

# HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1042309

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-11-23

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY ARE, WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE: I) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF ORNITHOLOGY. II) TO PROMOTE RESEARCH INTO ORNITHOLOGY AND TO PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY.III) TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS AND PLACES OF ORNITHOLOGICAL INTEREST.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE - HAMPSHIRE
- Hampshire
- Portsmouth City
- Southampton City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£45,877	£49,320	-	-
2023-12-31	£52,486	£36,575	-	-
2022-12-31	£47,836	£46,733	-	-
2021-12-31	£44,917	£27,808	-	-
2020-12-31	£47,099	£24,040	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>KEITH BETTON</b>	Chair	2012-05-18
Alessandra de Carvalho Oliveto		2026-03-28
Barry Timothy Page		2019-04-07
Claire Louise Melville		2025-03-29
Colin George Baker		2024-04-06
Colin Vittorio Prescott		2026-03-28
David Nicholas James Palmer		2023-04-01
Dr Felicia Mary Green		2026-03-28
GEORGE SCOTT BATHO		2024-04-06
Graham Andrew Bishop		2026-03-28
Helen Victoria Wood		2025-03-29
Janice Beck		2021-03-27
Kay Veronica Shillitoe		2011-04-01
Martin James Pitt		2023-04-01
Peter Frederick Little		2026-03-28

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

Day 1 Month 1 Year 2024

To

Day 31 Month 12 Year 2024

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hampshire Ornithological Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1042309

Charity's principal address

2 Dunmow Hill

Fleet

Hampshire

Postcode

GU51 3AN

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Betton	Chair		
2	David Brookes	Treasurer		
3	Dave Palmer	Secretary		
4	Andrew Colenutt		1/1/24 to 6/4/24	
5	Andy Lester		1/1/24 to 6/4/24	
6	Kay Shillitoe			
7	Marcus Ward		1/1/24 to 6/4/24	
8	Mike Chalmers			
9	Barry Page			
10	Janice Beck		1/1/24 to 6/4/24	
11	Carol Rawlings			
12	Helen Schneider			
13	Di Warner			
14	Tommy Saunders			
15	Martin Pitt			
16	Roger Dickey		6/4/24 to 31/12/24	
17	George Baker		6/4/24 to 31/12/24	
18	George Batho		6/4/24 to 31/12/24	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg trust deed constitution)</small>	Constitution detailed in the Society Rules document.
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg trust association company)</small>	The Society is a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg appointed by elected by)</small>	Election by Society Members at the Annual General Meeting

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

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To use these results to encourage and support the conservation of wild birds and their habitats within the county.

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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

In Section D – Achievements and performance, the Chair of the Society, in his report to members, outlines some of the activities of the Society during the past year, showing how they have helped meet the Society's objectives. Other activities (extracted from the reports of the Chairs of the Scientific and Membership Committees) which are also in support of the objectives, are also listed.

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

**HOS Chair's Report 2024**

Having started last year's report saying that 370 people at the 2023 HOS Members Day broke all records, I can now tell you that 430 attended the 2024 event! It was terrific to see so many of you there. Thanks to all the HOS team who worked hard to make the event work seamlessly. If you want to break the record again, Saturday 29 March is the date - but please car share if you can.

We saw 119 new members join in 2024, and we particularly welcome them. If you are new to birding, or you want to brush up your skills, we will again be running bird song training events in the Spring (1). Our Young Members number around 80 and are aged from seven to 22, and we ran 18 events just for them this year (2). We widened the range of topics to include mammals, reptiles and fungi, which drew much support.

As always, we are grateful to the Cameron Bespolka Trust for their support for our Young Member programme. Also, our female birding friendship group broke the 100 mark in 2024 - a great result, and we are proud to be leading the way in opening up additional birding opportunities in this way (3). We are also delighted that other counties are following our example.

We were pleased to approve more projects for financial support, and in 2025 there will be HOS-funded initiatives to help breeding Starlings and Swifts, plus House and Sand Martins. We have also funded PhD studies of wintering Jack Snipe (4).

A major survey of Woodlarks was carried out in the New Forest as part of the HLS breeding monitoring (5). This saw members out in force visiting 293 one-kilometre squares within the SPA between mid-February and May. Analysis of survey data indicated a total of 260 Woodlark breeding territories within the SPA, plus a further 64 territories reported outside of the survey methodology. This is citizen science at its best and the contract income will be used to support conservation and research. You'll be able to hear about the results of these surveys at the Members Day.

Once again, the Hampshire Bird Report team created a fantastic record of what was seen in 2024 (6). In addition to the 254 species recorded, papers included results of the key survey work by HOS members on Marsh Tits and Dartford Warblers (7). The report included the results of the HOS-funded Lapwing Recovery Project at Selbourne and an assessment of breeding gulls on buildings at New Milton using the HOS drone (8).

At the last AGM I told you that the cost of providing all that you get as part of your HOS membership (Kingfisher newsletters, Hampshire Bird Report and the Members Day) was now about to exceed the income from memberships. Responding to members who asked to receive our publications digitally, I announced that in 2024 we were going to ask most of you to take Kingfisher digitally rather than as a hard copy, and I want to thank all the members (almost 90%) who have agreed to do that. Apart from saving on paper, the reduction in our postal bill is significant. Of course, to produce a small number of hard copy newsletters now costs us a lot more per individual copy (almost £5 per person each time), but we thank those people who have kindly made donations to offset that. We know that a small number of you would like us to offer the Hampshire

Bird Report digitally as well and we will be in touch later to offer you the choice.

Helen Schneider is standing down as a trustee in 2025 and we are grateful for her time and input over the last three years. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped the Society to achieve so much in 2024. If you are reading this and think you can spare time to help HOS, please drop me a line.

I wish you a good birding year ahead.

