Registered Charity Number: 225(IOM)

# **MANX WILDLIFE TRUST**

(Company Limited by Guarantee) DIRECTORS' REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

## Manx Wildlife Trust

### For the year ending 31st January 2023

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### Directors' Report and Annual Report For the year ending 31st January 2023

Manx Wildlife Trust is a company limited by guarantee, which was incorporated on 6th March 1973, Company Number 5297C. Manx Wildlife Trust is registered as a Charity, Registered Charity Number 225 IOM. The registered office is situated at 7-8 Market Place, Peel, Isle of Man.

#### **General information**

Manx Wildlife Trust's Bankers are Isle of Man Bank, East Region, PO Box 13, Douglas, IM99 1AN.

Manx Wildlife Trust's Advocates are Corlett Bolton & Co, 4 Finch Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2PT.

Manx Wildlife Trust's Auditors are Moore Stephens LP, 26-28 Athol Street, Douglas, IM99 1BD.

#### **Objectives of Manx Wildlife Trust**

The Company is established with the charitable objective of the advancement of environmental protection and improvement on the Isle of Man by, but not limited to:

i. The conservation, restoration, recordal and study of places and objects of botanical, zoological, ecological, geological, archaeological, or other scientific interest, or of natural beauty, and the protection of these from injury, ill treatment or destruction;
ii. The establishment, formation, maintenance and management of wildlife sites, bird sanctuaries or nature reserves for the conservation and control of wild plants and other vegetation and of the wild creatures of any description living naturally therein;

iii. The encouragement of the breeding of any species of the wild flora or fauna which are scientifically interesting, beautiful and/or rare;

iv. The promotion, organisation, carrying on and encouraging of study and research for the advancement of knowledge in the natural sciences, including by making grants and donations for such purposes; and

v. The carrying on of any other activities which promote wildlife conservation and the natural sciences.

Manx Wildlife Trust (MWT) was founded in 1973 and is the Isle of Man's leading nature conservation charity. Its members, staff, and volunteers support MWT to protect Manx wildlife with our current work programmes:

· Protecting wildlife in our 26 MWT Nature Reserves and the other areas of land we help manage.

• Working in partnerships to create an enhanced and expanded network of places for wildlife across the land and waters of the Isle of Man.

• Developing natural solutions to mitigate climate change impact, including peatland restoration, increasing seagrass beds and planting more trees.

- Reducing our own environmental impact, while encouraging others to do the same.
- Connecting people in the Isle of Man strongly to the nature that surrounds them, educating and inspiring them.
- Standing up for wildlife in fishing, farming, planning and land management, basing our advice and actions on sound science.

#### Structure of Manx Wildlife Trust

The Council of Manx Wildlife Trust serves as its governing authority and maintains overall charge of all its operations. The members of the Council are appointed as Directors of the Company, which is limited by guarantee. The Council may delegate any of its powers to any committee consisting of one or more Council members, or two or more members of MWT. During this year the standing sub-committees were: Finance only. Day-to-day management of MWT is vested in the CEO of MWT and paid staff, with the nature reserves being operated by the Reserves Officer and volunteer wardens.

### Directors' Report and Annual Report (continued) For the year ending 31st January 2023

#### Activities undertaken in the period

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Manx Wildlife Trust continued to carry out its core activities as follows:

Maintenance and management of its 26 nature reserves

Collection and recording of biological data and information;

Provision of environmental interpretation and educational material;

Provision of environmental advisory and consultancy services to the public, government departments and the commercial sector;

Monitoring and commenting on proposed planning developments;

Organisation of wildlife related activities and events for both MWT members and the wider IOM population;

Various fundraising activities;

Continued operation of its Gift Shop & Visitor Centre in Peel and two Nature Discovery Centres at Ayres and Scarlett;

Continued participation and operation of the Wildflowers of Mann Project;

Continued operation of the Education Officer post; and

Continued operation of the Marine Officer post.

Continued operation of a Manx Mires restoration and Volunteer Coordination across MWT.

#### **Results for the year**

Manx Wildlife Trust made a profit for the year of £6,067 (2022: profit £63,199). No dividend or distribution to members is permitted (2022: £ nil).

