



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	To	31	12
		2021			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 Bepolka 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
Receipts		
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
Total receipts	£44,917.41	£47,099.78
Payments		
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
Total payments	£27,808.03	£24,040.75
Net of receipts / (payments)	£17,109.38	£23,059.03
Cash funds last year end	£88,763.63	£65,704.60
Cash funds this year end	£105,873.01	£88,763.63

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

Cash Funds:		
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
Total cash funds	£105,873.01	£63,763.63
Other monetary assets		
Prepayment of 2022 Insurance premium	£291.05	£290.00
Prepayment of 2022 Members Day	£2,575.39	£2,575.39
Liabilities		
none		
Other assets		
Stock in hand – Clothing and publications	31/12/21	31/12/20
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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Date: 19 January 2022