Keith Betton  
Chair, HOS  
December 2024

While not a complete list of all activities undertaken during the year, the items numbered in the report above, eg (1), are in support of the Society's objectives in Section C above, as follows;

- (1) in support of objective i
- (2) in support of objective i and iii
- (3) in support of objective i and iii
- (4) in support of objective ii
- (5) in support of objective ii and iii
- (6) in support of objective iii
- (7) in support of objective ii and iii
- (8) in support of objective ii and iii

Other activities documented in the sub-committee reports in the Society's AGM materials which support the objectives include;

*Liaison with Conservation Organisations – supporting objective iii*  
*Continuation and development of the ten-year bird survey plan – supporting objective ii.*

For details of Grant expenditure during 2024, please see the Treasurer's Report filed with this Report.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Society's reserves policy is to hold cash funds sufficient to meet one year's expenditure. As at 31 December 2024 the actual cash funds held were significantly in excess of this and the Trustees intend to use the surplus funds over the next two to three years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society's objectives and also purchase additional capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**


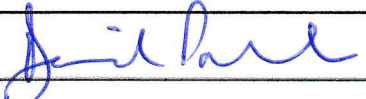
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Keith Findlay Betton	David Nicholas James Palmer
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	07/10/2025	

## **Hampshire Ornithological Society – Treasurer’s Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The Society’s independently examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 are available on the HOS Website.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and a copy will be filed along with the Annual Return, as required within 10 months of the year end, with the Charity Commission.

In summary, the Society’s receipts totalled £45,876 and expenditure was £49,319 resulting in a deficit for the year of £(3,443).

Set out below are my observations on the accounts.

### **Receipts**

Membership subscription receipts decreased from 2023. This is due principally to 2025 subscriptions received in December 2024 being significantly less than 2024 subscriptions received in December 2023. Membership numbers increased by 22 in 2024.

Donations include £1,385 from the “bid for an expert” and Audubon print auctions that closed on the Members’ Day and a £1,000 from a legacy.

Interest from bank deposits increased as a result of increased funds held on deposit.

Survey and data sales represent £3,200 from Hampshire County Council for the HOS/HBIC data exchange agreement. A Woodlark Survey carried out on behalf of Forestry England was completed during the year, however, £11,000 invoiced for the survey was not received until January 2025.

Members’ Day/AGM receipts comprise £1,299 from the raffle, £300 from exhibitors and £75 for entrance fees.

### **Payments**

Grants and donations include £5,100 and £4,100 grants to HIOWWT for a Sand Martin nesting bank at Testwood Lakes and a Swift and House Martin tower at Blashford Lakes, a grant of £5,772 to Sparsholt College for a study on overwintering and migration behaviours of Jack Snipe and a grant of £4,705 to the BTO for call monitoring of Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers and Hawfinches at sites in Hampshire.

The increase in the Hampshire Bird Report costs compared to the prior year is due to increased postage charges. In future postal charges will reduce as more members will be encouraged to receive HOS publications digitally.

The Society paid no sums by way of remuneration to Trustees or committee members during the year. Trustee expenses represent reimbursed mileage expenses for attendance at committee meetings and other meetings and events on behalf of the Society.

Equipment purchased during the year was three song meters purchased for the BTO call monitoring survey referred to above and any future call monitoring projects carried out by the Society.

### **Funds**

The Society’s funds are held in a one year bond with Charity Bank, a 100 day notice deposit account with Charity Bank, an instant access deposit account with Lloyds Bank and a Lloyds Bank current account. It is the intention to change bankers from Lloyds Bank to The Co-operative Bank early in 2025.

The Trustees are conscious that the cash funds are significantly in excess of the Society’s reserves policy, which is to hold funds sufficient to meet one year’s expenditure. It is intended that the surplus funds will continue to be used over the next two to three years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society’s objectives and also to purchase capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

I would like to thank Society member Joy Aubin, our Independent Examiner and a chartered accountant, who examined the accounts at no cost to the Society,, the experts who provided their expertise for the “Bid for an Expert” auction free of charge and all the volunteers who have given their time, free of charge, to the Society throughout the year.

**David Brookes**

**Honorary Treasurer**

**3 February 2025**

Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2024	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2023
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£23,158.00	£24,710.00
Donations	£3,466.32	£2,381.27
Income Tax refund on Gift Aid subscriptions	£4,762.93	£4,050.35
Interest from deposit accounts	£3,657.34	£2,406.47
Publication sales	£1,369.87	£950.32
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£585.18	£2,436.70
Clothing and accessory sales	£1,572.31	£1,101.00
Surveys and data sales	£3,200.00	£11,210.00
Courses and training days	£1,280.00	£1,215.00
Bird Report and Kingfisher Advertising	£1,150.00	£775.00
Members' Day/AGM	£1,674.40	£1,250.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£45,876.35</b>	<b>£52,486.11</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants and donations	£21,581.92	£6,630.49
Hampshire Bird Report	£12,264.87	£11,519.98
Kingfisher Newsletter	£7,286.50	£9,039.40
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£0.00	£872.46
Members' Day/AGM and events	£2,206.07	£3,033.08
Clothing and accessories	£1,820.70	£633.38
Insurance	£490.00	£472.31
Cost of data sales/surveys	£488.48	£610.33
Postage, stationery and room hire	£1,034.09	£1,738.61
Trustee expenses	£671.15	£698.00
Equipment	£1,475.73	£1,327.44
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£49,319.51</b>	<b>£36,575.48</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>-£3,443.16</b>	<b>£15,910.63</b>
Cash funds last year end	£122,886.10	£106,975.47
Cash funds this year end	£119,442.94	£122,886.10

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period to 31/12/2024

<b>Cash Funds:</b>		
Lloyds bank current account	£931.37	£1,944.25
Lloyds bank deposit account	£43,326.72	£48,542.47
Charity Bank 100 day notice account	£53,599.67	£51,871.92
Charity Bank one year bond matures 07/10/25	£21,585.18	£0.00
Charity Bank one year bond matured 07/10/24	£0.00	£20,527.46
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£119,442.94</b>	<b>£122,886.10</b>

<b>Other monetary assets</b>	none	none
<b>Liabilities</b>	none	none

<b>Other assets</b>	<b>31/12/24</b>	<b>31/12/23</b>
<b>Stock in hand – Clothing and publications</b>		
Fleeces	24	21
Sweatshirts	17	15
Polo shirts	22	18
Baseball Caps	30	11
Woolly hats/Beanies	4	0
Microfibre cloths	204	0
Bird reports - three most recent issues	42	50
Keyhaven/Lymington checklists	53	64
Hampshire checklists	77	108
Rare Birds of Hampshire	123	157

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of the  
Hampshire Ornithological Society  
Registered Charity in England; Number 1042309**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampshire Ornithological Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 Act.

