

Charity Registration No. SC034376 (Scotland)

Company Registration No. SC250012 (Scotland)

THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Mr J R Collier Councillor A J Markley Mr C H G Edwards Mrs J Lochhead Mr J Mitchell Mr R H S Shaw Councillor M D Johnstone Dr A M Lackie Mr M T E Cowen Mr A McNeill	(Appointed 10 December 2019) (Appointed 14 January 2020)
Secretary	Mr P M Mackey	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC034376	
Company number	SC250012	
Registered office	Campbell House The Crichton Dumfries DG1 4UQ	
Independent examiner	John Simpson FCA Montpelier Professional (Galloway) Limited 1 Dashwood Square Newton Stewart DG8 6EQ	
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THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 Business Plan 2018 – 2021 sets out how the organisation intends to maintain its strategic aims while adapting to meet the changing needs of the working environment. The Business Plan spans three years while recognising the need for review and revision during this time resulting from implementation of the Marine Acts. It is intended to supplement the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, provide clarity about the organisation's aims and set out actions against which progress could be measured. The Business Plan, as with all Solway Firth Partnership's governing and strategic documents, is available on the company's website: www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk.

Solway Firth Partnership's mission is to support a vibrant and sustainable local economy while respecting, protecting and celebrating the distinctive character, heritage and natural features of the marine and coastal area.

The organisation's strategic aim is to provide a framework for marine planning and management that enables engagement by everyone with an interest in the local marine and coastal area.

The organisation is working towards the following strategic outcomes:

- To make a significant contribution to sustainable development and environmental protection through supporting integrated marine and coastal planning and management.
- To provide a transparent, balanced and respected mechanism that supports objective, impartial and evidence based decision making for the local marine and coastal area.
- To provide distinctive input to development of a cooperative network of relationships between everyone with an interest in the local marine and coastal area.
- To provide assistance to coastal communities and businesses resulting in tangible local benefits.
- To promote greater recognition and understanding of the high quality environment, culture and heritage of the local marine and coastal area.

Activities for achieving objectives

The Partnership's core activities, as set out in the Business Plan 2018 – 2021, can be categorised in terms of the following areas:

- Partnership
- Planning
- Environment
- Fisheries
- Energy
- Awareness

The charity does not distribute grants.

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Achievements and performance

Partnership

- The Business Plan 2018-21 is currently being followed.
- During this year, Core staff consisted of Clair McFarlan 4 days/week and Paul Mackey 2 days/week. Project staff consisted of Nic Coombey 4 days/week as Solway Coastwise Coordinator until August 2019 and then 2 days/week as Project Officer and Morag Walker 1.5 days/week as Solway Coastwise Assistant until Nov 2019 and then 1.5 days/week as Project Assistant. Georgina Reid worked full-time as SMILE Project Officer.
- Quarterly Board and Advisory Group meetings were held throughout the year until March 2020, when both meetings had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation
- The fifteenth SFP AGM was held on Friday 29 November 2019 at Tullie House Museum, Carlisle
- The Partnership had input to the work of a wide range of complementary initiatives such as Solway Coast AONB Steering Group, the Local and National Coastal Partnership Officers' networks, Irish Sea Maritime Forum, Cumbria Coastal Groups and the EMS Officers network.
- SFP has continued to contribute to the development of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill / Agency.
- SFP has contributed to and sits on the LEADER Dumfries and Galloway Communities Local Action Group.
- The SFP website was reviewed and revised in July / August 2019. The new look website was kept up to date with news items and new information. E-newsletters were sent out in May, July, August, October, November, December and January 2020 to over 320 subscribers. An additional E-newsletter was sent out in January, highlighting consultations relevant to the Solway.
- Social media was kept up to date with the most popular posts on SFP Facebook:- Solway Coastwise final video which reached 7.1k; Discovering the history of Kirkcudbright Bay Maritime Archaeology which reached 4.5k; Solway Marine Planning Animation which reached 6.9k (over 360 views on YouTube); and Promotion of the BBC Our Coast featuring the Solway which reached over 6.8k.

