

# GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1053912

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1996-03-20

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF A HOSPITAL FOR THE CARE AND REHABILITATION OF SUCH BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND TO RETURN TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT THOSE BIRDS WHICH ARE FULLY CURED

**Activities:** To treat and rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned wild birds and animals with the sole intention of returning them to the wild. To conduct and supervise environmental studies and research into wildlife rehabilitation. All our research is non-invasive, with the welfare of the animals always our foremost priority. To deliver educational talks to schools and groups at local and national level.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE SOUTH WALES
- Throughout Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£62,310	£73,426	-	-
2023-12-31	£61,392	£67,470	-	-
2022-12-31	£83,068	£54,278	-	-
2021-12-31	£75,078	£57,316	-	-
2020-12-31	£120,701	£86,745	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KAREN KINGSNORTH	Chair	2025-12-02
KEITH HOGBEN		
Michelle Melanie Rees		2018-04-10

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

Bevan Buckland LLP  
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Legal and administrative information**

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Gower Bird Hospital was established by a Deed of Trust made on 8 March 1996. The objectives of the charity are to relieve the suffering of birds and animals which are in need of care and attention, in particular by the provision of a hospital for the care and rehabilitation of such birds and animals; and to return to their natural habitat those which are fully cured.

**Achievements in 2024:**

Our expert staff and volunteers treated and rehabilitated **1137** wildlife casualties at the hospital.

Allowing for those that did not survive 48 hours after admission, **71%** of these casualties were successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild, demonstrating the effectiveness of our care and rehabilitation programs.

Breakdown of admissions:

**848 Birds:** (e.g., gulls, thrushes, corvids, tits, pigeons, ducks, birds of prey)

**264 Mammals:** (e.g., hedgehogs, bats)

**24 Domestic birds:** (referred to RSPCA or reunited with owners)

**1 Reptile** (adder)

Our helpline had **1904** interactions with the public, providing support and guidance for wildlife situations.

Our team of dedicated wildlife team and specially-trained volunteers ensured all patients received consistent and thorough care, giving them the best chance of returning to their natural environment.

## Research, Education and Collaboration

### Britain's National Hedgehog Conservation Strategy:

GBH was a key stakeholder and a member of the organising team:

[National-Hedgehog-Conservation-Strategy-Jan-25.pdf](#).

### Swansea University Hedgehog Gene Flow Project:

Understanding how landscape connectivity affects gene-flow can help to guide the management of animal species of conservation concern, hence our involvement with this project. The work will be published in 2025.

### The Sanger Institute and The Darwin Tree of Life Project:

Ongoing processing of hedgehog lungworms for genome sequencing. The tissues supplied for hedgehog sequencing are complete and we have written the introduction to the hedgehog section of the publication:

[The genome sequence of the western European hedgehog, \*Erinaceus europaeus\* Linnaeus, 1758](#)

### Local veterinary practice training:

We welcomed a staff visit from one of our local veterinary practices for an exchange of information and training.

## Facilities

The reception and hedgehog unit exterior wood on the walls and windowsills were treated and repainted. Waste food security was improved by building a concrete plinth and purchasing a metal storage container to sit on it for refuse bin storage.

Stainless steel mesh was deployed in the continuing maintenance of enclosures.

## Goals for 2025

### Public and Wildlife Welfare

Continue providing high-standard care for displaced wildlife.

Renew and enlarge the biggest flight aviary for larger birds.

Upgrade two more aviaries.

### Collaboration and Education

Continue collaborations to improve research, standards, education and ultimately animal welfare.

Update and improve Gower Bird Hospital website.

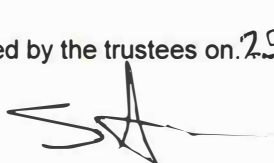
### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain cash reserves sufficient to cover about 12 months of normal activity.