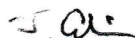
**Independent examiner's statement**

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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts did not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:



Name:

Mrs D J H Aubin, BA (Hons), FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

4 Old Barn Close  
Christchurch  
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Date:

15/2/2025

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Date: 15/2/2025

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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 Period end date: 31 12 2023  
 From To

## Section A Reference and administration details

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### HOS Chair's Report 2023

HOS is big, as you can see, and we are getting bigger. 144 new members joined in 2023, that means we have recruited almost 600 new members in the last four years. Obviously we've lost a few through the natural course of events, but more join than leave, and that's great. Last year I talked about barriers to entry – and you'll know I am passionate about this. We want HOS to be very clear that if you care about birds you are welcome here. Our 80 Young Members are an inspiration to me and all the others who lead walks and events for them (1). When I was young, "junior" members in bird clubs (as we were known) were often ignored. I can assure you that you are not ignored. You are right at the heart of our plans for the future. I particularly want to thank the Cameron Bespolka Trust who were instrumental in helping to get our Young Member scheme where it is today – and they still help us so much. So, if you know of a young person from Hampshire at school or university and interested in birds let us know. We will support and help their interest.

Similarly our support group for female birders has continued to grow. We now have almost 100 in our Whatsapp Group (2) that allows female members to share birding experiences and indeed set up private birding trips. It's only open to female members of HOS. They call it the Ladybirders and if you want to be part of this group, please sign-up to join.

HOS undertook two bird surveys (3) in 2023 on Marsh Tits and Dartford Warblers. Next year we will be surveying Woodlarks in February and March. Thank you. HOS members will be surveying over 300 x 1km squares, and it took only a week to sign up the volunteers. That's citizen science at its very best. This is a survey which HOS was invited to bid for by Forestry England. We had to bid alongside other organisations and commercial companies. The fact that we put forward the winning bid will see £11,000 going into HOS's reserves. So again, thank you. And I want to comment on that, as the money you pay to be a member of HOS just about covers the cost of providing you with the newsletters, the bird report and the Members' Day/AGM (4). And that's how it should be; you get what you pay for. But on top of what you pay, we have been very successful at raising money; we have now bid for and won six major survey contracts in six years and that has brought in over £50,000. That money has significantly increased our reserves and while we do give several grants annually, we are in the enviable position of having enough in our reserves to spend on something big. Or maybe several not-so-big things. But we are not going to be hasty. We are not going to fritter it away just to look good on paper; we are waiting for the right opportunity and I hope you'd expect us to do that.

We have allocated money towards conservation and research projects (5) undertaken by organisations and individuals. We have helped Tommy Saunders with £500 towards him buying climbing equipment so that he can help us with the programme of monitoring raptors. Tommy is a HOS

trustee so let me assure you he was absent for that vote. We have given Hampshire Wildlife Trust £950 to pay for refurbishment of the Blashford Lakes tern rafts that we bought several years ago and we have given £540 to Hampshire Swifts to support their work in installing nest boxes, specifically at the Hospital of St Cross.

HOS is busy! Our bird surveys, the conservation work, our outings, our sales items, the Young Member programme, our Ladybirders Group, the Kingfisher magazine, the Bird Report, the people who collect the money and the people who spend it – all of them are volunteers. There are about 50 people that make this society run like clockwork. You don't always see these people but I do, and without them, quite simply, none of this would happen. So let's give them a huge thank you.

Keith Betton  
Chair, HOS  
December 2023

While not a complete list of all activities undertaken during the year, the items numbered in the report above, eg (1), are in support of the Society's objectives in Section C above, as follows;

- (1) in support of objective i and iii
- (2) in support of objective i and iii
- (3) in support of objective ii and iii
- (4) in support of objective i and iii
- (5) in support of objective ii and iii

Other activities documented in the sub-committee reports in the Society's AGM materials which support the objectives include;

Liaison with Conservation Organisations – supporting objective iii  
Continuation and development of the ten-year bird survey plan – supporting objective ii.

For details of Grant expenditure during 2023, please see the Treasurer's Report filed with this Report.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The Society's reserves policy is to hold cash funds sufficient to meet one year's expenditure. As at 31 December 2023 the actual cash funds held were significantly in excess of this and the Trustees intend to use the surplus funds over the next two to three years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society's objectives and also purchase additional capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F


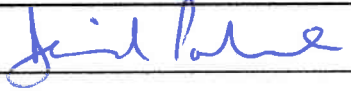
## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Keith Findlay Betton	David Nicholas James Palmer
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	7/10/24	

## **Hampshire Ornithological Society – Treasurer’s Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Society’s independently examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 are available on the HOS Website.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and a copy will be filed along with the Annual Return, as required within 10 months of the year end, with the Charity Commission.

**In summary, the Society’s receipts totalled £52,486 and expenditure was £36,575 resulting in a surplus for the year of £15,911.**

Set out below are my observations on the accounts.

### **Receipts**

Membership subscriptions increased significantly from 2022. This is due to a net increase in members of approximately 50 with the remainder being due to 2024 subscriptions being received prior to the year-end which resulted from the subscription reminders being sent out earlier than for 2022.

Donations include £985 from the “bid for an expert” auction that closed on the Members’ Day and £450 from a member’s 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday raffle.

Interest from bank deposits increased as a result of increased funds held on deposit over a longer period than the previous year and also a significant increase in interest rates on savings during the year.

Net receipts from the Rare Birds of Hampshire book over the two years are £395. This is after the purchase of an additional 150 copies from John Clark at the end of the year. There were 157 copies in stock at 31 December 2023 and sales from stock will further increase the net receipts during 2024.

Survey and data sales include £8,000 from Forestry England for the Dartford Warbler survey that was carried out during Spring and Summer and £3,160 from Hampshire County Council for the HOS/HBIC data exchange agreement.