Planning

- There has been a contribution to a range of partnership initiatives including European Marine Site Officers network; National Coastal Partnership Network Forum; Northern Coastal Sub-group; Local Authority Coastal Special Interest Group and Irish Sea Maritime Forum.
- SFP completed the work with the MMO on their EMFF Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement Project, with three engagement outputs this year. They were:-
 - Production of an animation on the Solway (Solway Marine Planning Animation on YouTube), aimed at encouraging people, including 'Hard to Reach' groups, to engage with the marine planning process; a cross-border output for the project,
 - Running a session of the Marine Spatial Planning Challenge Game with stakeholders from both sides of the Solway; and
 - Taking a marine planning roadshow along the Solway Cumbrian Coast on a Route master double decker bus. The bus visited Silloth, Allonby Beach and Maryport Waterfront to engage with local people.
- Work continues on the EMFF SMILE (Solway Marine Information Learning and Environment) Project. The Project Officer has attended a number of public events and given presentations on both sides of the Solway. The new web-based story map continues to be worked on.
- The EMFF Socio-Economic study for both sides of the Solway, MS (SEASS) and the MMO (SEAES) Projects have been carried out by the consultant Ekos. The reports are available on the SFP website.

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Environment

- SFP continues to promote marine litter initiatives and any local beach cleans through the website, e-newsletters and Tidelines.
- The LEADER Cooperation Funded 'Solway Coast is Clear' Project aimed to research and report on innovative solutions to removing, recycling / repurposing litter, especially plastics, from the D&G Coast. Research and fact-finding trips were made to north Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man. A report has been produced on the findings of the trips.
- SFP was to host a workshop, run by Marine Scotland, in March 2020 to review the 'Marine Litter Strategy for Scotland'. The event was to help inform the new document but the workshop was cancelled at short notice due to the threat of COVID-19.
- A fourth year of monitoring marine Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) using settlement panels was carried out at Stranraer Marina, Loch Ryan and at Portpatrick Harbour for the third year. Monitoring also continued at Maryport Marina for a second year and panels were installed at Kirkcudbright Marina for the first time. The panels were retrieved in late September for assessment with reports for each site being available on the SFP website. Records have been submitted to the South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre and the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre.
- There has been contribution to a range of partnership initiatives including attending quarterly Solway Coast AONB Steering Group meetings; Solway Partners meetings; DGC Shoreline Management Plan meeting; SEPA, Solway Flood meeting; Environmental Alliance for the South of Scotland meeting.

Fisheries

- SFP has completed the Fishing Faces Project which was funded by EMFF through the DG FLAG. The project raised awareness of the importance of the commercial fishing to Dumfries and Galloway through photographic portraits and a booklet. The booklet was completed and successfully launched and distributed at the Stranraer Oyster Festival in mid-September.
- SFP is a partner in a project investigating the possibility of carrying out cockle relaying in the Solway. The project is currently at feasibility stage.
- SFP has undertaken stakeholder engagement work on European smelt and researched historic data about the fish, as part of a contract to Galloway Fisheries Trust (GFT), who are producing a Smelt Restoration Management Plan for Natural England. Two events were attended and various fishermen including haaf netters were contacted. A report has been submitted to GFT.

Energy

- SFP continued to work with the six Community Councils on the D&G coast who received money from EON (now RWE Renewables) for the past 10 years. They are being supported to complete projects for the remaining funds.
- SFP is administering the new Robin Rigg Community Fund on behalf of RWE Renewables. The fund was launched in October 2019. Projects were assessed and shortlisted for the £130,000 for Year 1 of 3 years then advised of success in February 2020. Guidance notes and the application form were made available on a new page on the SFP website.
- The RWE Renewables (formerly EON) Robin Rigg newsletter was distributed bi-annually.