#### Statement of Risks to which the Charity is exposed

Manx Wildlife Trust is funded by income from membership subscriptions, various grants, legacies and donations, dividends from the subsidiary company Wildlife Limited and income from consultancy and advisory services. A full year's budget for the operation of the organisation is prepared and approved by the Council each year. No new projects or major expenditure are undertaken until the majority of the required funding is already secured and in place.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The strategic development plan was revised in May 2020. This document sets out plans for the future growth and targets for all aspects of Manx Wildlife Trust's operation. The new strategy for The Wildlife Trusts Federation was published in 2022 and the MWT strategy will now be reviewed and a detailed delivery plan developed for a launch in 2023.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Moore Stephens LP, being eligible, have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Isle of Man Companies Act 1982.

### Directors' Report and Annual Report (continued) For the year ending 31st January 2023

#### **Council of Manx Wildlife Trust**

The Directors who served on the Council of Manx Wildlife Trust during the year and to date are as follows:

V Davies (Ex-Chairman)	Appointed on 19 May 2012 - Resigned 30 April 2022
S Cain (Chairman)	Appointed 7 July 2018
K Etherton	Appointed on 8 August 2016
R Pullin	Appointed on 7 July 2018
R Glover	Appointed 29 June 2019
D Allvey	Appointed 29 March 2021 - Resigned 28 July 2022
J Amoedo	Appointed 29 March 2021
S Foxton	Appointed 29 March 2021 - Resigned 5 December 2022
S Gray	Appointed 29 March 2021
J Hunter	Appointed 29 March 2021
S Pearce (Secretary)	Appointed 29 March 2021
P Thomas	Appointed 29 March 2021
K Powell-Lewis	Appointed 6 December 2021
M Grinneback	Appointed 20 June 2022
A Boyd (Treasurer)	Appointed 25 July 2022

Council may appoint new Directors during the year, however such Directors shall cease to be members of Council at the following AGM, but shall then be eligible to stand for re-election to the Council.

Directors serve for a fixed period of 3 years before being obliged to seek re-election under Article 41 of the Articles of Association.

The Directors are not remunerated for their services and, under Article 40, no person who is employed by Manx Wildlife Trust shall be eligible for election to the Council.

No Directors have been employed by Manx Wildlife Trust.

S Cain Chairman

Date:

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### Statement of Directors' responsibilities For the year ending 31st January 2023

The Directors are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of Manx Wildlife Trust's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the balance sheet date. In preparing financial statements when giving a true and fair view, the Directors should follow the best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

• state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Manx Wildlife Trust will continue in operation.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Manx Wildlife Trust and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Manx Wildlife Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Manx Wildlife Trust

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Manx Wildlife Trust (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 January 2023 which comprise of the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Statement of Financial Position, 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 31 January 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting By Charities 2019); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Isle of Man Companies Acts 1931 to 2004.

#### 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 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 audit opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditors' 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 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.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Isle of Man Companies Acts 1931 to 2004 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the Directors 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 Directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

### Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company and considered that the most significant are Isle of Man Companies Acts 1931 to 2004.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of noncompliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Councils website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Trust's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 15 of the Isle of Man Companies Act 1982. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 company and the Trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Stephens LP Douglas Isle of Man

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### Statement of Income and Retained Earnings For the year ending 31st January 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	2021/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income					
Subscriptions		45,832	-	45,832	40,798
Bequests & Legacies		5,000	-	5,000	-
Donations		52,424	-	52,424	103,391
Activities for Generating Funds					
Grants & Sponsorship	3	130,593	103,802	234,395	126,716
Consultancy Income		103,169	-	103,169	78,509
Contract Income		82,766	-	82,766	86,752
Investment Income					
Interest Income		1,399	-	1,399	31
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Fundraising		6,146	-	6,146	18,579
Wildlife Limited Dividend	4	22,923	-	22,923	29,640
Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income		10,362	-	10,362	20,433
	15/16	460,614	103,802	564,416	504,849
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating Donation and Membership Income		67,488	-	67,488	48,576
Costs of Generating Consultancy Income		74,264	-	74,264	36,977
Project Expenditure					
Sponsored Projects	6	155,900	87,203	243,103	196,208
Visitor Centres		-	-	-	2,424
Charitable Activities	7	41,226	3,329	44,555	43,884
Support & Development					
Salaries		56,803	-	56,803	64,902
Support & Administration		51,321	-	51,321	30,060
Insurance		5,954	-	5,954	6,205
RSWT Subs & memberships		1,944	-	1,944	2,924
Depreciation		11,073	-	11,073	6,614
Non-recoverable Output Vat		1,844	-	1,844	2,876
	15/16	467,817	90,532	558,349	441,650
Net Profit	5	(7,203)	13,270	6,067	63,199

All amounts relate to continuing operations. There were no acquisitions or discontinued operations during the current or preceding year.

### Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses For the year ending 31st January 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Surplus (Deficit) on revaluation of land	Note	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		6,067	63,199
Total recognised gains and losses for the financial year		6,067	63,199
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> February		2,107,865	2,044,666
As at 31 <sup>st</sup> January	15	2,113,932	2,107,865

### Statement of Financial Postion As at 31st January 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	10	338,808	-	338,808	342,377
Heritage Assets	10a	1,510,930	-	1,510,930	1,442,930
Investment	11	2	-	2	2
		1,849,740	-	1,849,740	1,785,309
Debtors					
Amounts falling due in more than one year:					
Wildlife Limited	12	22,923	-	22,923	29,640
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Debtors	12	107,629	-	107,629	148,197
Cash at bank and in hand	13	176,086	91,183	267,269	327,458
		306,638	91,183	397,821	505,295
Current Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	42,446	91,183	133,629	182,739
		264,192	-	264,192	322,556
Total assets less current liabilities		2,113,932	-	2,113,932	2,107,865
Total Net Assets		2,113,932	-	2,113,932	2,107,865
The Funds of the Charity:					
Unrestricted Funds	15	1,144,867	-	1,144,867	1,100,470
Revaluation Reserve	15	877,882	-	877,882	877,882
Restricted Funds	16		91,183	91,183	129,513
		2,022,749	91,183	2,113,932	2,107,865

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors and were signed on their behalf:

Director

Director

Date:

Date:

### Statement of Cash Flows For the year ending 31st January 2023

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Manx Wildlife Trust is a Registered Charity in the Isle of Man, Registered Charity Number 225 IOM, with its registered office and principal place of business at 7-8 Market Place, Peel, IM5 1AB, Isle of Man.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. The financial statements have been prepared as required by the Charities Registration and Regulation Act 2019 and have followed the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice FRS102 (Effective 1 January 2019) issues by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of Manx Wildlife Trust. The figures presented are rounded to the nearest pound.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, as detailed in the below accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### **1.2 CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS**

Manx Wildlife Trust owns 100% of Wildlife Limited, a limited company incorporated in the Isle of Man. As permitted under the Isle of Man Companies Act 1982 section 4(2)(b)(i), in the opinion of the Directors, the preparation of consolidated accounts would cause expense and delay out of proportion to their value to the beneficiaries.

#### **1.3 DEFINITION OF FUNDS**

Restricted funds have been donated by sponsors for specific purposes and therefore can only be applied in furtherance of the objectives of the project in question. This category also includes general funds which have been allocated for specific purposes by Manx Wildlife Trust.

#### **1.4 REVENUE RECOGNITION**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to Manx Wildlife Trust and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable excluding Value Added Tax. In respect of specific income types, the following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received or paid. Known legacies which have been notified to Manx Wildlife Trust during the year, and for which receipt occurs or is expected within a reasonable period of the year end, are accrued as income in the year.

Government grants are recognised in deferred income until the relevant expense is incurred, at which point the income is recognised.

#### 1.5 VOLUNTEER HELP

Honorary Officers and Directors provide support to Manx Wildlife Trust and it is not practicable or feasible to place a value on time volunteered in this respect by these persons or other temporary or occasional volunteers.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **1.6 EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under operational headings which reflect the general organisation of Manx Wildlife Trust, excluding value added tax.

#### **1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The freehold property is measured using the revaluation model as per FRS 102 section 17. The property will be revalued at a sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying value does not materially differ from the fair value. Last revalued in 2021.

Other fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Such cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is provided on leasehold property and plant and equipment, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold propertyThe directors consider that ongoing maintenance work keeps the property to a high level of repair.The difference between the freeholds residual value and the carrying amount in the financial<br/>statements is not material. For these reasons any charge for depreciation would be immaterial in<br/>the context of the company's Financial Statements and therefore the property is not depreciated.

