

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees (serving during the year and subsequently)

Tim McVey, Chair
Bob Williams, Chair (retired September 2019)
Chris Hurrell, Vice-Chair
Ann Bitcon, Treasurer
Clare Boyes
Simon Boyes (retired September 2019)
Mike Green (retired September 2019)
Jane Lloyd Francis
Peter Powell
Jill Robinson
Bob Beaman (co-opted November 2019)
Jenny Lloyd (co-opted January 2020)

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Charity registered number 512390

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Carla Kenyon – Head of Development

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The Trustees (who are also directors of the Trust for the purposes of the Companies Act) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Limited ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The Trust is constituted under a Memorandum of Association adopted on 16 October 2012, replacing the original Memorandum of Association dated 8 February 1982.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

All directors of the Trust are also Trustees of the Trust and there are no other Trustees.

The business of the Trust shall be the responsibility of the Council of Trustees who are elected or co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. The Council of Trustees and the Finance Committee each meet bi-monthly.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees have adopted the following policies and procedures for new trustees:

- The Trust's policy is to assemble a full complement of Trustees as Council members, having not less than eight nor more than twenty members.
- Trustees must be members of the Trust.
- Trustees shall be drawn from the local community, from all walks of life with the aim of a balance of male and female members.
- Prospective Trustees need to be proposed in writing to the Chair, be willing to serve and be interviewed by the Chair and at least one other existing member of Council.
- A prospective Trustee should attend two Council meetings as an observer before becoming a Trustee.
- The Trust aims to provide sufficient training on an annual basis to enable Trustees to be well informed, conversant with current legislation, up to date with developments in the world of wildlife and have sufficient knowledge to fulfil the Trust's objectives.
- Training will be provided through educative articles and commentary in the Trust's manuals, by membership of specialised committees, by attendance at training days or courses, and by talks and lectures by experts and professionals.

d. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

While the Trust is an independent charitable company limited by guarantee, it works closely with other Wildlife Trusts and in conjunction with the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and Wildlife Trusts Wales.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Trust is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks. As part of this on-going review, the Trust's risk register has been restructured, reflecting both internal and external risks and is a standing item on the Council meeting agenda.

It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers, customers and visitors to the shop, offices and reserves.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Since 1982, the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust has been the leading voluntary organisation promoting wildlife conservation in Montgomeryshire, managing and caring for 18 Nature Reserves within the county, totalling some 530ha in area.

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a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Trust for public benefit are:

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, in particular by:

- a) promoting the conservation of wildlife species and their habitats;
- b) establishing, owning, leasing, maintaining and managing nature reserves and other wildlife habitats in order to safeguard wild creatures of any description living therein;
- c) studying and preserving places of ecological interest;
- d) promoting public understanding and support of, and involvement with, the natural world by engagement with community organisations and educational establishments;
- e) advancing knowledge in these fields by research, recording and howsoever otherwise.

The Vision of the Trust is:

An environment rich in wildlife for everyone

The Mission of the Trust is to:

Rebuild biodiversity and engage people with their environment

The purposes are:

- To stand up for wildlife and the environment
- To create and enhance wildlife havens
- To inspire people about the natural world
- To foster sustainable living

The operational objectives are:

- To be widely recognised and respected for our role and work
- To grow resources for action and advocacy
- To co-operate effectively throughout the movement

Consequently the Trust's beliefs are that:

- Local wildlife conservation is our core business
- Understanding and enjoying wildlife improves the quality of people's lives
- It is important to us to be inclusive and accessible
- We will only achieve our objectives by co-operating with others
- Our voice and image is representative of our membership

Statement on Public Benefit

The Trustees accept the need to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In the terms of the Charities Act 2006, the objectives of the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust fall within two definitions of charitable activity: "the advancement of environmental protection or improvement" and "the advancement of education". On both counts the Trust provides benefits to members of the public, young and old, irrespective of their financial circumstances, and including people with learning and physical disabilities. In particular, the conservation of Montgomeryshire's wildlife and wild places benefits the public including both Montgomeryshire's residents and visitors.

b. VOLUNTEERS

The Trust continues to be grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in community outreach, the maintenance of the reserves and many other activities. Details of their contribution to the work of the Trust is included within the following sections.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

We are living in interesting times. The year 2019/20 was a challenging one for everybody. At the last AGM Bob Williams stood down as Chair of MWT. He had helped keep the Trust on a sound footing for many years

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and everyone was very sorry to see him go. He left behind an excellent team with a great esprit de corps and we wish him well for the future.

MWT delivers a range of activities, including educational events for all ages, species monitoring and habitat creation, volunteer groups such as the Friends of Severn Farm Pond and the thriving Dyfi Osprey Project. As Monty left to go south in September 2019, unbeknown to us for the last time, the contractors moved in and the new visitor centre at Cors Dyfi took shape. It is an impressive facility where every aspect has been carefully considered and brought in within budget. We are grateful to all our funders, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, for their support but this ambitious project could not have gone ahead without the generous donations of members of the public.

Climate change is high on the national agenda and is a major issue for wildlife. MWT has led the way on peat bog restoration; a severely endangered habitat but also the most efficient carbon sink. The Trust has worked with landowners to encourage appropriate land management, ground works and extensive surveying.

2020 promised to be an interesting and exciting year. New Health and Well Being projects were due to start. The new Dyfi Wildlife Centre was due to open in the spring. Then in February and March there were the floods. It was a challenge to get about and there was damage sustained at Severn Farm Pond and Dolforwyn Woods. On March 23rd Boris Johnson announced lockdown due to Covid 19. The reserves were closed, projects were cancelled and staff were furloughed. That is for next year's report but, rest assured, we have survived and we remain strong.