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Awareness

- Tidelines was produced bi-annually and distributed widely across the Solway.
- E-newsletters were developed and sent out in May, July, August, October, November, December and January
- The SFP website was regularly updated throughout the year with relevant news.
- The Solway Military Trail Project was completed. It has a website with a leaflet, which can be viewed at www.solwaymilitarytrail.co.uk. The trail was widely promoted through the press and featured on ITV local news, BBC radio DG local news and in several of the D&G newspapers
- The three-year Solway Coastwise Project was completed in August 2019 with an extension for administration to the end of November 2019. The LEADER Rural Awards Event was attended in December 2019 as the project was shortlisted for a Rural Award. A final output of the project, a Place Names Gazetteer named 'Words & Places' is available as a downloadable pdf on the SFP website.
- SFP supported the D&G Environment Fair 2019 by attending the event on Saturday 18 May. The SMILE and Solway Coastwise Projects provided activities and a range of free publications. The event was once again held at Glasgow University, Rutherford-McCowan Building, Dumfries.
- SFP staff organised a World Oceans Day event at the Port William lifeboat building on Saturday 8 June. Around 200 people attended the family friendly marine-themed activity day.
- The Cumbria Beach Guide was completed and a small launch event attended at the start of Allerdale Active Coast Week in Allonby in July 2019. The guide was distributed to various locations around the Solway Cumbrian Coast and at a number of coastal events.
- SFP continues to work on the HLF Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme Project – 'Kirkcudbright Bay Views – revealing hidden stories through improved access and interpretation'. As part of the project, SFP ran a series of events with archaeologists from The SCAPE Trust at St Andrews University to reveal and record the history of Kirkcudbright Bay.
- The Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 is being promoted in Dumfries and Galloway (the corresponding year in England is in 2021). This includes branding with the YCW2020 logo where possible. SFP has displayed the logo on the website and set up a new webpage with information and links to Visit Scotland / SNH.

Other

- SFP has provided input to the BBC TV series, 'Our Coast'. The Solway episode featured the SCRAPbook Project and litter picking with SFP staff and volunteers on Claymoddie Shore, near Glasserton.

Financial review

The Solway Firth Partnership continues to carry out a range of projects to achieve the objectives set out in Business Plan. Net income/expenditure for the year was a deficit of £23,170 (2019: £28,425). The restricted funds deficit was £27,920 (2019: deficit £40,133). The surplus on unrestricted funds was £4,750 (2019: £11,708).

Unrestricted reserves at the year end continue to be above the target level set by the Trustees.

Reserves policy

The Solway Firth Partnership's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained, taking account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. This was agreed by Board of Trustees to be set at £40,000. At the year end the unrestricted reserves were £78,481.

The Solway Firth Partnership's unrestricted reserves are held to meet the financial risks associated with the potential contingencies and uncertainties relating to the charity's operating activities. These include:-

- Shortfalls in income, when income does not reach expected levels as a result of reduced or withdrawn grant support.
- Unexpected expenditure, for example when projects overrun or unplanned events occur.

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Investment policy

The Partnership has current and deposit accounts and manages the amounts held in each so that potential yield from interest is maximised. Reserves are monitored with regard to any potential for investment.

The Partnership's trustees receive regular reports on activities and provide advice on risk management.

Future plans

The Business Plan 2018 – 2021 is currently being followed. However, the future work of SFP is dictated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and will carry out work where possible to do so while following government guidelines. This will inevitably mean that some projects will be put on hold until a time that they can be delivered safely.

The Partnership will seek continued financial support for delivery of all actions from its Corporate Members. Marine Scotland continues to make a funding commitment on an annual basis and all regular core funders remain engaged with the organisation.

Support for delivery of projects will be sought from sources including Dumfries and Galloway Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund and other appropriate national grant funds.