Other assets 3 to 5 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within other income in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

#### **1.8 HERITAGE ASSETS**

Heritage assets of Manx Wildlife Trust include specimen collections, historical artefacts and all of its nature reserves. These assets, whether obtained by purchase, gift or legacy, are regarded as of conservation and / or heritage significance and are preserved and maintained by Manx Wildlife Trust in accordance with its core charitable aims as set out in the memorandum and articles. All nature reserves are maintained for the benefit of wildlife but are publically accessible, either through permanent access provision or by prior appointment with the charity.

The Heritage assets are measured using the revaluation model as per the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 34. The Heritage assets will be revalued at a sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying value does not materially differ from the fair value.

Management plans and property archive registers are maintained for all of Manx Wildlife Trust's Heritage assets, which are not to be disposed of and, as such, they are not considered to be financial investments of Manx Wildlife Trust.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **1.9 EQUITY INVESTMENT**

The equity investment, which comprises of an unquoted investment in the subsidiary, has been recognised initially at transaction price. Subsequently, the investment has been stated at cost less impairment, if applicable, as it is not publicly traded and therefore there is no reliable measure of fair value.

#### **1.10 DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Short term debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and which are receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price less any impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement.

#### 1.11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of any bank overdrafts.

#### **1.12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Manx Wildlife Trust only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as trade and other accounts receivable and payable and loans to related parties.

Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received.

Financial assets and liabilities that are measured at the fair value of the amount expected to be paid or received are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Income Statement.

For financial assets and liabilities measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an instrument's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that Manx Wildlife Trust would receive or pay for the instrument if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

#### 2. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### 2.1 CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING THE TRUST'S POLICIES

#### i) Freehold property depreciation

Management have not depreciated the freehold property as required by FRS 102 as they are of the opinion that the market value of the property is at least equal to its carrying value and that any depreciation applied between revaluations would be immaterial.

#### 2.2 KEY ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the reporting date, and the amounts reported for revenue and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could materially differ from those estimates. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

#### i) Fixed Assets

Management has made estimates and assumptions in determining the useful lives and residual values of fixed assets. The useful lives of fixed assets are based on management's experience with similar assets and take into account anticipated market changes. Residual values are based on prices for similar assets at the end of their useful lives. Depreciation is calculated over the estimated useful lives of the assets in accordance with the accounting policy. Management reviews the residual values and useful lives of fixed assets at least annually and adjusts them if necessary.

#### ii) Heritage assets

The heritage assets are revalued on a regular basis. The directors assess annually whether there has been any material movement in the value of the assets. This assessment is completed through an analysis of current market value trends, indicators of land impairment, and where available, comparisons of similar land being recently sold. Based on this analysis, the directors have determined that the heritage assets have not materially changed since they were previously professionally valued 4 February 2021. The carrying amount of the heritage assets in the financial statements reflects this assessment.

#### 3. REVENUE

The revenue of Manx Wildlife Trust all derives from one principal area of activity, that of charitable activities. The categories of revenue recognised by Manx Wildlife Trust are shown in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

Manx Wildlife Trust has benefited from the following grant assistance and business sponsorship during the year:

		2022/2023	2021/2022
Supporter	Project Supported	£	£
IOM Govt	AES* & ADS**	77,910	51,058
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts	Team Wilder	20,000	8,638
Various	Reserves	19,109	5,855
Lloyds Bank	Team Wilder	17,410	-
Dept. of Education, Sport & Culture	Artist in Residence	16,042	-
Various	Ramsey Forest	15,866	-
Various	Marine Projects	14,960	6,434
Various	Education	14,400	15,560
Various	Seal Appeal	9,662	-
Dept. of Environment, Food and Agriculture	Terrestrial Conservation	8,000	8,000
Manx Lottery Trust	ICT Donation	6,442	13,594
Various	Marine Officer	5,000	5,000
Various	Engagement	4,203	3,200
Manx Lottery Trust	Wildlife Sites	3,882	-
Various	Core Projects	863	2,924
Manx Lottery Trust	Wild Wellbeing	646	-
Various	Festival of the Sea	-	2,500
Manx Lottery Trust	Manx Mires	-	2,372
Manx Lottery Trust	Mildly Wild	-	1,581
		234,395	126,716

\* AES - Agri-Environment Scheme

\*\* ADS - Agricultural Development Scheme

#### 4. SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

The financial position of Manx Wildlife Trust's subsidiary undertaking, Wildlife Limited, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man, and its results for the year, are summarised below:

