Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

for

The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust

> Cathedral Accountancy 4 North Guildry Street Elgin Moray IV30 1JR

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Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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 £277,778. This includes donations and grants of £196,627 and income from charitable activities of £64,845. The expenditure incurred amounted to £276,800 which, together with a profit of £3,356 on revaluation of investments, gives rise to an overall surplus of £4,254.

Funds are obtained from several sources such as donations, membership fees, grants, gin sales and contracts which allow priority projects to proceed. This year saw continued funding from the Scottish Initiative (Scottish Natural Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund) for invasive species control. Funds were also secured from charitable activities such as collaborating with Atlantic Salmon Trust and The Missing Salmon Alliance on Project Deveron. Several fish/habitat surveys were again successfully undertaken on behalf of Scottish Government, renewable energy clients and neighbouring Fishery Boards.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC222802 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC032131

Registered office

The Offices Avochie Stables Avochie Huntly Aberdeenshire AB54 7YY

Trustees

Mr J Cruickshank OBE (Chairman)
Mr D Borthwick
Mr R Cooper (Vice Chairman)
Mr F Henderson
Mr R Shields
Mr A Allwood

Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary Mr J Cruickshank

Independent Examiner

Alan Long FCA
Cathedral Accountancy
4 North Guildry Street
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr J Cruickshank - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any
 requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent
 examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan Long FCA

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Cathedral Accountancy 4 North Guildry Street Elgin Moray IV30 1JR

5 July 2024

Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	Notes	Unrestricted funds £ 126,708	Restricted funds £ 69,919	31.3.24 Total funds £ 196,627	31.3.23 Total funds £ 124,813
Charitable activities Monitoring, contract and services		57,301	7,544	64,845	78,268
Other trading activities Investment income	2 3	11,878	4,428	11,878 4,428	32,889 3,637
Total		195,887	81,891	277,778	239,607
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	4	9,067	-	9,067	16,702
Charitable activities Monitoring, contract and services		185,929	84,731	270,660	209,382
Other		(2,847)		(2,847)	895
Total		192,149	84,731	276,880	226,979
Net gains/(losses) on investments			3,356	3,356	(3,959)
NET INCOME Transfers between funds	13	3,738 311	516 (311)	4,254	8,669
Net movement in funds		4,049	205	4,254	8,669
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		164,376	162,467	326,843	318,174
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		168,425	162,672	331,097	326,843

Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS		45.540		15.510	22.052
Tangible assets Investments	8 9	45,740	162,550	45,740 162,550	22,853 154,766
		45,740	162,550	208,290	177,619
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,067	-	2,067	3,294
Debtors Cash at bank	11	33,949 93,728	122	33,949 93,850	13,736 137,345
		129,744	122	129,866	154,375
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	12	(7,059)	-	(7,059)	(5,151)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		122,685	122	122,807	149,224
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		168,425	162,672	331,097	326,843
NET ASSETS		168,425	162,672	331,097	326,843
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	13			168,425 162,672	164,376 162,467
TOTAL FUNDS				331,097	326,843

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.

Balance Sheet - continued 31 March 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr J Cruickshank - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

£	£
2,800	4,780
9,078	28,109
11.070	22.000
11,8/8	32,889
31.3.24	31.3.23
£	£
4,428	3,637
	2,800 9,078 11,878 31.3.24 £

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Investment management costs

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Impairment losses	-	137

5. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	5,279	6,306
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(2,847)	-

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 7.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	75,070	49,743	124,813
Charitable activities Monitoring, contract and services	63,036	15,232	78,268
Other trading activities Investment income	32,889	3,637	32,889 3,637
Total	170,995	68,612	239,607

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMEN	T OF FINANCI	AL ACTIVITIES Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
	EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		16,702	-	16,702
	Charitable activities Monitoring, contract and services		152,108	57,274	209,382
	Other		895	-	895
	Total		169,705	57,274	226,979
	Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	(3,959)	(3,959)
	NET INCOME		1,290	7,379	8,669
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		163,086	155,088	318,174
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		164,376	162,467	326,843
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles	Totals £
	COST At 1 April 2023 Additions Disposals	65,669	97,594	34,319	163,263 34,319 (37,565)
	At 31 March 2024	65,669	60,029	34,319	160,017
	DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2023 Charge for year Eliminated on disposal	61,227 1,314	79,183 3,238 (31,412)	727	140,410 5,279 (31,412)
	At 31 March 2024	62,541	51,009	727	114,277
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2024	3,128	9,020	33,592	45,740
	At 31 March 2023	4,442	18,411	-	22,853

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

			Unlisted investments
	MARKET VALUE		~
	At 1 April 2023		154,766
	Revaluations		7,784
	At 31 March 2024		162,550
	NET BOOK VALUE		
	At 31 March 2024		162,550
	At 31 March 2023		154,766
	TK 31 Major 2023		=======================================
	There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
	Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:		
			Unlisted investments £
	Valuation in 2023 Valuation in 2024		154,766
	valuation in 2027		7,784
			162,550
10.	STOCKS		
10.	STOCIAS	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
	Stocks	2,067	3,294
11.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Trade debtors	£ 8,503	£
	Other debtors	18,530	9,572
	VAT	2,766	601
	Prepayments	4,150	3,563
	90 9		
		33,949	13,736
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TOTAL FUNDS