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Structure, governance and management

The Company was incorporated on 16 April 2003 as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. The Company registration number is SC250012. It is a Scottish Charity under Scottish Charity Number SC034376 and this has been accepted by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and, for tax purposes, by HM Revenue & Customs.

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:

Mr J R Collier	(Appointed 10 December 2019)
Councillor A J Markley	
Mr C H G Edwards	
Mrs J Lochhead	
Mr J Mitchell	
Councillor W Jefferson	(Resigned 8 July 2019)
Mr R H S Shaw	
Councillor TE Sidgwick	(Resigned 8 July 2019)
Councillor M D Johnstone	
Dr A M Lackie	
Mr M T E Cowen	(Appointed 14 January 2020)
Mr A McNeill	

The methods of recruiting and appointing new trustees are outlined in Articles 31-33 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. In summary, new trustees can be recruited or co-opted via nominations from the partnership's membership.


The Memorandum and Articles of Association were revised and changes approved at the AGM in October 2007 creating a new ordinary Membership and enabling the appointment of individual trustees to the Partnership Board.

The Partnership holds regular governance and management meetings. Trustee meetings are held as required and 4 Advisory Committee meetings are held per year (the Advisory Committee is comprised of all Corporate Members of the Partnership).

Funds held as custodian trustee

At the year end the Partnership held an amount of £81,605 (2019: £135,653) on behalf of other organisations as custodian.

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


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Mr R H S Shaw MBE

Dated: 3 Oct 2020

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Solway Firth Partnership for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees, who are also the directors of The Solway Firth Partnership 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.



John Simpson FCA

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Dated:8/10/20.

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	51,635	103,440	155,075	59,785	75,198	134,983
Other trading activities	3	26,552	-	26,552	25,567	-	25,567
Investments	4	75	-	75	115	-	115
Total income		78,262	103,440	181,702	85,467	75,198	160,665
Expenditure on:							
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	72,367	132,505	204,872	75,151	113,939	189,090
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		5,895	(29,065)	(23,170)	10,316	(38,741)	(28,425)
Gross transfers between funds		(1,145)	1,145	-	1,392	(1,392)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		4,750	(27,920)	(23,170)	11,708	(40,133)	(28,425)
Fund balances at 1 April 2019		73,730	(40,252)	33,478	62,021	(119)	61,902
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		78,480	(68,172)	10,308	73,729	(40,252)	33,477

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.

THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		2,045		2,114
Current assets					
Debtors	10	10,586		7,539	
Cash at bank and in hand		104,214		187,335	
		<u>114,800</u>		<u>194,874</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(106,537)</u>		<u>(163,511)</u>	
Net current assets			8,263		31,363
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>10,308</u>		<u>33,477</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		(68,172)		(40,252)
Unrestricted funds			78,480		73,729
			<u>10,308</u>		<u>33,477</u>

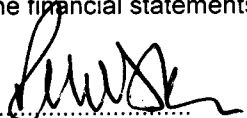
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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 3/10/20



 Mr R H S Shaw *MRS*
 Trustee

Company Registration No. SC250012

**THE SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Solway Firth Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Campbell House, The Crichton, Dumfries, DG1 4UQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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.

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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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.

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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, gross of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all projects undertaken to the further purpose of the charity together with the associated support and governance costs.

Allocation of expenditure

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets 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:

Plant and equipment	15% on straight line
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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 Impairment of fixed 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).

1.8 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.

1.9 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.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 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.