At 31st December 2024 unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £102,701 and restricted reserves amounted to £2,500. The trustees have also designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

This report was approved by the trustees on 25/7/25 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Allen- Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

I report on the accounts of Gower Bird Hospital (charity number 1053912) for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

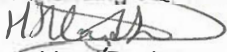
**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Henry Lloyd Davies  
Bevan Buckland LLP  
Chartered Accountants

Date 25/7/25

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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**


	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	55,734	-	-	55,734	54,549
Fund raising		-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	5,417	-	-	5,417	6,021
Bank Interest	1,160	-	-	1,160	822
Government Grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>62,310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,310</b>	<b>61,392</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	11,776	-	-	11,776	9,900
Wages and salaries	45,279	-	-	45,279	34,559
Establishment costs	9,785	-	-	9,785	17,426
Administration expenses	4,131	-	-	4,131	4,516
Professional fees	1,176	-	-	1,176	1,068
	72,147	-	-	72,147	67,470
Purchase of fixed assets	1,278	-	-	1,278	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>73,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,426</b>	<b>67,470</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>	<b>(11,115)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,115)</b>	<b>(6,078)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	113,945	65,000	2,500	181,445	187,523
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>102,830</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>170,330</b>	<b>181,445</b>

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Accounts	169,912	180,872
Cash in hand	417	394
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	170,330	181,265
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors	639	352
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	5,000	5,000
Donations in advance	-	-
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	5,639	5,352
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<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Buildings, aviaries, pens, runs, CCTV systems, radio tracking, computers, cameras, research, surgical & sundry equipment, mobile phone, Medical Fridge Nilfish Powerhouse, at a cost, including donated labour and materials of £58,386 (2020: £56,106)		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Suppliers	378	249
Professional fee for independent examination	1,218	1,128
Accrual		
PAYE & NI		
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	1,596	1,377
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These accounts were approved by the trustees on 25/1/25  
and signed on their behalf by

  
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Simon Allen  
**Trustee**

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Karen Kingsnorth, an employee, and Simon Allen, a trustee, are joint owners of the premises from which the charity operates.

No rent is charged to the charity for the use of the accommodation but electricity, heating oil and telephone which are all metered separately for the charity's use of £837 (2023: £4,897), initially met by Ms Kingsnorth and Mr Allen, are reclaimed.

During the year a gross wage of £24,127.98 (2023: £22,325) was paid to Ms Kingsnorth.

None of the trustees received any remuneration nor expenses during the year.

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The charity has designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

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**Achievements in 2023:**

Gower bird hospital continued to provide a high standard of care and rehabilitation for all wildlife casualties brought to the Hospital.

The charity does not keep any disabled wild bred bird or animal in permanent captivity as we believe this causes unnecessary suffering and is not in the interest of the individual's welfare or best use of public funds.

1156 wildlife casualties were brought to Gower Bird Hospital in 2023 - a breakdown of admissions can be seen below.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Birds</b>	Laridae (gulls)	105	9%
<b>79%</b>	Turdidae (thrushes, blackbirds, robins)	87	8%
<b>909</b>	Corvidae (crows, magpies, jackdaws, jays)	108	9%
	Columbidae (doves and pigeons)	263	22%
	Anatidae (ducks geese, swans)	58	5%
	Birds of prey (owls, buzzards, kites, sparrowhawks)	43	4%
	Paridae (tits)	24	2%
	Others	221	19%
<b>Mammals</b>	Erinaceidae (hedgehogs)	204	18%
<b>21%</b>	Vespertilionidae (bats)	38	4%
<b>247</b>	Others (other mammals, amphibians, reptiles)	5	1%

19 domestic birds (racing pigeons and domestic doves) were brought to Gower Bird Hospital. Domestic birds were reunited with their owners or referred to RSPCA approved facilities.

Allowing for birds and animals that did not survive the first 48 hours after admission, 71% of wildlife casualties were successfully released back into the wild.

## **Research, Education and Collaboration**

### **National Conservation Strategy for the European hedgehog in Britain:**

Gower Bird Hospital was asked to be part of the main group of stakeholders. The group were responsible for leading the process of strategy design and ensuring a balanced representation of perspectives on hedgehog conservation and management. The strategy report will be published in 2024.

