Charity Registration No. SC032131 (Scotland)

Company Registration No. SC222802 (Scotland)

THE DEVERON, BOGIE AND ISLA RIVERS CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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D J Borthwick R A Cooper F R Henderson R J G Shields

A Allwood (Appointed 3 September

2020)

Secretary J S Cruickshank OBE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to conserve, protect, enhance and rehabilitate salmon, sea-trout and trout and other indigenous wildlife and to promote the ecological cycle within the Deveron catchment area and to raise people's awareness of conservation and protected areas by commissioning research and publishing the results for the public's benefit. The significant activities that contribute to the achievement of objectives for the year were as follows; conduct electro-fishing surveys of the River Deveron and its tributaries; operate smolt traps on the River Deveron and Blackwater; collect and analyse adult salmon data from the Deveron District; conduct a salmon smolt tracking project to determine the mortality rate in the river.

Achievements and performance

The incoming resources of the charity for the year amounted to £178,200. This includes donations and grants of £100,487 and income from charitable activities of £58,463. The expenditure incurred amounted to £184,083 which, together with a surplus of £15,669 on revaluation of investments, gives rise to an overall surplus of £4,786.

Funds are obtained where possible for priority projects. This year saw continued funding from the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (Scottish Natural Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund) for invasive species control. Several monitoring and investigation contracts were again successfully undertaken on behalf of renewable energy clients and neighbouring Fisheries Boards. Funds were also raided from charitable activities including the sale of our exclusive River Deveron Gin. A grant from the Hill of Towie Windfarm Community Fund was secured to allow an updated habitat survey of the Crooksmill Burn to be undertaken.

Financial review

The net assets of the Trust at the year end are £307,538 comprised of unrestricted funds of £167,296 and restricted funds of £140,242.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Plans for the future

The Trust and the River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board will continue work under the steer of our Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) to address the declining numbers of salmon and sea trout locally. The FMP focuses on the following; 1. Illegal fish poaching 2. Predation 3. Fish disease 4. Genetics 5. Invasive non-native species control 6. Water quality 7. Water quantity 8. Climatic warming 9. Instream habitat 10. Riparian vegetation 11. Fish passage and 12. Inshore marine habitat.

Our work will continue in 2021/2022 with electrofishing monitoring contracts for the Scottish Government and habitat restoration projects such as the Crooksmill burn on the river Isla and the King Edward Burn. The Trust will continue to collaborate with The Atlantic Salmon Trust on several projects including The Missing Salmon Project. The Trust will continue to work with SEPA and Pernod Ricard to plan and install fish passage solutions on the river Isla in Keith. Invasive species control will continue throughout the catchment in collaboration with the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative. Finally the Trust will continue to take forward the acoustic fish counter and will form a steering group to help fund and manage the project.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not exceeding £1 per member.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J S Cruickshank OBE (Chairman)

D J Borthwick R A Cooper

M C Hay (Resigned 2 July 2020)

F R Henderson R J G Shields

A Allwood (Appointed 3 September 2020)

75% of the nominated members are entitled to appoint or remove trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

J S Cruickshank OBE (Chairman)

Trustee

Dated: 22 June 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DEVERON, BOGIE AND ISLA RIVERS CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;

have not been met or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Cathedral Accountancy Ltd.

Munro Rankine CA 4 North Guildry Street Elgin Moray IV30 1JR

Dated: 22 June 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Uı	restricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	52,547	47,940	100,487	141,392
Charitable activities	3	58,463	-	58,463	89,846
Other trading activities	4	10,788	-	10,788	26,109
Investments	5	-	3,462	3,462	3,965
Total income		121,798	51,402	173,200	261,312
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	11,068		11,068	15,916
Charitable activities	7	124,272	47,940	172,212	213,200
Other	10	715	-	715	756
Total resources expended		136,055	47,940	183,995	229,872
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(14,257)	3,462	(10,795)	31,440
Other recognised gains and losses Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	15,669	15,669	(7,541)
Net movement in funds		(14,257)	19,131	4,874	23,899
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		181,641	121,111	302,752	278,853
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		167,384	140,242	307,626	302,752

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

		202	21	202	.0
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	11		35,707		43,737
Investments	12		140,242		121,111
			175,949		164,848
Current assets					
Inventories	13	-		7,941	
Trade and other receivables	14	11,970		18,415	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,797		125,006	
		140,767		151,362	
Current liabilities	15	(9,090)		(13,458)	
Net current assets			131,677		137,904
Total assets less current liabilities			307,626		302,752
Total assets less carrent habities			====		
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		140,242		121,111
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	21,603		8,363	
General unrestricted funds		145,781		173,278	
			167,384		181,641
			307,626		302,752
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
Notes	£	£	£	£

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 June 2021

J S Cruickshank OBE (Chairman)

Trustee

Company Registration No. SC222802

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is The Offices, Avochie Stables, Avochie, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB54 7YY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income from services is recognised depending on the stage of completion of the project.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants receivable are recognised when the award is made or when any conditions attached to the grant have been met.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis to match the cost of a service to the period to which it relates. Expenditure includes irrecoverable amounts of VAT where relevant.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings 5% straight line

Plant and equipment 10% to 15% reducing balance and 20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Taxation

The charity is not subject to taxation by reason of its charitable status.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	7,130	-	7,130	17,785
Donation from Fishery Board	31,500	-	31,500	31,500
Grant for smolt tagging project	-	-	-	10,001
Grant for SISI Project	-	47,940	47,940	63,306
Grants	13,917	-	13,917	18,800
	52,547	47,940	100,487	141,392
For the year ended 31 March 2020	68,085	73,307		141,392

3 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Monitoring work for windfarms Other contract work Other services supplied	35,540 1,878 21,045	68,430 866 20,550
	58,463	89,846

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4	Other trading activities		
		Unrestricted funds	Total
		2021 £	2020 £
	Sponsorship Sponsorship of River Opening Fundraising events Sales of merchandise and Deveron gin	2,300 - - 8,488	- 17,298 8,121 690
	Other trading activities	10,788	26,109
5	Investments		
		Restricted funds	Total
		2021 £	2020 £
	Income from listed investments	3,462	3,965
6	Raising funds		
		Unrestricted funds	Total
		2021 £	2020 £
	Fundraising and publicity Fundraising costs Cost of Deveron gin and merchandise	2,949 8,119	10,196 5,720
	Fundraising and publicity	11,068	15,916
		11,068	15,916

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7	Charitab	le activities
	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	129,538	139,885
Depreciation and impairment	8,634	9,428
Training	620	66
Motor expenses and travel	5,459	9,776
Electro fishing and fish counters	2,755	7,684
Crooksmill Burn restoration project	-	5,920
Hatchery expenses	-	66
Smolt tagging expenses	101	10,921
SISI project expenses	8,054	13,799
Insurance	5,576	4,515
Telephone	2,327	2,175
Rent	-	2,210
Sundry expenses	125	305
Printing, design, publications and advertising	1,471	1,082
Website and office costs	5,460	3,474
Subscriptions and donations	1,800	1,140
Repairs	292	754
	172,212	213,200
	 172,212	213,200
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	124,272	139,893
Restricted funds	47,940	73,307
	172,212	213,200
For the year ended 31 March 2020	400.000	
Unrestricted funds	139,893	
Restricted funds	73,307	
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	213,200	

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or expenses from the charity during the year or in the previous year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	4	5
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	115,011 6,478 8,049	123,939 7,431 8,515
	129,538	139,885

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10 Other

Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
2021	2020
Independent examination fees 715	756
715	756

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Property, plant and equipment			
		Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 April 2020	65,669	96,261	161,930
	At 31 March 2021	65,669	96,261	161,930
	Depreciation and impairment			
	At 1 April 2020	54,568	63,625	118,193
	Depreciation charged in the year	2,220	5,810	8,030
	At 31 March 2021	56,788	69,435	126,223
	Carrying amount		<u> </u>	
	At 31 March 2021	8,881 	26,826	35,707
	At 31 March 2020	11,101	32,636	43,737
12	Fixed asset investments			Unlisted investments
	Cost or valuation			•
				£
	At 1 April 2020			121,111
	At 1 April 2020 Additions			121,111 3,461
	At 1 April 2020 Additions Valuation changes At 31 March 2021 Carrying amount			121,111 3,461 15,669 140,241
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

14	Trade and other receivables		0000
		2021	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Trade receivables	887	5,246
	Other receivables	11,083	13,169
		11,970	18,415
15	Current liabilities		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Other taxation and social security	£ 3,214	£ 5,372
	Other taxation and social security Trade payables		_
		3,214	5,372

16 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £8,049 (2020 - £8,515).

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Improvement fund	121,111	19,131	_	140,242
SISI project	-	47,940	(47,940)	-
	121,111	67,071	(47,940)	140,242

The Smolt tagging project was to tag and monitor the number of smolts in the river system.

The improvement fund is to finance major works contributing to the wellbeing of the river system.

The Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (SISI) is to control and remove non-native invasive species from the river system.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds				
	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Transfers 3'	rs Balance at 31 March 2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Provision for statutory obligations	8,363	8,363	8,363	4,877	21,603	
	8,363	8,363	8,363	4,877	21,603	

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

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	Restricted Unrestricted		Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:				
Property, plant and equipment	35,707	-	35,707	43,737
Investments	-	140,242	140,242	121,111
Current assets/(liabilities)	131,677	-	131,677	137,904
	167,384	140,242	307,626	302,752

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).