

A Rocha UK Financial Review Year to 31 December, 2005

A Rocha UK (ARUK) is an independent charity affiliated to A Rocha International (ARI), which assists in establishing, supporting and coordinating A Rocha national organisations around the world. Whilst ARUK has its own mission within the UK, its supporters give money and time as volunteers not just to these operations but also to assist projects abroad. In addition to the finances reported in ARUK's accounts, ARUK handled funds totalling £167,000 as agent for ARI, including funds destined for A Rocha overseas organisations.

2005 was another successful year for ARUK, although not so good financially, as the level of incoming resources was rather lower than hoped for. Donations increased significantly, but the Charity was not as successful as anticipated in attracting grants from charitable trusts. As shown in the following table, incoming resources totalled £255,625, compared with £317,405 the previous year. Expenditure, at £304,607, was tightly controlled within budget. It had been decided that, rather than reduce expenditure by cutting into essential activities, a manageable deficit (some £49,000), would be funded from reserves.

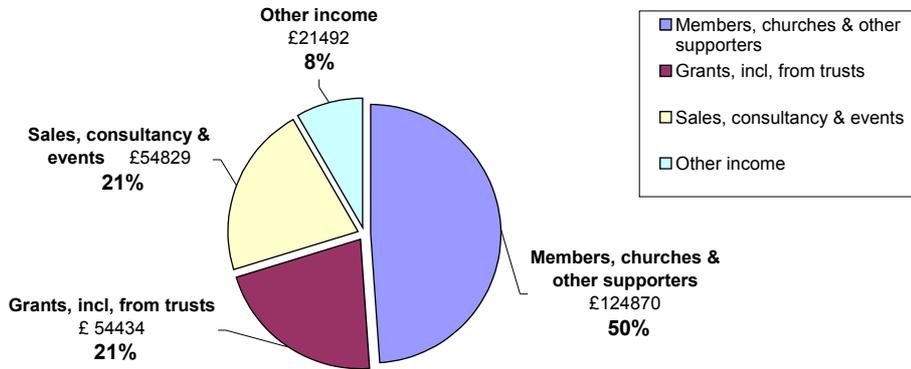
We are most grateful to all those who have supported us so faithfully in 2005 in various ways, whether as individuals or through churches-whether financially or in time given as volunteers. Our large volunteer base makes a big contribution and helps to keep costs down, giving extra value to donors and service partners. We wish to place on record our thanks to those trusts which supported us (listed in the Report and Accounts) and to the London Boroughs of Hillingdon and Ealing.

Reserves. At 31 December, 2005, these were standing at 4.7 months running expenditure. However, the Trustees recognise that a reserves level equivalent to six months expenditure is an appropriate target, bearing in mind the commitment to the ongoing programme including employment of staff.

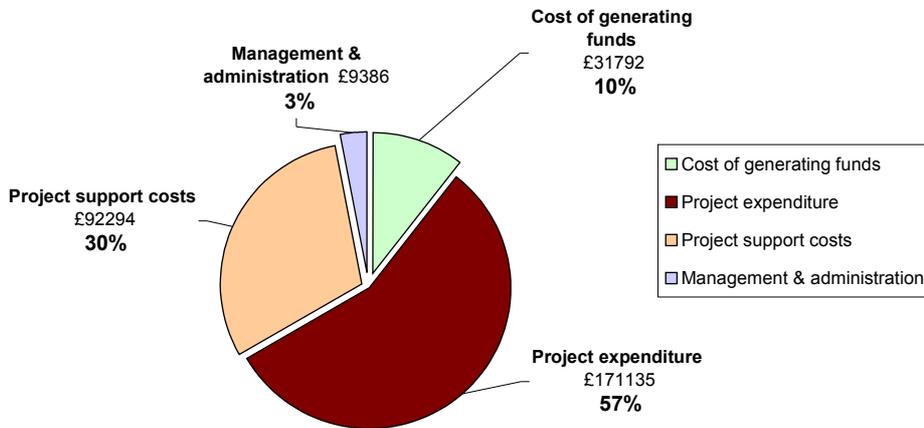
Forward look. The 2006 budget allows for a continuation of previous levels of activity, whilst setting a challenging target for income. The charity has wonderfully committed staff and volunteers. To maintain the current level of activity in Southall, continue the wider advocacy and education work and to take advantage of new opportunities which are beginning to open up, a significant increase in annual income will be needed. The importance of the environment has never been better recognised, so we live in anticipation!

Michael Chown
Hon. Treasurer, A Rocha UK

Incoming Resources



Outgoing Resources



A Rocha UK			
Statement of Financial Activities	notes	05	20 2004
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Donations and similar incoming resources			
• Members, churches and other supporters	1	103,864	77,002
• Grants, including from trusts		54,434	163,320
Total donations		158,298	240,322
Membership subscriptions	1	21,006	27,169
Activities for generating funds (incl. events)		54,829	26,696
Investment income		6,166	6,300
Other income		15,326	16,918
Total incoming resources		255,625	317,405
Outgoing resources			
Cost of generating funds			
		31,792	8,320
Charitable expenditure			
• Project expenditure		171,135	191,475
• Project support costs	2	92,294	93,322
Management and administration	3	9,386	11,822
Total resources expended		304,607	304,939
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources			
		(48,982)	12,466
Funds at start of year		293,995	281,529
Funds at 31 December		245,013	293,995
Funds at 31 Dec comprise			
Unrestricted funds: General			
		121,062	118,197
Capital			
		39,280	39,520
Restricted funds: Income			
		5,777	55,707
Capital			
		78,894	80,571

Notes:

1. Including Income Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid.
2. Support costs are staff and office costs incurred in supporting the A Rocha Living Waterways and other projects and in running the A Rocha UK office.
3. Management and administration refers to audit, legal and trustee and other costs relating to the management of the charity.

These summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the Charity's audited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005. Creaseys, registered auditor, reported in July 2006 on the statutory accounts and gave an unqualified report. The auditors have confirmed to the trustees that these summarised accounts are consistent with the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2005.

The annual report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 15 July 2006 and will be submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies in due course.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the full annual accounts, the auditor's report on those accounts and the trustees' annual report should be consulted; copies of these may be viewed on the UK section of the website www.arocha.org -or in case of difficulty obtained from the A Rocha UK office in Southall (tel: 020 8574 5935).