Membership and Volunteers

The Trust welcomed 124 new members in 2019/20, with the total number of member households at 1041 and the number of individual members at 1932.

Over the summer of 2019 our Welshpool shop began to wind down as we were due to move premises in the autumn and were not expecting to have a suitable space to continue to retail. We were, however, delighted when new premises were sourced which included a fantastic shop area with increased space for stock, interpretation and displays. October 2019 saw the grand opening of our new shop stocked with wildlife gifts, wildlife homes and eco-friendly products, including some items made by our project volunteers. We received very positive feedback from our customers and visitors and planned to hold regular special promotional events, the first of which was a book signing by Iolo Williams. The shop and visitor area has enabled us to boost our income and raise the profile of the Trust and we would like to say a big thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped to make it a success.

Volunteers have continued to play an essential role within the Trust, helping us deliver our vital work for wildlife across the county. Whether engaging visitors at the Dyfi Osprey Project, maintaining the Nature Reserves on the weekly work parties or helping to staff the Welshpool shop and office, our volunteers are committed and enthusiastic and we are grateful for their continued support.

In total, during the 2019/20 period, our volunteers have donated 2715 days of their time with a value to the Trust of £135,750.

PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Community Outreach and Events

MWT continued its mission to protect and promote the wildlife of Montgomeryshire with a series of talks and events during 2019/20. Trust staff and volunteers engaged with local community groups and schools, including local WIs, Newtown College and Llanfair Caereinion primary school, who were able to find out more about the Trust's ongoing conservation work and the amazing wildlife the county has to offer.

The Trust also held a varied programme of events, with something for everyone to enjoy. These included a Dawn Chorus event at Bodfach Hall, a Bioblitz at Roundton Hill and a Bat and Moth night at Deri Woods. The Bird Group held a series of fascinating talks in Welshpool throughout the autumn/winter and the Trust worked in conjunction with the Biological Information Service to deliver a Beetle ID day at Severn Farm Pond.

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Friends of Severn Farm Pond

The volunteer members of the Friends of Severn Farm Pond have had another busy year, despite the storms and floods that have tried to hamper their efforts! New infrastructure, including brash hedging, replacement boardwalk, seating, a new entrance sign, raised beds and fencing have been created and installed by the group. Existing features have been maintained and enhanced, such as the renovation of the compost bins and the addition of a pool to the top of the bug hotel. New bird boxes have been built, installed and mapped and surveying during the breeding season has helped with species records for the nature reserve. The group not only maintain the reserve as a haven for wildlife but also promote it as a sanctuary for people. FOSFP ran a Nettle Appreciation day in the summer with demonstrations of the many uses of this often maligned plant, as well as information about its importance for wildlife. In July, Severn Farm Pond, thanks to the efforts of the FOSFP, won its second, well deserved, Green Flag award.

Wild to Work

Working in partnership with the Department of Work & Pensions and the local Job Centre Plus, the Wild to Work Project offers opportunities for the long term unemployed to participate in a programme of training and outdoor activities. Those attending the project sessions were given the chance to enjoy being outdoors while learning new skills, making new friends and building their confidence to improve their chances in the job market. Over 100 participants have benefitted from the course in 2019/20 and many have joined the Trust as volunteers.

Deri Woods

The Deri Woods Project officially came to an end in 2019/20, though MWT continue to offer support to the local team of volunteers who are helping manage the site. Deri Woods is a fantastic community resource and MWT was able to engage with every pupil from Llanfair Caereinion Primary, over several educational sessions. Topics covered included bushcraft, food chains, adaptations and survey techniques, all supporting key areas of the school curriculum.

Work also began on new interpretation for the site, working with local artists, ecologists and historians to cover all aspects of the Deri Woods story. The volunteers also finished work on their new permanent tool store, built into the old Pump House. This is not only a new base for the volunteers, it also has a bat-loft built into the roof, providing a new home for nature as well!

Open Newtown

MWT staff seconded to the Where the Severn Smiles project, and working in partnership with Open Newtown, were able to offer free workshops in Newtown in an effort to engage people with their local green spaces. The workshops offered everything from hedge laying to reptile surveys. Unfortunately, only three were carried out before the lockdown began, but there are plans to complete these workshops in the autumn, with some workshops being delivered online.

CORS DYFI

Dyfi Osprey Project

2019 was the ninth and sadly final season for our legendary breeding male, Monty. In the second year of a new partnership with female, Telyn, they again reared three chicks successfully to migration age. Eldest chick Berthyn (KA1) was noticeably larger than her two brothers Peris (KA2) and Hesgyn (KA3) and was the heaviest Dyfi chick to date at ringing weighing in at almost 2kgs!

2019 also saw the return of 2017 chick Aeron (Z2). He landed on the Dyfi nest, two years after leaving on his first migrated. As expected, he did not receive a warm welcome from his father, although all humans present were delighted to see him.

Conservation

The biggest change to the landscape at Cors Dyfi during 2019/20 was the installation of fencing for a beaver enclosure. This is the exciting first step to housing a pair of these ecosystem engineers. The very wet ground and tricky terrain of this part of the reserve has meant it has been near impossible for the Trust to manage the endless growth of willow and birch with human power alone. It was even beyond the skills of our water

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buffalo! The addition of beavers will bring this habitat under control and will also provide a key education point for these persecuted and often misunderstood mammals.