Members’ Day/AGM receipts comprise £900 from the raffle, £300 from exhibitors and £50 for entrance fees. The 2022 receipts include a refund of £1,100 from St. Swithun’s School for catering charges for the 2020 Member’s Day.

### **Payments**

Grants and donations include a £5,000 donation to the BTO’s Avian Influenza Appeal and a grant of £1,052 to HLOWWT for the repair and refurbishment of the Tern rafts at Blashford Lakes. Also included is a grant of £500 to Tommy Saunders, a HOS Trustee, as a contribution towards tree climbing equipment. The grant application was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Trustees at the Management Committee on 23 November 2023. Tommy was absent from the meeting whilst the grant was reviewed and approved.

Kingfisher newsletter costs have reduced due to a change in printers, a change in paper and a better rate from the post office. The newsletter also has fewer pages (now 52 compared to 60 previously).

Members’ Day/AGM and Events payments have increased compared to 2022 due to the 2021 Member’s Day/AGM charges from St. Swithun’s School being carried forward to 2022 thus causing the 2022 payments to be artificially low.

Trustee expenses represent reimbursed mileage expenses for attendance at committee meetings and attending other meetings and events on behalf of the Society.

Equipment purchased during the year was a nest inspection camera and equipment. This was used for the Redstarts in the New Forest survey and is available for future surveys.

The Society paid no sums by way of remuneration to Trustees or committee members during the year.

### **Funds**

The Society’s funds are held in a one year bond with Charity Bank, a 100 day notice deposit account with Charity Bank, an instant access deposit account with Lloyds Bank and a Lloyds Bank current account.

The Trustees are conscious that the cash funds are significantly in excess of the Society’s reserves policy, which is to hold funds sufficient to meet one year’s expenditure. It is intended that the surplus funds are used over the next two to three

years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society's objectives and also to purchase capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

I would like to thank Society member Joy Aubin, our Independent Examiner and a chartered accountant, who examined the accounts at no cost to the Society and also provided excellent support. I would also like to thank my predecessor, Andy Mitchelmore, for his advice and assistance and a smooth handover, the Experts who provided their expertise for the "Bid for an Expert" auction free of charge and all the volunteers who have given their time, free of charge, to the Society throughout the year.

**David Brookes**  
**Honorary Treasurer**  
4 March 2023/4

Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2023	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2022
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£24,710.00	£22,248.99
Donations	£2,381.27	£292.69
Income Tax refund on Gift Aid subscriptions	£4,050.35	£4,152.06
Interest from deposit accounts	£2,406.47	£844.34
Publication sales	£950.32	£1,327.49
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£2,436.70	£12,355.26
Clothing and DVD sales	£1,101.00	£1,011.01
Surveys and data sales	£11,210.00	£2,850.70
Courses and Training Days	£1,215.00	£89.50
Bird Report Advertising	£775.00	£740.00
Members' Day/AGM	£1,250.00	£1,923.47
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£52,486.11</b>	<b>£47,835.51</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants and donations	£6,630.49	£4,180.00
Bird Report	£11,519.98	£10,937.68
Kingfisher Newsletter	£9,039.40	£13,800.00
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£872.46	£13,525.00
Members' Day/AGM and events	£3,033.08	£633.17
Clothing and DVDs	£633.38	£1,426.52
Insurance	£472.31	£151.72
Cost of data sales/surveys	£610.33	£279.38
Postage, stationery and room hire	£1,738.61	£1,446.94
Trustee Expenses	£698.00	£352.64
Equipment	£1,327.44	£0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£36,575.48</b>	<b>£46,733.05</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>£15,910.63</b>	<b>£1,102.46</b>
Cash funds last year end	£106,975.47	£105,873.01
Cash funds this year end	£122,886.10	£106,975.47

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period to 31/12/2023**

<b>Cash Funds:</b>		
Lloyds bank current account	£1,944.25	£1,938.09
Lloyds bank deposit account	£48,542.47	£13,995.98
Hampshire Trust Bank bond matured 17/1/23	Closed	£20,000.00
United Trust Bank bond matures 19/4/23	Closed	£20,000.00
Charity Bank 100 day notice account	£51,871.92	£31,041.40
Charity Bank one year bond matures 07/10/24	£20,527.46	£0.00
Charity Bank one year bond matured 05/10/23	£0.00	£20,000.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£122,886.10</b>	<b>£106,975.47</b>

Other monetary assets	none	none
Liabilities	none	none

<b>Other assets</b>		
<b>Stock in hand – Clothing and publications</b>	<b>31/12/23</b>	<b>31/12/22</b>
Fleeces	21	22
Sweatshirts	15	17
Polo shirts	18	19
Baseball Caps	11	31
Bird reports three (2022:two) most recent issues	50	41
Keyhaven/Lymington checklists	64	68
Hampshire checklists	108	395
Rare Birds of Hampshire	157	86

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of the  
Hampshire Ornithological Society  
Registered Charity in England; Number 1042309**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampshire Ornithological Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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. *The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or*
2. *The accounts did not accord with those records; or*
3. *The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.*

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: 

Name: Mrs D J H Aubin, BA (Hons), FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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DORSET BH23 2QZ  
United Kingdom

Date: 6/3/2024

**HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1042309

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	01	2022	<b>To</b>	31	12	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hampshire Ornithological Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1042309

Charity's principal address

Box Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor, Hampshire

Postcode

SO40 2HP

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Betton	Chair		
2	Andy Mitchelmore	Treasurer		
3	David Brookes	Secretary		
4	Marcus Ward			
5	Mike Chalmers			
6	Andrew Colenutt			
7	Andy Lester			
8	Kay Shillitoe			
9	Tom Jordan		Until 2 April 2022	
10	Nicola Whitmarsh			
11	Annette Clayson			
12	Barry Page			
13	Janice Beck			
14	Julianne Evans		Until 2 April 2022	
15	Jayne Chapman			
16	Carol Rawlings			
17	Helen Schneider		From 2 April 2022	
18	Tony Sztypuljak		From 2 April 2022 to 4 November 2022	
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20				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution detailed in the Society Rules document.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Society is a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by Society Members at the Annual General Meeting

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees receiving grants from the Society are regarded as transactions with related parties and are required to be reported by SORP 15 FRS 102.