Financial Position as at 31 January	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets		
Inventories	18,426	19,517
Debtors	-	3,578
Cash at bank and in hand	6,921	19,457
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,422)	(12,910)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	22,925	29,642
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	(22,923)	(29,640)
Net Assets	2	2
Capital and Reserves		
Called up Share Capital	2	2
Retained Profits	-	-
	2	2
Income Statement for the year ended 31 January	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Turnover	83,789	82,530
Cost of Sales	(48,479)	(41,146)
Gross Profit	35,310	41,384
Administrative costs	(12,387)	(11,744)
Operating Profit	22,923	29,640
Taxation		
Dividend	(22,923)	(29,640)
Retained Profits	-	-

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

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

2022/23	2021/22
£	£
11,073	6,614
3.002	1,860
	£ 11,073

#### 6. **PROJECT EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23	2021/22
Project	£	£	£	£
Terrestrial Conservation	58,196	-	58,196	65,821
Engagement	-	37,655	37,655	6,638
Calf Wardens	36,769	-	36,769	30,928
Marine Officer	30,486	5,000	35,486	29,648
Education	26,651	-	26,651	29,706
Marine Projects	3,798	19,618	23,416	14,845
Ramsey Project	-	15,866	15,866	6,829
Wildlife Sites	-	3,882	3,882	220
Other Projects	-	4,536	4,536	342
Wild Wellbeing	-	646	646	5,277
Wildlife Training	-	-	-	2,000
Mildly Wild	-	-	-	1,581
Manx Mires		-	-	2,372
	155,900	87,203	243,103	196,208

#### 7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23	2021/22
Activity	£	£	£	£
Nature Reserves Costs	38,015	3,329	41,344	41,440
Events and Sales	3,211	-	3,211	2,444
	41,226	3,329	44,555	43,884

#### 8. STAFF COSTS

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Wages and salaries	353,022	274,018
Social security costs	27,819	22,447
Pension costs	11,946	31,661
	392,787	328,126

The average number of employees during the year was 10 full-time staff and 6 part-time (2022: 6 full-time and 8 part-time).

#### 9. TAXATION

The whole of Manx Wildlife Trust's income qualifies for exemption from Isle of Man tax as per Section 15(a) of the Income Tax Act 1970. As such, no provision for taxation has been made.

#### **10.** TANGIBLE FIXED ASSTS

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles	Other Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 31 January 2022	300,000	22,266	37,843	360,109
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	7,504	7,504
At 31 January 2023	300,000	22,266	45,347	367,613
Depreciation				
At 31 January 2022	-	2,969	14,763	17,732
Charge for the year	-	4,453	6,620	11,073
At 31 January 2023	-	7,422	21,383	28,805
Net Asset Value				
At 31 January 2023	300,000	14,844	23,964	338,808
At 31 January 2022	300,000	19,297	23,080	342,377

The freehold property of Manx Wildlife Trust was revalued by commercial estate agents, Chrystals Commercial, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 on an open market basis.

#### 10a. HERITAGE ASSETS

	F	reehold Conse	rvation Land
Valuation			£
At 31 January 2022			1,442,930
Addition			68,000
Revaluation			-
At 31 January 2023			1,510,930
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Movement in last 4 accounting periods			Commercial
	Year	Cost	Valuation
Land at Aust	2018/19	-	42,455
Crossags	2018/19	10,000	10,000
		10,000	52,455

The Directors have adopted Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 34 regarding Heritage assets. The Heritage assets of Manx Wildlife Trust were revalued by Sarah Christian MRICS of Chrystals Estate Agents on 4 February 2021. On 9 November 2022, Manx Wildlife Trust purchased an additional piece of land at Lough Cranstal at a cost of £68,000.

#### 11. INVESTMENTS

Investment in subsidiary at cost	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
2 - £1 ordinary shares in Wildlife Limited	2	-	2	2
12. DEBTORS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year	_	-	-	-
Wildlife Limited	22,923	-	22,923	29,640
	22,923	-	22,923	29,640
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022/23 £	2021/22 £

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Amounts falling due within one year				
Trade debtors	86,994	-	86,994	132,724
Prepayments	10,091	-	10,091	-
Accrued income	5,277	-	5,277	5,280
Other debtors	5,267	-	5,267	4,544
Intercompany account	-	-	-	5,649
	107,629	-	107,629	148,197