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £
Grants	51,635	103,440	155,075	59,785	75,198	134,983
Grants receivable for core activities						
Marine Scotland	38,000	-	38,000	38,000	-	38,000
Marine Scotland - EMFF	-	62,803	62,803	-	27,637	27,637
E.ON	8,000	-	8,000	10,000	-	10,000
Dumfries & Galloway Council	-	2,000	2,000	6,000	2,000	8,000
Cumbria County Council	3,885	-	3,885	3,885	-	3,885
Allerdale Borough Council	1,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	-	1,000
D&G LEADER	-	20,892	20,892	150	9,521	9,671
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	-	-	-	34,040	34,040
Marine Management Org - EMFF	-	14,931	14,931	-	-	-
Other Grants	750	814	1,564	750	2,000	2,750
	51,635	103,440	155,075	59,785	75,198	134,983

Included within other grants are unrestricted funds of £750 from Carlisle City Council and within restricted funds are grants of £200 from Neighbourly and £100 From Dumfries Rotary Club and £500 from Copeland Borough Council .

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020 £	2019 £
Project management fees	26,552	25,567

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4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	75	115
	<u>75</u>	<u>115</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Running of charity	Running of charity
	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	91,497	92,557
Tidelines	6,387	5,962
Staff training	45	194
Travelling	2,338	2,151
Project costs	85,269	70,135
Cost of meetings	990	1,361
	<u>186,526</u>	<u>172,360</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	17,455	15,775
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	891	955
	<u>204,872</u>	<u>189,090</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	72,367	75,151
Restricted funds	132,505	113,939
	<u>204,872</u>	<u>189,090</u>

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6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	1,002	-	1,002	966	-	966
Telephone	785	-	785	880	-	880
Stationery & postage	679	-	679	783	-	783
General insurance	746	-	746	821	-	821
IT Support	2,664	-	2,664	2,294	-	2,294
Rent, rates, heat & light	10,526	-	10,526	9,000	-	9,000
Legal & professional	1,053	-	1,053	1,031	-	1,031
Accountancy	-	830	830	-	750	750
Legal and professional	-	61	61	-	205	205
	<u>17,455</u>	<u>891</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>15,775</u>	<u>955</u>	<u>16,730</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>17,455</u>	<u>891</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>15,775</u>	<u>955</u>	<u>16,730</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020	2019
	Number	Number
Administration & project delivery	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Employment costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	71,207	74,011
Social security costs	757	1,469
Other pension costs	19,533	17,077
	<u>91,497</u>	<u>92,557</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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9	Tangible fixed assets	Plant and equipment	
		£	
	Cost		
	At 1 April 2019	8,346	
	Additions	933	
	At 31 March 2020	9,279	
	Depreciation and impairment		
	At 1 April 2019	6,232	
	Depreciation charged in the year	1,002	
	At 31 March 2020	7,234	
	Carrying amount		
	At 31 March 2020	2,045	
	At 31 March 2019	2,114	
10	Debtors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	6,884	4,424
	Prepayments and accrued income	3,702	3,115
		10,586	7,539
		10,586	7,539
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
		£	£
	Other taxation and social security	649	1,749
	Trade creditors	396	4,929
	Other creditors	100,999	148,481
	Accruals and deferred income	4,493	8,352
		106,537	163,511
		106,537	163,511

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12 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				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Coastal Footpaths	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Fishing Faces	-	1,800	(6,114)	-	(4,314)	13,907	(9,768)	175	-
NE - Bird Guide	-	2,000	(1,608)	(392)	-	-	-	-	-
SEAES/SEASS	-	9,954	(9,954)	-	-	29,862	(39,816)	-	(9,954)
SMILE Project	(5,808)	15,883	(30,939)	-	(20,865)	33,966	(34,060)	-	(20,959)
Solway Costwise	(10,312)	43,562	(60,884)	-	(27,634)	22,892	(38,541)	-	(43,283)
Solway Military Trail	6,000	2,000	(4,440)	(1,000)	2,560	-	(2,560)	-	-
Marine Litter (SCRAPBook)	-	-	-	-	-	313	-	-	313
Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,556)	-	(2,556)
Solway Coast is Clear	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,736)	-	(1,736)
Solway Cumbrian Beach Guide	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	(3,469)	969	-
	<u>(119)</u>	<u>75,198</u>	<u>(113,939)</u>	<u>(1,392)</u>	<u>(40,252)</u>	<u>103,440</u>	<u>(132,505)</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>(68,172)</u>

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12 Restricted funds

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Coastal Footpaths

Dumfries and Galloway Council has provided funding to establish coastal footpaths including liaising with stakeholders, running appropriate training and carrying out implementation of works.