In 2022 there were no grants sought by, or made to, any Trustees of the Society.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

- The objects of the Society are within the county of Hampshire;
- To advance the education of the public in all aspects of ornithology.
  - To promote research into ornithology and to publish the useful results of such study.
  - To support and encourage the preservation and conservation of wild birds and places of ornithological interest.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The main activities of the Society are;

To promote and record the study of bird life in Hampshire and to publish the results in the annual bird report.

To use these results to encourage and support the conservation of wild birds and their habitats within the county.

To foster a wider interest in the recording and preservation of Hampshire bird life by organising a programme of indoor and outdoor meetings, by publishing a magazine ( three issues each year) and other forms of publicity.

As set out by the Charity Commission in its Guidance on Public Benefit in respect of the public benefits requirement in running a charity and its reporting, in their opinion the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance are relevant.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In Section D – Achievements and performance, the Chair of the Society, in his report to members, outlines some of the activities of the Society during the past year, showing how they have helped meet the Society's objectives. Other activities (extracted from the reports of the Chairs of the Scientific and Membership Committees) which are also in support of the objectives, are also listed.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****HOS Chair's Report 2022**

2022 was “back to normal” for HOS, and hopefully for most of you too. How great it was to see so many of you at the Members Day (1) – and with the greatest respect to our adult speakers that day, the twelve Young Members who took to the stage and told us about their favourite birds absolutely stole the show! A few years ago we had fewer than five members under the age of 21 – now we have 80! Some of them will surely be running HOS in the future, and hopefully even writing these reports.

At the risk of creating envy, these Young Members benefit from invitations to ringing events (2) and in 2023 we have arranged a bird art masterclass with Rachel Hudson, one of Hampshire's most successful wildlife artists. In addition we had a great Zoom meet up with Chris Packham and also Meghan McCubbin who answered our Young Members questions on a huge range of subjects (3).

Having recruited just over 200 new members in 2021 we attracted 140 in 2022 – which is still ahead of our recent average before Covid. Just as important to us is that the fact that many fewer than that leave us annually. Bird clubs can be a bit unfriendly, but we are working hard to ensure that those who join HOS get to meet the team soon afterwards, and in 2022 over 100 people joined us at one of several New Members Events (4), where we chatted over coffee and then went birding. HOS is one of the biggest bird clubs in the country, but we want to be one of the friendliest too. Another initiative in 2022 was to set up a WhatsApp group for female members (5). The benefits to those signing up were many – fixing lifts to meetings, arranging birding walks for small groups, and sharing information and knowledge in a friendly environment. All bird clubs should do this.

With many charities having to reduce their programme of activities and new work, it was a challenge to find research and conservation projects that wanted support, but we know that requests for grants will pick up as these organisations manage to increase their workload again.

We were proud to publish *Rare Birds of Hampshire* (6) in the spring. This 560-page book was the work of John Clark, whose knowledge of historical records and the status of our birds is second to none. His writing and Dan Powell's artwork are combined brilliantly, and reviews of the book have been universally positive. Indeed John will be talking about these rare birds and signing copies at the Member's Day on 1 April. Many thanks to both for a work of brilliance.

The Hampshire Bird Report (7) team exceeded their past record and although the latest report was dated November, it was actually distributed in October! Similarly our Kingfisher newsletter (8) created a splash of colour alongside essential information every four months.

This year we are losing Andy Mitchelmore as our Treasurer , and I want to thank him for all that he has done for us since 2017. His place will be taken by David Brookes who has been Secretary since 2021, and I'd like to welcome Dave Palmer who is to become our new Secretary.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Society to achieve so much in 2022. I wish you a good birding year ahead.

Keith Betton  
Chair, HOS  
December 2022

While not a complete list of all activities undertaken during the year, the items numbered in the report above, eg (1), are in support of the Society's objectives in Section C above, as follows;

- (1) in support of objective i, ii and iii
- (2) in support of objective I and ii
- (3) in support of objective i
- (4) in support of objective i
- (5) in support of objective i
- (6) in support of objective I and ii
- (7) in support of objective I and ii
- (8) in support of objectives i and iii

Other activities documented in the sub-committee reports in the Society's AGM materials which support the objectives include;

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Continuation and development of the ten-year bird survey plan – supporting objective ii.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The Society's reserves policy is to hold cash funds sufficient to meet one year's expenditure. As at 31 December 2022 the actual cash funds held were significantly in excess of this and the Trustees intend to use the surplus funds over the next two to three years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society's objectives and also purchase additional capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Keith Findlay Betton	David Russell Brookes
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date		

Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2022	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2021
<b>Receipts</b>		
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Donations	£292.69	£1,248.11
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Interest from deposit accounts	£844.34	£372.51
Publication sales	£1,327.49	£2,570.51
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£12,355.26	£300.00
Clothing and DVD sales	£1,011.01	£184.10
Surveys and data sales	£2,850.70	£12,520.00
Courses and Training Days	£89.50	£0.00
Bird Report Advertising	£740.00	£615.00
Members' Day/AGM	£1,923.47	£0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£47,835.51</b>	<b>£44,917.41</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants	£4,180.00	£5,348.00
Bird Report	£10,937.68	£9,795.87
Kingfisher Newsletter	£13,800.00	£8,964.00
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£13,525.00	£10.00
Members' Day/AGM and events	£633.17	£464.40
Clothing and DVDs	£1,426.52	£64.30
Insurance	£151.72	£291.05
Cost of data sales/surveys	£279.38	£1,815.92
Postage, stationery and room hire	£1,446.94	£907.99
Trustee Expenses	£352.64	£146.50
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£46,733.05</b>	<b>£27,808.03</b>
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>£1,102.46</b>	<b>£17,109.38</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£105,873.01</b>	<b>£88,763.63</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£106,975.47</b>	<b>£105,873.01</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period to 31/12/2022

