

A Rocha UK

2012 Financial review

Given the continuing tough economic climate, it is not surprising that most charities experienced difficult times, financially, in 2012. A Rocha UK was no exception. In particular grants received, at £74,139, were down by nearly 40%. Charitable trusts are often more disposed to make grants for new projects rather than existing, and A Rocha UK has been in a period of transition, with no new activities to attract such funding. Potential new projects require time – these need to be identified, planned, costed, approved, funded and finally implemented. Moreover, other developments, including a change of CEO, have combined to require the charity to have a period during which to take stock and reconsider strategy. It should also be noted that income is no longer received for activities in the Minet Country Park. On a slightly more positive note, (given the circumstances), the level of donations from supporters, at £232,029, was only 10% lower than in 2011.

Outgoing resources. In anticipation of reduced income, staffing and other costs were set at a lower level than in 2011. Total expenditure was £405,038, which was some £7,000 within a tight budget. Despite this, it was possible to maintain key activities, and to increase resources for supporting Friends, and in the areas of church and community and science and conservation. The Genesis project, which appears in the 2011 comparative column in the Statement of Financial Activities, had been largely the work of Dave Bookless, (who has transferred to ARI), and so that no longer appears as one of the charitable activities.

A significant factor when considering the expenditure level and ‘the bottom line’ is that for several years until recently, the members of the senior management were all self-funded.

Financial results. There was a deficit of £67,514 in the year. This was funded from reserves, which are held for such a need. Through running a deficit, it was possible for key activities to be maintained, and the charity will be in a position to attract new funds for new projects in the future. Funds held at the year end, whilst at a lower level than ideal, are adequate to fund further losses for a period pending a return to more favourable financial results.

We are most grateful to our loyal supporters for their continuing contributions to the work- both financially and in terms of time given. Our volunteers are an important aspect of the charity’s work. We are encouraged at the levels of this support and at the way in which our concern for the natural world is being increasingly recognised by the Christian church.

General information. A Rocha UK (ARUK) is an independent charity affiliated to A Rocha International (ARI), which assists in establishing, supporting and co-ordinating 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 included in ARUK's accounts, ARUK handles funds received from donors in the UK as agent for ARI and A Rocha overseas organisations and passes these on to them.

Financial Review and Summarized Financial Statements. The auditors have confirmed to the trustees that these summarised accounts are consistent with the statutory accounts for the year to 31 December 2012. They may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the full financial statements, the report of the trustees and the independent auditor's report should be consulted. The board of trustees approved the statutory report and accounts on 13 July 2013; these have been audited by Creaseys Group Ltd, statutory auditors, and received an unqualified opinion. The full financial statements, including the auditor's report and the trustees' annual report have been submitted to the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commission. Copies of the full report and accounts are available within the United Kingdom section of the website www.arocha.org and from the finance department at the charity's Southall address. (tel: 020 8574 5935).

Michael Chown
Hon. Treasurer, A Rocha UK
October 2013

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year to 31 December 2012

	notes	2012 £	2011 £
Incoming resources			
Donations and similar incoming resources			
Members, churches and other supporters	1	232,029	256,656
Grants, including from trusts		74,139	120,317
Total donations		306,168	376,973
Activities for generating funds (incl. events, excl interest)		4,209	26,732
Interest receivable		1,599	1,524
Total activities for generating funds		5,808	28,256
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives			
Services rendered (largely Minet Country Park)		4,592	25,848
Other income		20,956	32,987
Total incoming resources		337,524	464,064
Outgoing resources			
Costs of generating funds		30,828	30,552
Charitable activities	2		
Living Waterways		89,449	145,292
Genesis project		-	79,782
Friends		164,922	130,435
Church & community incl. Eco-congregation		50,706	13,868
Science and conservation		61,937	39,615
		367,014	408,992
Governance costs	3	7,196	6,787
Total resources expended		405,038	446,331
Net incoming resources		(67,514)	17,733
Funds at start of year		417,883	400,150
Funds at 31 December		350,369	417,883

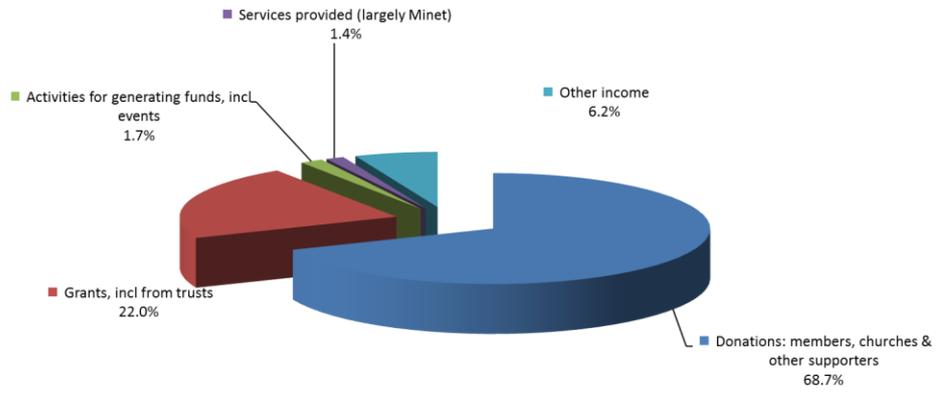
- Notes**
- 1 Including Income Tax recoveries under GiftAid.
 - 2 Staff and office costs incurred in supporting the A Rocha Living Waterways and other projects and in running the office have been apportioned across the relevant activities.
 - 3 Governance costs comprise audit, legal and trustee and other costs relating to the management of the charity.

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2012

	31 Dec 2012 £		31 Dec 2011 £	
Fixed assets	628,493		632,093	
Current assets				
Stocks	8,672		9,223	
Debtors	19,810		19,514	
Cash at bank and in hand	190,310		259,098	
	<u>218,792</u>		<u>287,835</u>	
Creditors due within one year	(71,097)		(56,226)	
Net current assets		<u>147,695</u>		<u>231,609</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	776,188		863,702	
Creditors falling due after more than one year	(425,819)		(445,819)	
Net assets	<u>350,369</u>		<u>417,883</u>	
Charity Funds				
Restricted funds: Income	15,403		5,231	
Capital	<u>78,832</u>	94,235	<u>70,509</u>	75,740
Unrestricted funds: General	134,780		216,692	
Capital	<u>121,354</u>	256,134	<u>125,451</u>	342,143
Total funds	<u>350,369</u>		<u>417,883</u>	

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Incoming Resources in 2012**



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Outgoing Resources in 2012**