Fishing Faces

SFP received funding from EMFF through the FLAG for the Fishing Faces Project. The aim of this project was to raise awareness of the importance of the commercial fishing to Dumfries and Galloway by highlighting personal stories that give an insight into the industry. A booklet and postcards feature images of the people that make their living from providing some of the best quality seafood in the world. The booklet was completed and successfully launched and distributed at the Stranraer Oyster Festival in mid-September.

SEAES/SEASS

The aim of the Socio-Economic Analysis of the Solway (SEAES/SEASS) Project was to produce an analysis that describes the relative contribution of the key sectors in the Solway in the context of the UK maritime economy. The reports are available on the SFP website. The project was funded by the EMFF through Marine Scotland (Socio-Economic Analysis of the Scottish Solway) and the MMO (Socio-Economic Analysis of the English Solway) with the work being carried out on both sides by the consultants Ekos.

SMILE (Solway Marine Information Learning and Environment) Project

The £111,500 SMILE Project is producing a 'State of the Solway' Review through stakeholder engagement / evidence gathering and a series of workshops / meetings. The Project, which is funded by the EMFF, is due to run until February 2021 although there is likely to be an extension to the project due to the COVID-19 situation.

Solway Coastwise

The three year Solway Coastwise Project, completed in late 2019, raised awareness of the Dumfries and Galloway Coast in an innovative way. It used local placed names and oral histories to engage with a wide variety of people and to train coastal ambassadors. The project produced a range of publications, which are all available to download on the SFP website.

Solway Military Trail

The Solway Military Trail Project was a collaboration of organisations from both sides of the Solway to link and promote heritage sites, visitor centres and hereto undiscovered military heritage in a trail. The project has a website with a leaflet, which can be found www.solwaymilitarytrail.co.uk

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12 Restricted funds

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Marine Litter (SCRAPBook)

SFP is working to develop, fund and deliver a project to both raise awareness of marine litter and work towards cleaning up the Dumfries and Galloway Coast.

Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme

Kirkcudbright Bay Views – revealing hidden stories through improved access and interpretation - this project aims to enhance connections between people and place and promote sustainable use and enjoyment of Kirkcudbright Bay by improving paths around the bay. Volunteers are involved in gathering local heritage information which can be used in interpretation of natural, cultural and historic aspects of the bay.

Solway Coast is Clear

The LEADER Cooperation Funded, 'Solway Coast is Clear' Project aimed to research and report on innovative solutions to removing, recycling / repurposing litter, especially plastics, from the D&G Coast. Research and fact-finding trips were made to north Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man. A report has been produced on the findings of the trips.

Solway Cumbrian Beach Guide

The Beach & Explorers Guide to the Solway Cumbrian Coast for families and adventurers has been produced in line with other SFP guides to the Solway Coast.

SFP worked in partnership with the Solway Coast AONB, Allerdale Borough Council and Copeland Borough Council to produce this publication that promotes the beaches along the Solway Cumbrian Coast from Burgh Marsh to St Bees.

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	663	1,382	2,045	850	1,264	2,114
Current assets/ (liabilities)	77,817	(69,554)	8,263	72,879	(41,516)	31,363
	<u>78,480</u>	<u>(68,172)</u>	<u>10,308</u>	<u>73,729</u>	<u>(40,252)</u>	<u>33,477</u>

14 Pension commitments

The company paid contributions into the individual pension plan of some employees. The pension cost charge represents such contributions payable in the year and amounted to £19,533 (2019 - £17,077). At the balance sheet date there was £555 outstanding with respect to these pension contributions.

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).