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Hampshire Trust Bank 45 Day Bus Account	Closed	£20,000.00
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Hampshire Trust Bank bond matured 19/4/22	Closed	£20,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank 95 Day Bus - closed 7/12/22	Closed	£0.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£106,975.47</b>	<b>£105,873.01</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Prepayment of 2022 Insurance premium		£291.05
Prepayment of 2022 Members Day		£2,575.39
<b>Liabilities</b>		
none		
<b>Other assets</b>		
<b>Stock in hand – Clothing and publications</b>	<b>31/12/22</b>	<b>31/12/21</b>
Fleeces	22	14
Sweatshirts	17	13
Polo shirts	19	16
Baseball Caps	31	1
Hampshire Atlas	0	3
Bird reports two most recent issues	41	29
Keyhaven/Lymington checklists	68	89
Hampshire checklists	395	407
Rare Birds of Hampshire	86	0

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Signed: 

Name: Mrs D J H Aubin, BA (Hons), FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 07/02/2023

**HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1042309

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	01	01	2021	<b>To</b>	31	12	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hampshire Ornithological Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1042309

Charity's principal address

Box Cottage, Winsor Road, Winsor, Hampshire

Postcode

SO40 2HP

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Betton	Chair		
2	Andy Mitchelmore	Treasurer		
3	David Brookes	Secretary		
4	John Shillitoe	Secretary	Until 27 March 2021	
5	Marcus Ward			
6	Mike Chalmers			
7	Andrew Colenutt			
8	Andy Lester			
9	Kay Shillitoe			
10	Tom Jordan			
11	Nicola Whitmarsh			
12	Annette Clayson			
13	Barry Page			
14	Nicky Court		Until 27 March 2021	
15	Janice Beck		From 27 March 2021	
16	Julianne Evans			
17	Jayne Chapman		From 8 July 2021	
18	Carol Rawlings		From 12 August 2021	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution detailed in the Society Rules document.

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

The Society is a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation.

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election by Society members at the Annual General Meeting.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees receiving grants from the Society are regarded as transactions with "related parties" and are required to be reported by SORP 15 FRS 102.

In 2021 there were no grants sought by, or made to, any Trustees of the Society.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Society are within the county of Hampshire;

- To advance the education of the public in all aspects of ornithology.
- To promote research into ornithology and to publish the useful results of such study.
- To support and encourage the preservation and conservation of wild birds and places of ornithological interest.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The main activities of the Society are;

To promote and record the study of bird life in Hampshire and to publish the results in the annual bird report.

To use these results to encourage and support the conservation of wild birds and their habitats within the county.

To foster a wider interest in the recording and preservation of Hampshire bird life by organising a programme of indoor and outdoor meetings, by publishing a magazine ( three issues each year) and other forms of publicity.

As set out by the Charity Commission in its Guidances on Public Benefit in respect of the public benefits requirement in running a charity and its reporting, in their opinion the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidances when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidances are relevant.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In Section D – Achievements and performance, the Chair of the Society, in his report to members, outlines some of the activities of the Society during the past year, showing how they have helped meet the Society's objectives. Other activities ( extracted from the reports of the Chairs of the Scientific and Membership Committees) which are also in support of the objectives, are also listed.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****HOS Chair's Report 2021**

I am pleased to say that for the most part HOS has been able to return to a near-normal situation in 2021 with surveys and outings happening very much as before Covid. We had to abandon an "in-person" Members Day and AGM, but thanks to Zoom we managed to recreate it online(1) – complete with electronic voting. I'd like to thank everyone for making these things happen at a time when we all faced personal challenges.

Having only recruited 104 members in 2020 (probably a good result given that we were unable to organise any meetings) I am delighted that in 2021 we saw 203 new members sign up – apparently a record! Partly this rise will have been down to a number of talks we arranged for external groups who have an interest in local nature(2), but I do think "lockdown life" has created a greater awareness of local nature. You are all very welcome, and to underline this fact, we have run several events to specifically meet these new recruits(3).

We are again very grateful to the Cameron Bespolka Trust for continuing their support of our Young Member initiative(4) which enables around 40 birders under the age of 21 to benefit from free HOS membership. In addition to these we have seen a surge in young families joining HOS, and now we know of 24 families in the Society who have people of school or university age. They are included in our events – and now total over 70. Apart from ringing events, these have included a careers masterclass for those in their late teens, and a wonderful Zoom meet up with Chris Packham, who showed us his wing and feather collection and did a Q&A with the Young Members.

Once again, the HOS Grants Programme(5) has supported projects that make positive changes for Hampshire's birds, and the Society has also been active in making representations on planning applications(6) that negatively impact birds. We joined with Hampshire Swifts in complaining about the lack of swift bricks being placed in their new development near to Winchester, and as a result the company radically improved its wildlife offering – not just here, but elsewhere in the south-east.

Once again, the Hampshire Bird Report (7) team did a great job and copies of the 2020 report were in the hands of our members in early November. One respected reviewer noted that our report set the bar for other counties to match. It doesn't get much better than that! Alongside this we maintained the quality in our Kingfisher newsletter(8), and after three years in the editor's chair I want to thank Barry Page for the great job he has done. Carol Rawlings has kindly agreed to take over and you'll be seeing her first issue as you read this.

Although we mostly look forward in HOS, an occasional look back is important, and John Clark spent 2021 putting the finishing touches to our new book that assesses the status of all rare birds that visited Hampshire between 1950 and 2020(9). This looks set to be hugely

popular and we are grateful to John for creating this amazing historical assessment of some amazing birds.

As we enter 2022, let's hope that disruptions to normal life are minimised, and that our birding activities can continue as and when we want. I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Society to achieve so much in 2021. In particular I want to thank Bryan and Sandy Coates who have managed our sales operation for twelve years and are stepping down, and also Julianne Evans and Tom Jordan who have completed their terms as trustees.

I wish you a good (and safe) birding year ahead.