### **Swansea University Hedgehog Gene Flow Project:**

Gower Bird Hospital supplied material for DNA and data for geographic analyses. The work has now been completed and we hope to see a scientific paper published from the work in 2024.

### **Liverpool University:**

The collaboration with Liverpool paper “A non-invasive feather-based methodology for the detection of blood parasites (Haemosporida)” has been published in Scientific Reports journal and is currently available from DOI

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-43932-y>

### **The Sanger Institute and The Darwin Tree of Life Project:**

Processing of hedgehog tissue and lugworms is ongoing and we hope to see results in 2024.

### **British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (BWRC)**

Simon Allen, one of Gower Bird Hospital’s trustees was appointed co-chair of the BWRC.

## **Facilities**

The aviary block which encompasses aviaries four to eight was refurbished.

One of our aquapens had a new roof fitted.

Aviaries one and two were rebuilt completely.

## **Goals for 2024**

To benefit the public and wildlife welfare by providing advice and a wildlife rehabilitation service.

To continue providing a high standard of care for displaced wildlife, whether it is accidental, deliberate or natural. We hope to renew and enlarge our biggest flight aviary which is used for the rehabilitation of larger birds such as raptors. We also need to renew two more aviaries needing an upgrade.

Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

Update and amend our current constitution to better reflect the work carried out by the charity.

## **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to maintain cash reserves sufficient to cover about 12 months of normal activity.

At 31st December 2023 unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £113,691 and restricted reserves amounted to £2,500 The trustees have also designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	54,549	-	-	54,549	66,028
Fund raising		-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	6,021	-	-	6,021	6,820
Bank Interest	822	-	-	822	221
Government Grants	-			-	10,000
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>61,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,392</b>	<b>83,068</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of fund raising	-	-	-	-	722
Cost of charitable activities	9,900	-	-	9,900	12,856
Wages and salaries	34,559	-	-	34,559	28,147
Establishment costs	17,426	-	-	17,426	6,139
Administration expenses	4,516	-	-	4,516	4,268
Professional fees	1,068	-	-	1,068	966
	67,470	-	-	67,470	53,098
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	1,180
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,470</b>	<b>54,278</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>	<b>(6,078)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,078)</b>	<b>28,790</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	120,023	65,000	2,500	187,523	158,733
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>113,945</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>181,445</b>	<b>187,523</b>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Accounts	180,872	186,972
Cash in hand	394	744
	181,265	187,716
 <b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors	352	461
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	5,000	7,000
Donations in advance	-	-
	5,352	7,461
 <b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Buildings, aviaries, pens, runs, CCTV systems, radio tracking, computers, cameras, research, surgical & sundry equipment, mobile phone, Medical Fridge Nilfish Powerhouse, at a cost, including donated labour and materials of £58,386 (2020: £56,106)		
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
Suppliers	249	366
Professional fee for independent examination	1,128	1,044
Accrual		
PAYE & NI		
	1,377	1,410

These accounts were approved by the trustees on.....  
and signed on their behalf by

.....

Simon Allen

**Trustee**

## **GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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During the year a gross wage of £22,325 (2022: £20,800) was paid to Ms Kingsnorth.

None of the trustees received any remuneration nor expenses during the year.

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The charity has designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

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**Achievements in 2022:**

Gower bird hospital continued to provide a high standard of care and rehabilitation for all wildlife casualties brought to the Hospital.

The charity does not keep any disabled wild bred bird or animal in permanent captivity as we believe this causes unnecessary suffering and is not in the interest of the individual's welfare or best use of best of public funds.

1,358 wildlife casualties were brought to Gower Bird Hospital in 2022 - a breakdown of admissions can be seen below.