#### 13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	176,086	91,183	267,269	327,458

#### 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors due within one year includes grants and funds received in relation to projects in which expenditure is due to occur in the year ended 31st January 2023, as shown below.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23	2021/22
		£	£	£	£
Other Creditors		13,665	-	13,665	11,048
Vat Liability		13,473	-	13,473	17,554
Sundry creditors		12,296	-	12,296	12,841
Accruals		3,002	-	3,002	2,580
ITIP, NI & pensions		10	-	10	9,203
Supporter	Project				
Lloyds Bank	Community Ranger	-	28,590	28,590	-
Various	Seal Appeal	-	11,523	11,523	21,085
Baker	Wellbeing	-	5,930	5,930	5,000
Various	Nature reserve fund	-	5,859	5,859	4,995
Various	Anne Kaye Memorial	-	5,435	5,435	5,435
RSWT*	Youth Forum	-	4,860	4,860	4,860
Wildlife Park	Wildlife Park	-	4,508	4,508	-
Various	Visitor centres	-	4,076	4,076	4,076
Various	Ramsey Forest	-	4,074	4,074	11,758
Manx Telecom	Cooildarry	-	3,600	3,600	-
Various	AM Kilgallon Memorial	-	3,464	3,464	3,282
Seasearch	Seasearch	-	2,438	2,438	2,438
Various	Small Shark Tagging	-	1,524	1,524	-
IOM Government	Plastics	-	1,500	1,500	3,171
DESC**	Artist in Residence	-	1,458	1,458	15,000
Microgaming	Hedgehog Funding	-	1,000	1,000	-
Various	Ballachurry pond	-	777	777	1,626
Adopt A Dolphin	Manx Whale and Dolphin	-	300	300	300
Microgaming	Puffin Project	-	267	267	-
IOM Government	Water & wetlands	-	-	-	6,826
Various	Various	-	-	-	19,531
SPMCE	Various	-	-	-	4,203
MWT	Biological record searches	-	-	-	1,600
Manx Lottery Trust	Various	-	-	-	10,934
Wildlife Park	Mussel research	-	-	-	1,000
Sea Changers	Sea Changers	-	-	-	600
Jeffcote	Office Furniture	-	-	-	488
Reid	Jim Reid	-	-	-	1,305
		42,446	91,183	133,629	182,739

\* RSWT - Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

\*\* DESC - Dept. for Education, Sport and Culture

#### 15. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 31 Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Reallocation of funds	Balance at 31 Jan 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	1,100,470	460,614	(467,817)	-	1,093,267
Funds from Restricted	-	-	-	51,600	51,600
Funds to Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
	1,978,352	458,854	(470,247)	51,600	1,144,867
Revaluation reserve	877,882	-	-	-	877,882

The level of the charity's unrestricted funds mainly reflects the value of its Heritage Assets (i.e. its nature reserves as well as the value of its headquarters building), as opposed to liquid assets such as Bank and Cash.

#### 16. **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds comprise funds received for use only on specific projects less expenditure on those projects. The balance of restricted funds and the movement in the year are shown below.

	Balance at 31 Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Jan 2023
	£	£	£	£
Project Funds	129,513	65,472	(103,802)	91,183

#### 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Control and Key Management Personnel

The ultimate controlling parties of Manx Wildlife Trust are considered to be the Directors. Leigh Morris, CEO, is the only Director to receive remuneration from Manx Wildlife Trust.

#### (b) Transactions and Balances

Manx Wildlife Trust shares premises with its subsidiary, Wildlife Limited. Wildlife Limited pays Manx Wildlife Trust a rental of £500, and a utilities charge of £75, per month. There is no formal agreement between Manx Wildlife Trust and Wildlife Limited. Wildlife Limited paid a total of £6,900 (2022: £6,900) in rent and utilities in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Wildlife Limited repaid a total of £29,640 (2022: £26,580) in outstanding dividend payments to Manx Wildlife Trust during the year. Dividend proposed but not received at the year-end amounted to £22,923 (2021: £29,640).

No intercompany debtor (2022: £5,649) was outstanding from Wildlife Limited at the year end.

#### **18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT**

On 30th March 2023 a donation of £321,308.64 was received from Aviva via The Wildlife Trust in the UK. The donation was used to purchase land at Creg Y Cowin. The land is to be restored to forest as part of a wider British Isles programme to restore temperate rainforests. The purchase was completed on 20th April 2023.