Keith Betton  
Chair, HOS  
December 2021

While not a complete list of all activities undertaken during the year, the items numbered in the report above, eg (1), are in support of the Society's objectives in Section C above, as follows;

- (1) in support of objective i
- (2) in support of objective i
- (3) in support of objective i
- (4) in support of objective i
- (5) in support of objective ii and iii
- (6) in support of objective iii
- (7) in support of objective ii
- (8) in support of objectives i and ii
- (9) in support of objective ii

Other activities documented in the sub-committee reports in the Society's AGM materials which support the objectives include;

Liaison with Conservation Organisations – supporting objective iii  
Continuation and development of the ten-year bird survey plan – supporting objective ii.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The Society's reserves policy is to hold cash funds sufficient to meet one year's expenditure. As at 31 December 2021 the actual cash funds held were significantly in excess of this and the Trustees intend to use the surplus funds over the next two to three years to support research and conservation projects that meet the Society's objectives and also purchase additional capital equipment to expand and enhance research and education projects.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Keith Betton	David Brookes/Andrew Mitchelmore
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary/Treasurer
Date		

Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2021	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2020
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£23,669.99	£19,401.59
Donations	£1,248.11	£2,224.58
Income Tax refund on subscriptions	£3,437.19	£3,263.42
Interest from deposit accounts	£372.51	£568.39
Publication sales	£2,570.51	£2,631.80
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book Sponsorship	£300.00	£0.00
Clothing and DVD sales	£184.10	£77.00
Surveys and data sales	£12,520.00	£17,353.00
Courses and Training Days	£0.00	£915.00
Bird Report Advertising	£615.00	£665.00
Members' Day/AGM	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£44,917.41</b>	<b>£47,099.78</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants	£5,348.00	£0.00
Bird Report	£9,795.87	£9,503.23
Kingfisher Newsletter	£8,964.00	£9,468.00
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£10.00	£0.00
Members' Day/AGM and events	£464.40	£2,575.39
Clothing and DVDs	£64.30	£392.40
Insurance	£291.05	£290.00
Cost of data sales/surveys	£1,815.92	£677.25
Postage, photocopying, stationery and room hir	£907.99	£1,116.98
Trustee Expenses	£146.50	£17.50
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£27,808.03</b>	<b>£24,040.75</b>
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>£17,109.38</b>	<b>£23,059.03</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£88,763.63</b>	<b>£65,704.60</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£105,873.01</b>	<b>£88,763.63</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period to 31/12/2021

<b>Cash Funds:</b>		
Lloyds bank current account	£1,463.69	£1,506.82
Lloyds bank deposit account	£24,409.32	£22,256.81
Hampshire Trust Bank 45 Day Bus Account	£20,000.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank bond matures 1/9/22	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank bond matures 17/1/22	£20,000.00	£0.00
Hampshire Trust Bank bond matures 15/4/22	£20,000.00	£0.00
Hampshire Trust Bank 90 day bus. (closed)	£0.00	£20,000.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£105,873.01</b>	<b>£63,763.63</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Prepayment of 2022 Insurance premium	£291.05	£290.00
Prepayment of 2022 Members Day	£2,575.39	£2,575.39
<b>Liabilities</b>		
none		
<b>Other assets</b>		
<b>Stock in hand – Clothing and publications</b>	<b>31/12/21</b>	<b>31/12/20</b>
Fleeces	14	15
Sweatshirts	13	17
Polo shirts	16	17
Baseball Caps	1	4
Hampshire Atlas	3	88
Bird reports two most recent issues	29	23
Keyhaven/Lymington checklists	89	95
Hampshire checklists	407	933

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of the  
Hampshire Ornithological Society  
Registered Charity in England; Number 1042309**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampshire Ornithological Society (the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021).

## **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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 Act.

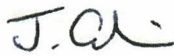
## **Independent examiner's statement**

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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts did not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:



Name:

Mrs D J H Aubin, BA (Hons), FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Christchurch  
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United Kingdom

Date:

19 January 2022

**HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1042309

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	01	2019		31	12	2019

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Hampshire Ornithological Society

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1042309

**Charity's principal address** c/o "Westerly", Hundred Acres Road,

Wickham,

Hampshire

**Postcode**

**PO17 6HY**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Betton	Chair		
2	Andy Mitchelmore	Treasurer		
3	John Shillitoe	Secretary		
4	Marcus Ward			
5	Andy Broadhurst		Until July 2020	
6	Mike Chalmers			
7	Andrew Colenutt			
8	Andy Lester			
9	Kay Shillitoe			
10	Tom Jordan			
11	Nicola Whitmarsh		From July 2020	
12	David Brookes			
13	Annette Clayson		From July 2020	
14	Barry Page			
15	Alison Cross		Until July 2020	
16	Nicky Court			
17	Janice Beck		From July 2020	
18	Julianne Evans			

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution detailed in the Society Rules document
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Society is a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by Society members at Annual General Meeting

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>Trustees receiving grants from the Society are regarded as transactions with "related parties" and are required to be reported by SORP 15 FRS 102.</p> <p>In 2020 there were no grants sought by, or made to, any Trustees of the Society.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

<p><b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</b></p>	<p>The objects of the Society are, within the County of Hampshire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To advance the education of the public in all aspects of ornithology.</li> <li>ii) To promote research into ornithology and to publish the useful results of such study.</li> <li>iii) To support and encourage the preservation and conservation of wild birds and places of ornithological interest.</li> </ol>
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The main activities of the Hampshire Ornithological Society are:

To promote and record the study of bird life in Hampshire and to publish the results in the annual Bird Report.

To use these results to encourage and support the conservation of wild birds and their habitats within the county.

To foster a wider interest in the recording and preservation of Hampshire bird life by organising a programme of indoor and outdoor meetings, by publishing a quarterly magazine and other forms of publicity.

