



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2022		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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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;

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 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)

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 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
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	£22,248.99	£23,669.99
Donations	£292.69	£1,248.11
Income Tax refund on Gift Aid subscriptions	£4,152.06	£3,437.19
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
Total receipts	£47,835.51	£44,917.41
Payments		
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
Total payments	£46,733.05	£27,808.03
Net of receipts / (payments)	£1,102.46	£17,109.38
Cash funds last year end	£105,873.01	£88,763.63
Cash funds this year end	£106,975.47	£105,873.01

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

Cash Funds:		
Lloyds bank current account	£1,938.09	£1,463.69
Lloyds bank deposit account	£13,995.98	£24,409.32
Hampshire Trust Bank bond matures 17/1/23	£20,000.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank bond matures 19/4/23	£20,000.00	£0.00
Charity Bank 100 day notice account	£31,041.40	£0.00
Charity Bank one year bond matures 05/10/23	£20,000.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank bond matured 1/9/22	Closed	£20,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank 45 Day Bus Account	Closed	£20,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank bond matured 17/1/22	Closed	£20,000.00
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
Total cash funds	£106,975.47	£105,873.01
Other monetary assets		
Prepayment of 2022 Insurance premium		£291.05
Prepayment of 2022 Members Day		£2,575.39
Liabilities		
none		
Other assets		
Stock in hand – Clothing and publications	31/12/22	31/12/21
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

**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 2022.

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.

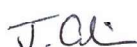
Independent examiner's statement

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:

07/02/2023