

**Lavell's Wetland Trust**

**Charity Number: 1176960**

**Trustees Annual Report for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Lavell's Wetland Trust's (LWT) aims and objectives are to enhance, protect and preserve the natural habitats, fauna and flora in the Loddon Valley for the benefit of the public and to advance public education and interest in the conservation of the countryside and wildlife

**Type of governing document**

CIO association model constitution filed with the Charity Commission.

**How the charity is constituted**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation consisting of approximately 400 members.

**Trustees and Committee Members for the period covered by this report**

<b>Chair:</b>	Fraser Cottington
<b>Secretary;</b>	Jane Campbell
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Phil Kinch
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Les Blundell
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Renton Righelato, Ron Bryant, Peter Scudamore, Bob Bennett and Kevin Burgess

**Trustee selection methods**

Volunteer trustees with appropriate skills are sought from the membership and nominated by the management committee or by individual members

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects.**

We undertake volunteer work parties attended by members of the CIO, members of the public and those in programmes such as the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. These take place at least monthly in order to maintain and improve the Lea Farm Lake reserve and the conservation areas within Dinton Pastures Country Park.

Further "one-off" work parties are arranged for local schools, scout groups, corporate bodies and others to encourage a wider understanding of nature and introduce more people to conservation and a healthy lifestyle.

We undertake monthly guided walks, open to the public, to identify the birdlife and other fauna that can be seen at Lavell's Lake LNR, Dinton Pastures Country Park and Lea Farm.

We provide a website to inform the public about Lavell's Lake & Lea Farm Lake, its wildlife and facilities and our work and events. This includes a history of bird recordings at the site that is publicly available for conservation, research or other purposes.

We undertake larger improvement projects either using the funds of the charity or external resources, or a combination of the two.

We wish to recognise the great contribution that members of the CIO, members of the public and members of other organisations make through their efforts during the year. We could not achieve our objectives without the financial support of our annually subscribing members, the efforts and expertise of members of the committee and other volunteers. The help and support of Dinton Pastures Countryside Service is invaluable.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Lavell's Wetland Trust is a new charity, set up to take forward and build upon the work undertaken since 1984 by Friends of Lavell's Lake (Charity no, 297074).

Registered on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, LWT's initial trustees were also trustees of Friends of Lavell's Lake and, during the initial months took the necessary steps with banking organisations, HMRC, insurers and others to enable the charity to operate effectively.

The charity started practical works part way through the financial year following the decision by the members of Friends of Lavell's Lake, at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018, to close that charity and transfer all memberships, assets and liabilities to LWT.

Volunteers have provided many hours of work helping to manage our habitat to encourage wildlife and to give good viewing opportunities to our members and to members of the public. Monthly volunteer work parties are held with a regular turnout of around 20 people. In addition, smaller work parties are regularly held as necessary and we continue to work with CROW (Conserve Reading on Wednesdays) to lay hedges where required. The benefits of past and current efforts are becoming increasingly evident. For example, we are experiencing an increase in waders visiting our wetland sites and as more work is done this will continue.

Other opportunities to engage with the public included monthly bird walks and talks given by LWT's Chairman to local groups. LWT will continue to seek new opportunities to support more events.

Membership subscriptions have increased with a steady rise in both family memberships and subscriptions to our popular WhatsApp bird news service. Our Facebook group is extremely active with a growing number of members regularly posting pictures and comments.

A wetland expansion project at Lavell's Lake, mainly funded by a generous Thames Water grant, was completed in 2018 except for a few minor elements delayed by high water levels.

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

At a committee meeting held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 it was agreed that the policy adopted for Friends of Lavell's Lake was also appropriate for LWT, with retained reserves of £9,000.

### **Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature: *J. Campbell*

Name: Jane Campbell

Position: Chair

Date: 8/10/2019

**Lavell's Wetland Trust****Charity Number: 1176960****Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st December 2018**

All funds are unrestricted.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer of Initial Funds 1 August 2018 from Friends of Lavell's Lake to Lavell's Wetland Trust	30,303.00	
Annual Subscriptions	885.50	
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	572.50	
Donations	391.47	
Birdline Subscriptions	92.00	
Bird Walks	13.00	
Bird Seed Donations	33.00	
Other income	30.00	
MyDonate - sponsorship	69.22	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>32,389.69</b>	
<b>Payments</b>		
Paypal fees	30.13	
Bird Seed + Feeders	195.70	
Tools & other work party costs	21.92	
Web site registration	25.18	
Web Site Hosting	96.00	
Lavell's Lake Project costs	2,381.85	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,750.78</b>	
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>29,638.91</b>	
Cash Funds at last year end	0.00	
<b>Total cash funds at this year end</b>	<b><u>29,638.91</u></b>	

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2017**

<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Balance at HSBC Wokingham	23,656.22	
National Savings Bank Investment Account	5,548.24	
Paypal	91.95	
Cash / cheques in Hand	342.50	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b><u>29,638.91</u></b>	
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
outstanding Gift Aid claims – estimated	200.00	
<b>Liabilities</b>		
None	0.00	
<b>Assets belonging to charity</b>		
Lea Farm hide		
Boat		
Wildlife camera and charger		
Brush cutter and various hand tools		
Events marquee		



***Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Lavell's Wetland Trust***

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lavell's Wetland Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

***Responsibilities and basis of report***

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

***Independent examiner's statement***

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:   
Signed: .....

Name: Delia Allott FCCA

Name of firm: Two Rivers Accounting Services Limited

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA

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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