As set out by the Charity Commission in its Guidances on Public Benefit in respect of the public benefit requirement in running a charity and its reporting, in their opinion the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidances when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidances are relevant.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

In Section D - Achievements and performance, the Chairman of HOS, in his report to members, outlines some of the activities of the Trust during the past year, showing how they have helped meet the Society's objects. Other activities (extracted from the reports of the Chairs of the Scientific and Membership Committees) which are also in support of our objectives, are listed.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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

Chairman's Report to be sent to Members prior to AGM in March 2021

"A year ago, nobody could have predicted how life (and birding) would change so dramatically in 2020. Everyone has been affected in so many ways, and of course HOS had to change many plans – the Members Day and outings in particular. A time when we can all meet again safely cannot come soon enough, but in the meantime, we are trying to improve our contact with members via Zoom talks on matters that they say are of interest to them (1). Another victim of the pandemic has been some aspects of our fieldwork, such as our planned survey of Snipe in the New Forest. We aim to complete that work in 2021 – along with several other surveys.

Despite all these distractions, recruitment of HOS members remained remarkably high and it is great that 104 new people joined us in 2020. You are all very welcome. We are also very grateful to the Cameron Bepolka Trust for continuing their support of our Young Member initiative (2) which enables over 30 birders under the age of 21 to benefit from free HOS membership.

Once again, the HOS Grants Programme (3) supported projects that make positive changes for Hampshire's birds, and the Society has also been active in making representations on planning applications (4) that negatively impact birds. We now monitor all new applications alongside our colleagues at HBIC. Not least among these is the proposal to develop the Tipner peninsula in Portsmouth Harbour – an important roosting site for our wintering waders and wildfowl. HOS is standing shoulder to shoulder with the RSPB and HIWWT in putting the case against this unwelcome and totally inappropriate development.

Once again, the Hampshire Bird Report (5) team did a great job and copies of the 2019 report were in the hands of our members in early November, maintaining a well-earned reputation for both speed and quality. We increased the volume of the Kingfisher newsletter (6) but offset this extra cost by reducing our postal bill by distributing three issues instead of four.

Data is so vital in much of what HOS does, and we are adding to our data thanks to a volunteer team who are digitising the mass of paper bird records prior to the 1990s (7). In addition, John Clark has just finished writing a new HOS publication that assesses the status of all rare birds that visited Hampshire between 1950 and 2020 (8). Look out for a pre-publication offer in a few months.

So, it has been a year that none of us will forget. I am also mindful of the fact that some of our members work in the NHS and the other emergency and essential services. This has been a tough year for all of us - but even tougher for you, being in the front line dealing with challenging situations. You may realise how much the rest of us appreciate the personal sacrifices you make on a daily basis, but on behalf of everyone else in HOS I want to record our gratitude.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Society to achieve so much in 2020. I wish you a good (and safe) birding year ahead.

Keith Betton  
*Chairman, HOS*  
*December 2020*

While not a complete list of all activities undertaken during the year, the items numbered in the report above, eg (1), are in support of our objectives in Section C (above), as follows.

- (1) In support of objective i
- (2) In support of objective i
- (3) In support of objective iii
- (4) In support of objective iii
- (5) In support of objective ii
- (6) In support of objective I and ii
- (7) In support of objective ii
- (8) In support of objective ii

Other activities documented in the sub-committee reports in the HOS AGM materials, which support our objectives include

- Liaison with Conservation Organisations – supporting objective iii
- Developing ten-year plan for surveying – supporting objective ii

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The Society currently has increased reserves and the Trustees aim to deploy these over the next three to four years to support conservation and research projects that meet the Society's objectives. Once that has been achieved, the Society's reserves should represent some 12 months of running costs, which have ranged approximately between £36,000 and £24,000 during the past five years (2016 to 2020 inclusive).

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Keith Betton	John Shillitoe Andy Mitchelmore
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary Treasurer
Date		

Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2020	Total Funds (unrestricted) 2019
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£19,401.59	£18,885.80
Donations	£2,224.58	£79.61
Income Tax refund on subscriptions	£3,263.42	£2,769.57
Interest from deposit accounts	£568.39	£575.66
Publication sales	£2,631.80	£2,321.79
Clothing and DVD sales	£77.00	£555.00
Surveys and data sales	£17,353.00	£12,160.00
Courses and Training Days	£915.00	£1,466.00
Bird Report Advertising	£665.00	£1,215.00
Hampshire Checklist Sponsorship	£0.00	£300.00
Members' Day/AGM	£0.00	£877.90
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£47,099.78</b>	<b>£41,206.33</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants	£0.00	£8,130.00
Bird Report	£9,503.23	£6,835.96
Kingfisher Newsletter	£9,468.00	£12,082.00
Hampshire Checklist	£0.00	£1,074.00
Rare Birds of Hampshire Book	£0.00	£100.00
Members' Day/AGM and events	£2,575.39	£3,911.42
Clothing and DVDs	£392.40	£358.48
Insurance	£290.00	£357.65
Cost of data sales/surveys	£677.25	£728.33
Postage, photocopying, stationery and room hir	£1,116.98	£1,093.10
Trustee Expenses	£17.50	£625.27
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£24,040.75</b>	<b>£35,296.21</b>
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>£23,059.03</b>	<b>£5,910.12</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£65,704.60</b>	<b>£59,794.48</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£88,763.63</b>	<b>£65,704.60</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period to 31/12/2020

<b>Cash Funds:</b>		
Lloyds bank current account	£1,506.82	£1,462.03
Lloyds bank deposit account	£22,256.81	£19,242.57
Hampshire Trust Bank	£45,000.00	£45,000.00
United Trust Bank, bond – matures 1/9/21	£20,000.00	£0.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£88,763.63</b>	<b>£65,704.60</b>

<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Prepayment of 2021 Insurance premium	£290.00	£357.65
Prepayment of 2021 St Swithun's 2021 members	£2,575.39	

**Liabilities**  
none

<b>Other assets</b>		
<b>Stock in hand – Clothing and publications</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Fleeces	15	5
Sweatshirts	17	13
Polo shirts	17	13
Baseball Caps	4	7
Hampshire Atlas	88	123
Bird reports two most recent issues	23	299
Keyhaven/Lymington checklists	95	102
Hampshire checklists	933	1183

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of the  
Hampshire Ornithological Society  
Registered Charity in England; Number 1042309**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampshire Ornithological Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts did not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Name: Mrs D J H Aubin, BA (Hons), FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: 4 Old Barn Close  
Christchurch  
DORSET BH23 2QZ  
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Date: