UN have with, some of the large wildlife NGOs put forward some startlingly beautiful documents to encourage the large carbon generating nations to redevelop marine wetland habitat. The wetland has been one of the most endangered and up to twenty years ago the fastest disappearing ecosystems. The fear of malaria as in Spain where for many years the ownership of riverine or marine wetlands was an illegal landholding which if not drained the owner could have been fined or imprisoned. Similar sites in the US have been lost due to the wish to develop land around the Gulf of Mexico. In the UK marine wetlands of the East Anglia coast are amongst the most efficient carbon depositories in the world.

The main activities of the Trust have been reported on, on a quarterly basis via the web site; which also carries details of all other activities undertaken and progress of ongoing research is also periodically featured. The web site also raises issues that come to the organisations attention such as the several mine tailings dam failures that have taken place in the last 12 months.

The Trust has maintained its activities in several parts of Africa and the Middle East without the need of visiting the project. Computer communications have maintained the flow of advice and feedback satisfactorily. The Trust has been advising on other projects that are at present being developed in parts of East Africa where it has not been active before; the Trust has not expended any financial resources on these but has been free with its knowledge as is normal.

The anniversary already mentioned of 25 years of service to the environment is to be celebrated with a short history of the highlights of the Trusts activities from its initial

foundation as the Clean Rivers Campaign in 1990. The booklet will be available on the web site and in other formats, as yet to be decided.

It is pleasing to report that the Trust is generating some funding from commercial activities; it is envisaged that this will increase markedly in the next fiscal year. The financial position of the organisation is as ever reasonable; the scope of the research and advice given continues to be broad with responses to all enquires being responded to within reasonable timeframes. The financing of the Trust is a constant continuing intellectual exercise.

The Trust has maintained contact with its various academic and other research organisations; it is also fostering new links both in the UK and elsewhere. There are several opportunities for presentations of papers and other speaking engagements to be carried out in the next year.

The library continues to grow with bound volumes and data stored on disks; this is a developing feature but not as yet a major consideration for storage or access. The understanding of the flora of contamination is an area of study that has seen the library prove its worth over the last year with researchers requesting access to both the county floras and some of the research reports of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution (pre 1996).

Harvey Wood.
Director.

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 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 being; 'to advance the education of the public by research and dissemination of any findings regarding the care of inland and estuarine waters and to benefit the environment of rivers and inland waters by the implementation of research findings'.

This wide area in which the Trust works allows it to be involved with all aspects of water; its conservation, use, quality and general management. There is the prerequisite for the protection of waters from pollution and the decontamination of that that is polluted. The Trust involves 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 review of the Trust's stance on varied issues. Regular meetings help to keep abreast of issues as do ongoing informal involvements at irregular times.

The Trust is regularly consulted by regulators in the UK and EU; in the last year DEFRA, the Home Office, Environment Agency and Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, several House of Commons Committees including Environment, Food and Farming and Energy Select Committees. The European Environment Agency have requested our views wide variety of topics and issues.

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

The Trustees oversee the financial regulation, one Trustee (Karen Hindle), maintains the day to day accounts book. The Trustees meetings consider the financial situation of the Trust at regular intervals. The Trustees carry out financial care of all the funds and resources of the organisation in accordance with the Charity's declaration of Trust and in accordance to the law.

Donors and the public, generally, expect that charities make full use of the funds made available to them and not over accumulate excess funds. This the charity does not do.

Trustees Policy.

The Trustees ensure the Trust carries out research into water pollution and methods for its remediation. The return of water to a natural state is vital, for the environment and for

sustainable use. The Trust demonstrates care for the water environment at all times so as to demonstrate to all interested parties good practice.

The Trust continues to develop its range of expertise so as to be able to respond to requests from third parties; this allows the organisation to respond more effectively to calls for assistance.

The Director is responsible for fund raising, this is a crucial task that does not get easier. The Trust though demonstrated its ability to function as a commercial entity again with the completion of two pieces of consultancy in the last year and with further commissions planned for 2014/15

The Trustees reemphasise their policies of equality and fairness in all dealing with people and expect similar consideration in return.

Financial Report.

The last financial year has shown an improvement in diversity of funding sources; the commercial research and consultancy projects demonstrate this. The Trust has received donations that have allowed the furtherance of its objectives and many people have given time and expertise to the work. If quantifying the value of that resource the Trust would be wealthy indeed.

The work that the organisation is carrying out is diverse but still focused on pollution monitoring, tracing and clean up; this will naturally continue. The educational activities are a cornerstone of the organisation which are always being developed in new directions.

This report notes the donors of both financial and in kind support that have been vital to the furtherance of the organisation's objects and for which, Clean Rivers Trust continues to be grateful for the remarkable quality of expertise that has been at its disposal over the last year. This resource is an ever growing asset.

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 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditor.

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

Basis of Opinion.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the 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 statement. 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 coursed 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 2014 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 Regulation) Act 2000 and more recent amendments and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Mark Cooling FCA,
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Newark.

December 2014.

Income and Expenditure 2013/14.

	£	
Incoming Resources.		
Fees and charitable income;		
[2013 figures in ( )]		
Grants and Donations	29,000	(30,800)
Fees	4,200	(2500)
Reclaimed Funds (VAT, debts, etc.)	2,823	(3,108)
Total incoming resources	**36,023**	**(36,408)**
Resources Expended.		
Charitable expenditure;		
Costs of activities in furtherance of		
The charity's objectives	35,075	(37,898)
Money at bank 30th November 2014	2,914	(1,526)
Net incoming resources (-resources expended)	**0**	**(nil)**
Library revaluation	0	(0)

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2014.

	£	
Fixed Assets.		
Library	149,650	(139,150)
Other Tangible Assets	0	(0)
Current Assets.		
Debtors	10,000	(11,395)
Cash in bank and in hand (at 30th November 2014)	2,914	(1,526)
Funds.		
Unrestricted funds	2,914	(1,526)
Less deficit		
Total funds	15,828	(12,921)

As laid before the Trustees January 2015.

Notes forming part of the financial statement for the year ending 30th November 2014.

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 discretion 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 in the 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 that 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.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation.
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1000 are capitalised as follows:

Library	Nil
Equipment	20% reducing balance.

2 Total Resources Expended.

	Direct Costs
Other costs	35,075
Depreciation	-
Remuneration	-
	35,075

3 Library

The 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 1st December 2013	139,150	-
Additions	10,500	
-		
At 30th November 2014	149,650	-
Depreciation		
At 1st December 2013	-	-
Revaluation	-	-
Change for the Year	-	-
At 30th November 2014		
Net Book Value		
At 30 November 2014	139,150	-

5 Debtors.

	2013	2012
Trade Debtors	10,000	11,395

6 Creditors

Trade Creditors.	-	-

Income and Expenditure Analysis for the Year Ended 30th November 2014.

	£	
Income		
Commercial	4,200	(2,500)
Charitable Grants	29,000	(30,800)
Rebates	2,823	(2,823)
	35,023	
Money at Bank	2,914	
Expenses		
Rent/utilities	10,000	(10,500)
Travel	6,000	(6,250)
Books	10,500	(2,650)
Research	6,778	(16,778)
Accountancy	200	(200)
Membership	420	(420)
Bank charges	200	(200)
Miscellaneous	677	(600)
Web/Internet Site	300	(300)
Total Outgoings	**35,075**	**(37,898)**
Retention		
Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2014.		
Fixed assets	-	(-)
Library	149,650	(139,150)
Current assets		
Cash in bank	2,914	(1,526)
Debtors	10,000	(11,395)
	[12,914]	([12,921])
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-	(-)
Current Assets (30th November 2012)		
Accumulated Fund- Retention	**162,564**	**(151,631)**

Appendices.

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Funders and Acknowledgements.

The following persons and organisations have contributed to the Trust to enable its work to develop. Each has been written to and the Trust's thanks expressed. Such generosity is always the more welcome in these straitened financial times and it makes the support the more valuable. Some organisations who contributed to Clean Rivers Trust over the last financial year wished to remain anonymous, others were; the Hamamelis Trust, Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust, Stella Symons Charitable Trust, Anson Charitable Trust, Norman Family Charitable Trust, Swire Charitable Trust, Open Gate, N Smith Charitable Settlement, Woodroffe Benton Foundationand Dennis Alan Yardy Charitable Trust.

The Trust acknowledges the support in time and practical assistance to the following people and organisations; Mike Wood, Vic Johnson, the Coal Authority, Environment Agency, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, and many others who have as usual given their expertise.

Thanks to Emily Keal for her work in keeping the website, which she designed, up to the minute and looking as good as it does. Her patience is remarkable in coping with the stream of postings.

The accounting of time donated to the Trust's affairs by our core of international water and environment specialists has been in excess of last year (2011-12).

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Statement of Ongoing Social and Environmental Care.

The Trust continues to be committed to lessen its negative environmental impacts and doing all it can to help others do likewise.

It works with all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, creed, or disability, and continues to be proactive in its support of the visually challenged.

The Trust encourages its fellow stakeholders to be aware of their moral obligations to the environment and those of human rights; not just those laid down in law.

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Library.

The library keeps expanding in line with the research that is at any one time underway. This can be followed by the activities reported on line at the Trust's web site.

As noted elsewhere the library is now the holder of the most comprehensive selection of UK flora available outside the learned societies and is proving a valuable resource for researchers. The collection also now possesses a significant and useful selections of regional works relating to French flora and a developing number coving Germany and the rest of Europe including works on such little known areas as Croatia.

The library holds a comprehensive collection of titals regarding wetland habitats glogally and the methods for their reinstatement where lost. This is ahead of the UN led Blue Catbon initiative that is gaining international credence in the run up to the Paris Climate Talks in the autumn of 2015.

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Publications.

The web site is regularly updated with information regarding the Trust and its activities. It is the conduit for publishing most of the organisations research.

The publications; *Minewater Treatment; Technology, Application and Policy* and *Disasters and Minewater; good practice and prevention* both published by the International Water Association publishing house continue to sell; slowly but with continuing feedback demonstrating their value.

The Trust publication regarding shale gas and its extraction; the methods of extraction and the factoids surrounding the subject is to be found on the web site as no publisher wished to publish at this time in the UK or Europe.

The Trust has been asked to submit a proposal for a book on Blue Carbon as soon as possible by the International Water Association publishers.