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

				31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
	Trade creditors			6,059	3,626
	Pension control			-	675
	Accrued expenses			1,000	850
				7,059	5,151
13.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	Transfers	
			movement	between	At
		At 1.4.23	in funds	funds	31.3.24
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	164,239	3,738	(21,324)	146,653
	Designated fund	137		21,635	21,772
		164,376	3,738	311	168,425
	Restricted funds	,	10.20 D.D		
	Improvement Fund	154,766	7,784	-	162,550
	The Scottish Species Initiative Project	-	311	(311)	-1
	Open Rivers Programme	7,701	(7,579)		122
		162,467	516	(311)	162,672
	TOTAL FUNDS	326,843	4,254	_	331,097
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	Net movement in funds, included in the above	are as follows:			
		Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
		resources	expended	losses	in funds
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds			~	~
	General fund	195,887	(192,149)	-	3,738
	Restricted funds				
	Improvement Fund	4,428	-	3,356	7,784
	The Scottish Species Initiative Project	69,919	(69,608)	-	311
	Open Rivers Programme	7,544	(15,123)	-	(7,579)
				-	

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	
		movement	At
	At 1.4.22	in funds	31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,086	1,153	164,239
Designated fund		137	137
Restricted funds	163,086	1,290	164,376
Improvement Fund	155,088	(322)	154,766
Open Rivers Programme		7,701	7,701
	155,088	7,379	162,467
TOTAL FUNDS	318,174	8,669	326,843

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	150.005	44 60 0 44 5		
General fund	170,995	(169,842)	-	1,153
Designated fund		137		137
	170,995	(169,705)	-	1,290
Restricted funds				
Improvement Fund	3,637	Ε.	(3,959)	(322)
The Scottish Species Initiative Project	49,743	(49,743)	-	-
Open Rivers Programme	15,232	(7,531)		7,701
	68,612	(57,274)	(3,959)	7,379
TOTAL FUNDS	239,607	(226,979)	(3,959)	8,669

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	163,086	4,891	(21,324)	146,653
Designated fund		137	21,635	21,772
Restricted funds	163,086	5,028	311	168,425
Improvement Fund	155,088	7,462	_	162,550
The Scottish Species Initiative Project	-	311	(311)	_
Open Rivers Programme		122		122
	155,088	7,895	(311)	162,672
TOTAL FUNDS	318,174	12,923	-	331,097

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	366,882	(361,991)	-	4,891
Designated fund	-	137	1-	137
	366,882	(361,854)	-	5,028
Restricted funds				
Improvement Fund	8,065	1-	(603)	7,462
The Scottish Species Initiative Project	119,662	(119,351)		311
Open Rivers Programme	22,776	(22,654)		122
	150,503	(142,005)	(603)	7,895
TOTAL FUNDS	517,385	(503,859)	(603)	12,923

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

For The Year Ended 31 March 2024	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies Gifts	_	2
Donations	10,024	4,279
Grants received	85,184	39,289
Legacies Project funding	31,500	31,500
1 10,000 Idilding	69,919	49,743
	196,627	124,813
Other trading activities		
Sponsorships Sales of merchandise and Deveron gin	2,800	4,780
Sales of merchandise and Deveron gin	9,078	28,109
	11,878	32,889
Investment income		
Revaluation of investments	4,428	3,637
Charitable activities		
Charitable activity	64,845	78,268
Total incoming resources	277,778	239,607
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising costs	367	6,488
Cost of merchandise and Deveron gin	8,700	10,077
	9,067	16,565
Investment management costs		
Impairment losses for tangible fixed assets	-	137
Charitable activities		
Wages	153,678	134,165
Social security Pensions	5,896	8,248
Insurance	9,181 6,017	8,847 5,423
Telephone	2,448	2,247
Printing, design, publications and advertising	880	397
Sundries	5,250	2,966
Training	323	210
Motor and travel expenses	28,276	11,112
Electro fishing and fish counters Carried forward	15,342	7,242
Carrica forward	227,291	180,857

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	227,291	180,857
King Edward Burn restoration	24,152	7,531
Smolt tagging expenses	-	409
SISI project expenses	2,798	5,454
Rent	2,525	1,950
Website and office costs	5,314	5,342
Subscriptions and donations	1,200	950
Repairs	1,042	583
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,278	6,306
	269,600	209,382
Other		
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	(2,847)	-
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,060	895
Total resources expended	276,880	226,979
	270,880	220,979
Net income before gains and losses	898	12,628
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	3,356	(3,959)
Net income	4.254	0.660
THE INCUITE	4,254	8,669