Volunteers

The usual programme of Winter work parties was not possible this year due to construction beginning on the new Dyfi Wildlife Centre. However, the level of support from our volunteers during our Dyfi Osprey season was as high, and as vital, as ever. Covering a range of roles including people engagement, eggwatch, reserve management, and online support our team of over 100 volunteers contributed nearly 10,000 hours to the project. Once the Ospreys had migrated and the season closed, the volunteers helped take down the old portacabins and prepare the site for the building of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre

2019/20 saw the start of the biggest project at Cors Dyfi to date. After ten years of service the portacabins were removed and the construction of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre began. The centre will provide purpose built space to house staff and volunteers, an indoor cafe area, a shop and a dedicated, high tech nature viewing and education area. And that's just the downstairs!

Upstairs includes a large open-plan exhibition space called the Galeri, with spectacular views of the reserve, which will be used to hold events, talks and education sessions, as well as a display space for local artists. A separate classroom will provide space to allow us to deliver a programme of events and be a venue for outside organisations. There is a focus on inclusivity and the centre will be fully accessible and provide a "changing places" toilet, a facility for severely disabled people to use with respect and dignity. This is only the second such public bathroom in the whole of Wales.

With a 40kW solar panel system on the south-facing roof, power wall electrical storage and ground-source heating, this building will be carbon positive and a flagship of sustainability for Wales.

LIVING LANDSCAPES

Nature Reserves

MWT manages 18 nature reserves around the county, each a haven for the wildlife found there, as well as an inspiring place for people to visit and get close to nature. They include limestone grassland, ancient woodland, upland lakes, peat bogs and wildflower meadows. Each habitat is carefully managed by MWT staff and a team of dedicated work party volunteers to maintain these sites as havens for wildlife and visitors alike. In 2019/20, the team continued to move around the reserves each week undertaking tasks including hedge laying, scrub clearance, coppicing, meadow management, seed harvesting, and infrastructure repairs. Volunteers also assisted with monitoring and survey work on the nature reserves, including 16 Dormouse surveys over 4 sites and 2 bat hibernation surveys at Roundton Hill where the highest count to date was recorded (137 bats).

Where the Wild Things Are

The Where the Wild Things Are project is a Powys wide initiative which aims to survey existing and potential Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and support landowners to manage their sites for the benefit of wildlife. In 2019/20 project staff completed 22 site surveys in Montgomeryshire and produced a new Powys LWS criteria to help monitor and identify sites in the future. Across the 3 year project Trust staff, supported by 69 volunteers, have completed 199 surveys, collated data from 300 sites, hosted 25 events and raised awareness of the importance of Local Wildlife Sites in the press and through social media.

Precious Pearls

The Pearl Bordered Fritillary (PBF) is a rare and threatened species of butterfly and most of its remaining populations in Wales are found in Montgomeryshire. The Precious Pearls project, supported by Natural Resources Wales, aims to protect and increase the current PBF populations and this year has completed 13.6ha of habitat management on seven sites, surveyed for PBFs on 9 sites and engaged with over 500 people through educational sessions and talks. Social media has allowed the Trust to keep over 26,000 people updated on the status of the PBFs and new interpretation, including information boards and a beautifully illustrated leaflet for Llanymynech Rocks, will help inspire more people to protect the PBFs in the future.

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Cefn Croes

MWT and NRW have been working with Falck Renewables to restore the upland peat bogs underneath their Cefn Croes windfarm above Llangurig. Despite the awful weather early in the year, local contractors have blocked drainage ditches at regular intervals on the site which has created a myriad of small ponds and raised the water table. These things are essential for a healthy peat bog and for the unique flora and fauna found there. In addition, this rejuvenated site will now act as a giant sponge for rainwater, slowing its flow and reducing flooding, as well as holding carbon to help combat climate change. The restoration of the site and its wildlife will be monitored through hydrology testing, Water Vole and breeding bird surveys and vegetation habitat mapping.

Pumlumon

Funding for the Pumlumon Project by the Welsh Government has continued in 2019/20. MWT and its partners are working with local landowners to promote the benefits of sustainable land management for rural farming and the county's wildlife. Eco-System Services is a system where the inherent benefits of good land management, such as flood prevention, carbon sequestration and biodiversity, are recognised and valued. This approach continues to gain momentum with landowners, environmental bodies and the Welsh Government.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESERVES POLICY

The Trust seeks to hold unrestricted financial reserves sufficient to sustain its operating activities for a minimum of three months and, although difficult, we seek to generate unrestricted income in order to comply with this. While unrestricted reserves appear substantial - £644,866 at 31.03.2020 (2019 - £602,670) - it should be noted that £468,228 of these reserves relate to land reserves owned by the Trust, leaving undesignated unrestricted reserves of £176,338 (2019 - £134,442).

An alternative measure is that of 'free reserves' which stood at £152,920 as at 31.03.2020 (2019 - £79,555).

It is worth mentioning the level of restricted reserves here and explaining how this has been reached. These stood at £1,766,472 at 31.03.2020, an increase of £737,401 over the year (2019 - £1,029,431).

As explained in note 15 to the accounts, at 31 March 2020 funding for the Dyfi Wildlife Centre totalled £874,825 of which £771,668 was expended on the construction costs to that date, leaving £103,157 yet to be spent. However, as the construction cost has been capitalised and included as a fixed asset addition, the restricted reserves do not reflect that position. The property will be depreciated over the next 50 years and the relevant funds released from the restricted reserves over that time.

b. RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year show an unrestricted surplus, after fund transfers, of £42,196 (2019 - £16,664 deficit). Given the on-going funding difficulties for the Third Sector this is a strong result and demonstrates the resilience of the Trust.

Despite the current, Covid-19 related financial difficulties, the staff of the Trust continue with their focus on income generation and strict cost control in order to ensure that the financial fortunes of the Trust continue to improve so that we are able to continue to develop and achieve our Vision, Mission and Objectives.

c. GOING CONCERN – see also Post Balance Sheet Events

Although conditions continue to be challenging for the Trust, as for many Third Sector organisations, the Trustees have reviewed the current position together with budgets and projections for 2020/21 and beyond. In light of this information they have concluded that the going concern basis of accounting continues to be appropriate and continue to adopt this in preparing the financial statements.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Key developments for the future include:

a. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Trust continues to base its work on the aims laid out in its Strategic Plan, including an acknowledgement of the need for excellent governance and profile management. The MWT Strategic Plan is produced with reference to the strategic plans of both Wildlife Trusts Wales (WTW) and The Wildlife Trusts (TWT), ensuring that MWT's strategy is relevant to Montgomeryshire's local wildlife, while also acknowledging national priorities and campaigns.

As the Trust continues to respond to changes in the focus of funders and government bodies, the Strategic Plan will be reviewed and developed to ensure MWT remains an effective voice for wildlife in Montgomeryshire while staying true to its core values of improving biodiversity and inspiring people to engage with the natural world.

b. CORS DYFI

With the onset of Covid-19 and various lockdowns from mid-March 2020 onwards, some work on the Dyfi Wildlife Centre came to a halt. However, it has re-started and the new visitor centre at Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve should now open in Spring 2021. The Centre will include a café and shop as well as interpretation, display areas and improved facilities for the volunteers. The building itself will be an exemplar of eco-friendly construction using local craftspeople and materials. The project has been awarded funding from the Heritage Fund, Arwain, the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme, Garfield, EnRaw, as well as receiving generous support through a public appeal. In addition to the visitor centre build, the project will also fund education sessions and people engagement with an emphasis on social history and local culture in the Dyfi area and see the introduction of beavers to the site in a purpose built enclosure.

c. INCOME GENERATION

The funding environment for conservation continues to be uncertain with the added pressures and uncertainties caused by Covid-19. The Trust aims to react quickly to these changes and challenges to ensure we are ideally positioned to secure funding for our conservation and people engagement work. Indeed, there has been success in obtaining support, both from the government and elsewhere, during this difficult time.

In addition, the Trust has continued to look for alternative sources of income and new partnership opportunities so that the organisation is not overly reliant on any one particular funder. Where possible, fully funded projects of three to four years are being pursued, to provide continuity and stability to the Trust's finances and conservation delivery.

d. SCOPE OF PROJECTS

MWT continues to work on projects which deliver Health and Wellbeing objectives as well as conservation aims. The Trust will also be delivering a Climate Action Fund project aimed at young people and continues to champion high priority campaigns alongside its core, biodiversity work.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

As with the rest of the UK and beyond, MWT has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nine of the thirteen staff in post were furloughed for between two and seven months; most conservation work was temporarily halted; volunteer involvement ceased; the Cors Dyfi reserve was closed; and work on the Dyfi Wildlife Centre came to a halt. Work has now recommenced with all staff having returned to work, small numbers of volunteers being involved across the Trust and the Dyfi Wildlife Centre approaching completion.

Staff and trustees have worked together to manage the financial impact of the pandemic, including the following:

- Additional grant funding was sourced, specifically to provide support during this time.
- Successful claims were submitted to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme while staff were furloughed.

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- The Dyfi Osprey Project live streaming continued throughout despite reduced staff levels and with the assistance of on-line volunteers. Supporters were generous in their donations despite being unable to visit in person.
- The Trust's online shop re-opened once sufficient staff had returned to work.

The Trustees have assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the charity, taking into account its underlying financial resources and strength, and consider it to be well positioned to manage the current situation and secure operations into the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust'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.

AUDITORS

A resolution proposing that WR Partners be re-appointed as auditors of the Trust will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Tim McVey
Chair

24 November 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2020, and of its 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 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 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 trustees' 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. 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.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, 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 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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of 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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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4 December 2020

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	78,694	155,115	233,809	246,648
Charitable activities	3	1,074,268	-	1,074,268	293,488
Trading activities	4	-	62,276	62,276	53,245
Total income		1,152,962	217,391	1,370,353	593,381
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5	413,103	158,683	571,786	525,176
Trading activities	6	-	17,682	17,682	17,046
Total expenditure		413,103	176,365	589,468	542,222
		739,859	41,026	780,885	51,159
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	11	(1,648)	-	(1,648)	330
Net income/(expenditure)	7	738,211	41,026	779,237	51,489
Transfers between funds	15	(1,170)	1,170	-	-
Net movement in funds		737,041	42,196	779,237	51,489
Reconciliation of funds					
<i>Funds at 1 April 2019</i>		<i>1,029,431</i>	<i>602,670</i>	<i>1,632,101</i>	<i>1,580,612</i>
Funds at 31 March 2020		1,766,472	644,866	2,411,338	1,632,101

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		2,152,322		1,412,041
Investments	11		19,780		21,428
			<u>2,172,102</u>		<u>1,433,469</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	8,901		12,232	
Debtors	13	337,465		260,422	
Cash at bank and in hand		57,480		75,515	
			<u>403,846</u>	<u>348,169</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	164,610		149,537	
				<u>149,537</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			239,236		198,632
NET ASSETS			<u>2,411,338</u>		<u>1,632,101</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	15		1,766,472		1,029,431
Unrestricted funds	15		644,866		602,670
			<u>2,411,338</u>		<u>1,632,101</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,411,338</u>		<u>1,632,101</u>

The Trustees consider that the Trust is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Trust to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Tim McVey, Chair 

Ann Bitcon, Treasurer 

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by operating activities		754,323	15,688
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(772,358)		(954)
Net cash used in investing activities	(772,358)		(954)
Change in cash & cash equivalents in the reporting period	(18,035)		14,734
Cash & cash equivalents at the start of the reporting period	75,515		60,781
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	57,480		75,515
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities			
Net income for the reporting period		779,237	51,489
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	27,955		31,907
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	4,122		-
(Gain)/loss on investments	1,648		(330)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	3,331		1,315
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(77,043)		(139,254)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15,073		70,561
	(24,914)		(35,801)
Net cash provided by operating activities		754,323	15,688
Analysis of cash & cash equivalents			
Cash in hand		57,480	75,515
Total cash & cash equivalents		57,480	75,515

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015)', and on the going concern basis. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing individually in excess of £500) are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land reserves	-	Nil
Cors Dyfi property	-	20/25/50 years straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Conservation/office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Depreciation is not provided for assets under construction or not fully operational at the year end.

1.3 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments (Single Farm Payment Entitlements) are stated at market value.

1.4 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.6 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.7 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 Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds not readily available for spending as they reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust. These funds can only be released by disposing of land held for use by the Trust.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1.8 Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Trust is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Trust has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Trust, or the Trust is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.9 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Trust and include project management carried out at headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Trust and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.10 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.12 Company status

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Trust being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Trust.

1.13 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the going concern basis of the financial statements preparation, including consideration of the impact of the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) global pandemic, and are satisfied that the charity is well placed to manage the financial impacts of the pandemic.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Donations and subscriptions	78,694	143,022	221,716	229,885
Legacies	-	-	-	1,500
People's Postcode Lottery	-	12,093	12,093	15,263
	<u>78,694</u>	<u>155,115</u>	<u>233,809</u>	<u>246,648</u>
2019	<u>74,954</u>	<u>171,694</u>	<u>246,648</u>	

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - INCOME

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
Nature Reserves	107,256	-	107,256	80,015
Wider Countryside	184,403	-	184,403	114,472
Education & Community	43,052	-	43,052	56,153
Dyfi Wildlife Centre	739,557	-	739,557	42,848
	<u>1,074,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,074,268</u>	<u>293,488</u>
2019	<u>293,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,488</u>	

4. TRADING ACTIVITIES - INCOME

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Grazing	-	4,350	4,350	3,500
Consultancy	-	1,256	1,256	4,442
Shop sales	-	52,670	52,670	45,303
Other	-	4,000	4,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>53,245</u>
2019	<u>-</u>	<u>53,245</u>	<u>53,245</u>	

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - EXPENDITURE

	Direct 2020 £	Support 2020 £	Total 2020 £	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
Project costs	149,825	-	149,825	117,152
Wages and salaries	232,146	62,118	294,264	285,666
Premises costs	2,381	14,218	16,599	8,823
Operational costs	6,305	48,616	54,921	54,716
Governance costs	-	4,895	4,895	5,508
Membership costs	-	7,181	7,181	7,668
Travel and motor	10,440	1,584	12,024	13,736
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	4,122	-	4,122	-
Depreciation	27,955	-	27,955	31,907
	<u>433,174</u>	<u>138,612</u>	<u>571,786</u>	<u>525,176</u>
2019	<u>369,469</u>	<u>155,707</u>	<u>525,176</u>	

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

6. TRADING ACTIVITIES - EXPENDITURE

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Shop costs	-	17,682	17,682	17,046
2019	-	17,046	17,046	

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	27,955	31,907
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	4,122	-
Auditor's remuneration:		
- audit	4,370	4,962
- other services	1,864	778
Pension costs	10,499	11,065

Other than travel expenses of £71 (2019 - £46) relating to Wildlife Trusts Wales meetings, no Trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses (2019 - £nil) in the year.

8. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	265,949	258,284
Social security costs	17,816	16,317
Other pension costs	10,499	11,065
	294,264	285,666

The average monthly number of staff during the year was as follows:

	No.	No.
Charitable objectives and support	14	15

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel comprised the Senior Management Team. Their aggregate remuneration amounted to £124,147 (2019: £127,845).

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land reserves* £	Cors Dyfi property** £	Motor vehicles £	Conservation/ office equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2019	649,054	803,991	20,370	357,529	1,830,944
Additions	-	771,668	-	690	772,358
Disposals	-	-	-	(43,835)	(43,835)
At 31 March 2020	649,054	1,575,659	20,370	314,384	2,559,467
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2019	-	89,360	19,618	309,925	418,903
Charge for the year	-	18,294	752	8,909	27,955
Written off on disposal	-	-	-	(39,713)	(39,713)
At 31 March 2020	-	107,654	20,370	279,121	407,145
Net book value					
At 31 March 2020	649,054	1,468,005	-	35,263	2,152,322
At 31 March 2019	649,054	714,631	752	47,604	1,412,041

*See note 11 below for analysis of Land reserves.

****Assets under construction**

The Cors Dyfi property addition relates to the Dyfi Wildlife Centre which was under construction and not fully operational at 31 March 2020. In accordance with the stated accounting policy, depreciation is not provided on this asset.

Legal charges

1. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the construction of the 360 Observatory, boardwalk and interpretation, the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.
2. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the construction of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre, the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.
3. In accordance with the terms of the award by the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme towards the construction of the Dyfi Wildlife Centre, the Welsh Ministers were granted a charge over the freehold land at Cors Dyfi.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

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10. LAND RESERVES

The following list of reserves represents those for which the Trust is currently responsible:

	Acres	Total £
Glaslyn	535	77,300
Roundton Hill	88	44,336
Dyfnant Meadows	23	15,000
Severn Farm Pond	3	5,394
Llanmerewig Glebe	4	2,875
Ty Brith	14	41,633
Dolydd Hafren	104	43,000
Morfa Dyfi	96	10,829
Llandinam Gravels	94	150,000
Coed Pendugwm (gift)	8	-
Cwm Y Wydden (gift)	8	-
Llyn Mawr (gift)	30	-
Llandinam Reserve (gift)	1	-
Red House (gift)	30	30,000
Llyn Coed Y Dinas	20	31,036
Cors Dyfi	41	16,825
Dolforwyn Woods	69	180,826
Leased properties:		
1. Llanymynech Rocks	44	-
2. Pwll Penarth	49	-
	<hr/> 1,261	<hr/> 649,054

In accordance with the SORP 2005, the Red House gift was included in both incoming resources and reserves owned at the estimated value at the time of the gift. Previous gifts made prior to the SORP 2000 have been included at £nil.

1. Llanymynech Rocks is being jointly leased with Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
2. Pwll Penarth is being leased from Severn Trent on a 25 year lease.

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Single Farm Payment Entitlement	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 01.04.19	21,428	21,098
(Loss)/gain on revaluation	(1,648)	330
Market value at 31.03.20	<hr/> 19,780	<hr/> 21,428

12. STOCKS

	2020 £	2019 £
Finished goods & goods for resale	<hr/> 8,901	<hr/> 12,232

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

13. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors and prepayments	337,465	260,422
	<u>337,465</u>	<u>260,422</u>

14. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank overdraft	-	27,022
Trade creditors	127,099	61,033
Social security and other taxes	4,991	4,823
Other creditors	946	-
Accruals and deferred income	31,574	56,659
	<u>164,610</u>	<u>149,537</u>

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds*	468,228	-	-	-	468,228
General funds	134,442	217,391	(176,365)	1,170	176,638
Total unrestricted funds	<u>602,670</u>	<u>217,391</u>	<u>(176,365)</u>	<u>1,170</u>	<u>644,866</u>
Restricted funds**	<u>1,029,431</u>	<u>1,152,962</u>	<u>(413,103)</u>	<u>(2,818)</u>	<u>1,766,472</u>
Total funds	<u>1,632,101</u>	<u>1,370,353</u>	<u>(589,468)</u>	<u>(1,648)</u>	<u>2,411,338</u>

*These funds reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust as set out in note 10 above, with the exclusion of the acquisition of land at Dolforwyn Woods which was purchased at a cost of £180,826 (including costs). The funds raised to purchase this reserve remain as restricted.

**As at 31 March 2020, funding for the Dyfi Wildlife Centre (as set out below) totalled £874,825 of which £771,668 was expended on the construction costs to that date, leaving £103,157 yet to be spent. However, as the construction cost has been capitalised and included as a fixed asset addition, the restricted reserves do not reflect that position. The property will be depreciated over the next 50 years and the relevant funds released from the restricted reserves over that time.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) – Revaluation £	Carried forward £
Nature Reserves					
Purchase of Llandinam Gravels					
- CCW (now NRW)	11,616	-	-	(188)	11,428
Purchase of Dolforwyn Woods Welsh Government	180,826	-	-	-	180,826
- Glastir	-	62,101	(62,101)	-	-
- Basic Payment Scheme	(1,906)	37,459	(37,459)	*(1,648)	(3,554)
- Organic	-	7,696	(7,696)	-	-
	190,536	107,256	(107,256)	(1,836)	188,700

* revaluation

Wider Countryside

Pumlumon					
- Welsh Government	-	31,645	(31,645)	-	-
- SNPA	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
- Heathrow	-	20,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
- Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Arwain					
- Where the Wild Things Are	-	17,065	(17,065)	-	-
Natural Resources Wales					
- Precious Pearls	-	15,798	(15,798)	-	-
Welsh Government					
- Curlew Project	-	2,950	(2,950)	-	-
TK Maxx	-	800	(800)	-	-
Cefn Croes	-	93,945	(93,945)	-	-
	-	184,403	(174,403)	-	10,000

Education

Dyfi Osprey Project					
- NRW (re lift)	6,463			(2,667)	3,796
- Environment Wales	280			(280)	-
Art Oasis					
- Arwain	-	8,431	(8,431)	-	-
Department for Work & Pensions					
- Wild to Work	-	16,471	(16,471)	-	-
Open Newtown	-	16,150	(16,150)	-	-
Deri Woods					
- HLF/Llanfair Caereinion	7,910	-	(7,910)	-	-
- Donation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
	14,653	43,052	(50,962)	(2,947)	3,796

Other

Dyfi Osprey Project	15,579	-	-	(5,953)	9,626
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MONTGOMERYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried Forward £
Cors Dyfi 360 Project					
Capital					
Heritage Lottery Fund	486,172	-	-	(11,917)	474,255
CAN 3 (NRW)	210,455	-	-	(5,185)	205,270
	<u>696,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,102)</u>	<u>679,525</u>
Dyfi Wildlife Centre					
Capital *					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	41,765	317,194	-	-	358,959
Welsh Government					
Community Facilities Programme	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
Garfield Weston	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
Arwain	-	36,061	-	-	36,061
EnRAW	-	36,265	-	-	36,265
MWT	-	-	-	14,575	14,575
Donations	70,271	78,694	-	-	148,965
	<u>112,036</u>	<u>748,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,575</u>	<u>874,825</u>
Revenue					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	-	14,327	(14,327)	-	-
Arwain	-	55,710	(55,710)	-	-
MWT contribution	-	-	(10,445)	10,445	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>70,037</u>	<u>(80,482)</u>	<u>10,445</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>112,036</u>	<u>818,251</u>	<u>(80,482)</u>	<u>25,020</u>	<u>874,825</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>1,029,431</u>	<u>1,152,962</u>	<u>(413,103)</u>	<u>(2,818)</u>	<u>1,766,472</u>

*See note on page 21 regarding the capital expenditure for this project.

Comparative figures to Note 15 are included below the current year's notes on pages 27-29.

Nature Reserves

Llandinam Gravels

The purchase of this land for £150,000 in the year ended 31 March 2001 was funded in part by a contribution of £15,000 from the Countryside Council for Wales (now Natural Resources Wales). In line with the conditions attached to this funding, the funds are being written back to unrestricted funds over 80 years from the year of purchase, the stated balance being repayable in the event of a sale or alternative use (within 80 years from the purchase).

Dolforwyn Woods

The purchase of Dolforwyn Woods (completed on 31 March 2015) was funded from a fundraising campaign by the Trust with monies raised to fund the purchase included as restricted funds.

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Welsh Government - Glastir, Basic Payment Scheme and Organic

These Welsh Government schemes fund the vital work done on the Trust's Nature Reserves across the county. Capital works, such as fencing and ditch blocking, combined with habitat management help ensure that the Nature Reserves are kept in the best condition for wildlife. The funding also covers staff time for those who ensure the Trust is compliant in its Welsh Government funded work.

Wider Countryside

Welsh Government – Pumlumon PES

The Pumlumon Project continues to engage with landowners to promote the varied benefits of re-wetting and protecting the uplands. Healthy, wet bogs retain flood water and carbon, while also improving biodiversity and offering tourism opportunities. The Welsh Government have continued to fund the next step of the project, allowing the Trust to expand its reach and engage with more land owners and community groups than ever before, with the aim of promoting the Payment for Ecosystem Services model to a wider audience.

Heathrow – Pumlumon PES

As part of their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint, Heathrow has funded ditch blocking work at Glaslyn Nature Reserve, part of the wider Pumlumon Project. This funding has also paid for staff to engage with landowners within the project area to encourage them to undertake ditch blocking on their own land, increasing the area of healthy peat bog acting as a flood defence, carbon store, tourist attraction and wildlife haven.

Arwain – Where the Wild Things Are

Where the Wild Things Are is a project dedicated to the promotion of Local Wildlife Sites across Montgomeryshire and the whole of Powys. These sites are not currently under a designation but have been recognised as valuable locations for wildlife. Project staff have been reviewing the site selection criteria and surveying existing and potential sites, as well as engaging with land owners, local communities, volunteers and the public to highlight the importance of these wildlife havens.

Natural Resources Wales – Precious Pearls

Following on from the success of the Trust's PBF – A New Hope appeal, NRW awarded the Trust funds to continue the vital habitat improvement work being undertaken to increase this endangered butterfly's chances of survival. The Trust has already been championing this cause for over 15 years and is committed to ensuring a long term future for this species.

Cefn Croes

A condition of planning consent for wind farms is that money will be spent on environmental mitigation and habitat restoration. The Trust is working with the owners of the Cefn Croes windfarm, which is adjacent to the Pumlumon Project area, to ensure that this funding is put to the best use for wildlife. During 2019/20 over 40 hectares of upland have been restored to prime wildlife habitat through an extensive programme of ditch blocking and re-wetting. A management plan has been produced and various wildlife surveys will be undertaken, as well as monthly hydrological monitoring.

Education

Dyfi Osprey Project

a. Natural Resources Wales provided 50% of the funding for the installation of a lift into the 360 Observatory thereby ensuring that the Observatory is accessible to all who wish to visit to see the ospreys and the 360° views from the upper floor.

b. Environment Wales assisted with the funding of high-powered static binoculars for the 360 Observatory.

These funds are being written back to unrestricted funds in line with the depreciation charge on these assets.

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Art Oasis - Arwain

The Art Oasis project sees Trust staff engaging with the local community to educate them about the wildlife on their doorstep and the importance of valuing it. This is done through the medium of art, where people of all ages can create artwork which is made from natural materials and represents the natural world.

Department for Work and Pensions – Wild to Work

The Wild to Work scheme encouraged the long term unemployed to gain valuable experience, confidence and qualifications through volunteering, with the ultimate aim of them returning to employment. Those attending the project sessions engaged in land management and nature reserve maintenance work at several sites across Montgomeryshire and the project enjoyed a good success rate in getting people back to work.

Open Newtown

Working in partnership with Open Newtown, staff seconded to the Where the Severn Smiles project were able to offer free workshops in Newtown in an effort to engage people with their local green spaces.

Deri Woods

Working in partnership with the land owner, Llanfair Caereinion Town Council, the Deri Woods project has two main objectives – to improve habitat and access at the site for wildlife and visitors, and to engage with the local community and encourage them to value the site and volunteer to maintain it. New pathways, steps and seating have been created, while bird boxes have been erected to support the many red list bird species found in the wood.

Other

Dyfi Osprey Project

Monies were set aside during the 2011 to 2014 seasons to be utilised in extending the Project's lifetime. As in previous years, funds were released to unrestricted funds during the year ended 31 March 2020 to cover otherwise unfunded salary costs.

Cors Dyfi 360 Project

Heritage Fund/Natural Resources Wales

The capital elements of this project, consisting of the 360 Observatory, replacement and extended boardwalk, interpretation, the Ceri Hide and pool, were completed during the year ended 31 March 2017.

Capital funds provided by HLF and NRW are now being released to unrestricted funds each year in line with depreciation charged on assets acquired as part of the project.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre

Heritage Fund /Community Facilities Programme /Garfield Weston /Arwain /EnRAW & other donors

The key capital element of this project relates to the construction of a fully accessible, carbon positive and sustainable building which will house high tech nature viewing, education and exhibition areas with views across the Cors Dyfi Reserve, together with staff and volunteers, an indoor café area and a shop.

The project also includes the construction of a beaver enclosure on site to house a pair of beavers who will assist with habitat management.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,660,376	491,946	2,152,322	1,412,041
Fixed asset investments	19,780	-	19,780	21,428
Net current assets	86,316	152,920	239,236	198,632
	<u>1,766,472</u>	<u>644,866</u>	<u>2,411,338</u>	<u>1,632,101</u>
<i>2019</i>	<i>1,029,431</i>	<i>602,670</i>	<i>1,632,101</i>	

17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Trust operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £10,499 (2019: £11,065). Contributions totalling £nil (2019: £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2020 the Trust had total remaining commitments under non-cancellable operating leases over the remaining life of those leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	7,738	7,738
Between 1 and 2 years	7,738	7,738
Between 2 and 5 years	7,684	15,064
After more than 5 years	-	359

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Interest-free loans, repayable on demand, were made to the Trust by related parties to assist with the purchase of Dolforwyn Woods. The final repayments were made in August 2018 resulting in a balance at the end of the year of £nil (2019: £nil).

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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<i>Brought forward £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £</i>	<i>Carried forward £</i>
Designated funds*	468,228	-	-	-	468,228
General funds	151,106	224,939	(235,197)	(6,406)	134,442
Total unrestricted funds	619,334	224,939	(235,197)	(6,406)	602,670
Restricted funds	961,278	368,442	(307,025)	6,736	1,029,431
Total funds	1,580,612	593,381	(542,222)	330	1,632,101

**These funds reflect the cost of land reserves purchased by the Trust as set out in note 11 above, with the exclusion of the acquisition of land at Dolforwyn Woods which was purchased at a cost of £180,826 (including costs). The funds raised to purchase this reserve remain as restricted.*

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RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Brought forward £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/(out) – Revaluation £</i>	<i>Carried forward £</i>
Nature Reserves					
<i>Purchase of Llandinam Gravels</i>					
- CCW (now NRW)	11,804	-	-	(188)	11,616
<i>Purchase of Dolforwyn Woods</i>	180,826	-	-	-	180,826
<i>Welsh Government</i>					
- Glastir	-	30,556	(30,556)	-	-
- Basic Payment Scheme	(2,236)	40,794	(40,794)	*330	(1,906)
- Organic	-	8,665	(8,665)	-	-
	190,394	80,015	(80,015)	142	190,536

* revaluation

Wider Countryside

<i>Pumlumon</i>					
- Welsh Government	-	72,188	(72,188)	-	-
- SNPA	-	300	(300)	-	-
<i>Arwain</i>					
- Where the Wild Things Are	-	28,824	(28,824)	-	-
<i>Pearl-bordered Fritillary</i>					
- A New Hope	12,903	-	(12,903)	-	-
<i>Natural Resources Wales</i>					
- Precious Pearls	-	8,320	(8,320)	-	-
<i>Kew Seed Collection</i>	-	2,590	(2,590)	-	-
<i>Cefn Croes</i>	-	2,250	(2,250)	-	-
	12,903	114,472	(127,375)	-	-

Education

<i>Dyfi Osprey Project</i>					
- NRW (re lift)	9,130	-	-	(2,667)	6,463
- Environment Wales	628	-	-	(348)	280
<i>Art Oasis</i>					
- Potters	5,000	6,000	(11,000)	-	-
- Cider and Perry Association	-	1,958	(1,958)	-	-
- Arwain	-	27,085	(27,085)	-	-
<i>Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts</i>					
- Wild Schools	-	3,600	(3,600)	-	-
<i>Department for Work & Pensions</i>					
- Wild to Work	-	(500)	-	500	-
<i>Deri Woods</i>					
- HLF/Llanfair Caereinion	7,802	13,560	(13,452)	-	7,910
- Community Fund in Wales	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
- Oakdale Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
- Broneirion Guides	-	450	(450)	-	-
	22,560	56,153	(61,545)	(2,515)	14,653

Other

<i>Dyfi Osprey Project</i>	21,692	-	-	(6,113)	15,579
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RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure	Transfers in/(out) - Revaluation £	Carried Forward £
Cors Dyfi 360 Project					
Capital					
Heritage Lottery Fund	498,089	-	-	(11,917)	486,172
CAN 3 (NRW)	215,640	-	-	(5,185)	210,455
	<u>713,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,102)</u>	<u>696,627</u>
Dyfi Wildlife Centre					
Heritage Fund (HLF)	-	42,848	(33,407)	32,324	41,765
Donations	-	74,954	(4,683)	-	70,271
	<u>-</u>	<u>117,802</u>	<u>(38,090)</u>	<u>32,324</u>	<u>112,036</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>961,278</u>	<u>368,442</u>	<u>(307,025)</u>	<u>6,736</u>	<u>1,029,431</u>