Group	Family	Number	%
Birds	Laridae (gulls)	145	11%
	1048 Turdidae (thrushes, blackbirds, robins)	92	7%
	Corvidae (crows, magpies, jackdaws, jays)	80	6%
	Columbidae (doves and pigeons)	335	24%
	Anatidae (ducks geese, swans)	18	1%
	Birds of prey (owls, buzzards, kites, sparrowhawks)	43	3%
	Paridae (tits)	20	2%
	Others	321	24%
Mammals	Erinaceidae (hedgehogs)	245	18%
	358 Vespertilionidae (bats)	24	2%
	Others (other mammals, amphibians, reptiles)	35	3%

10 domestic birds (racing pigeons and domestic doves) were brought to Gower Bird Hospital. Domestic birds were reunited with their owners or referred to RSPCA approved facilities.

Allowing for birds and animals that did not survive the first 48 hours after admission, 73% of wildlife casualties were successfully released back into the wild.

## Research, Education and Collaboration

### **National Conservation Strategy for the European hedgehog in Britain:**

The European hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) is a generalist species and although found across the UK, has experienced a 50% decline in rural areas and a 30% decline in urban areas since 2000.

This, coupled with the recently published State of Britain's Hedgehogs report giving a clear indication of an ongoing rural decline, makes it pertinent to devise a strategy for hedgehog conservation in Britain.

Gower Bird Hospital has been invited to join the core group of stakeholders who will lead the strategy design process and represent a balance of views on hedgehog conservation and management.

The process will be facilitated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Conservation Planning Specialist Group (ICUN CPSG) with funding from People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS). The other stakeholders will be Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Natural England (NE) Natural Resources Wales (NRW), NatureScot (NS), National Farmers Union (NFU), Gower Bird Hospital.

The strategy will be published in 2023.

### **Swansea University Hedgehog Gene Flow Project:**

300 hedgehog tissue samples have now had their DNA extracted and the project is ongoing.

### **Liverpool University:**

The collaboration with Liverpool paper "A non-invasive feather-based methodology for the detection of blood parasites (Haemosporida)" has been submitted to Scientific Reports journal and is currently under review.

### **Brighton University:**

The collaboration with Brighton has resulted in a paper "Causes, temporal trends, and the effects of urbanization on admissions of wild raptors to rehabilitation centres in England and Wales", published on the 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Ecology and Evolution journal <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.8856>

### **The Sanger Institute and The Darwin Tree of Life Project:**

**Crenosoma striatum samples:** The Crenosoma samples provided some excellent material for long read and scaffolding data, which are currently ready for assembly. The team wish to send us a -80 °C desk top freezer for collected bird species samples for the project.

### **Goals for 2023**

To benefit the public and wildlife welfare by providing advice and a wildlife rehabilitation service.

To continue providing a high standard of care for displaced wildlife, whether it is accidental deliberate or natural.

We hope to renew and enlarge our biggest flight aviary which is used for the rehabilitation of larger birds such as raptors. We also need to renew two more aviaries needing an upgrade.

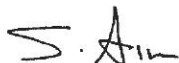
Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

Update and amend our current constitution to better reflect the work carried out by the charity.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to maintain cash reserves sufficient to cover about 12 months of normal activity. At 31st December 2022 unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £120,023 and restricted reserves amounted to £2,500. The trustees have also designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

This report was approved by the trustees on 24-08-23 and signed on their behalf by



Simon Allen- Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

I report on the accounts of Gower Bird Hospital (charity number 1053912) for the year ended 31st December 2022 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

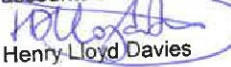
**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Henry Lloyd Davies  
Bevan Buckland LLP  
Chartered Accountants

Date: 24/8/2023

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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

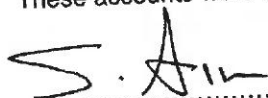
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	66,028	-	-	66,028	66,801
Fund raising		-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	6,820	-	-	6,820	5,950
Bank interest	221	-	-	221	38
Government Grants	10,000			10,000	2,289
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>83,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,068</b>	<b>75,078</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of fund raising	722	-	-	722	52
Cost of charitable activities	12,856	-	-	12,856	12,533
Wages and salaries	28,147	-	-	28,147	32,289
Establishment costs	6,139	-	-	6,139	7,010
Administration expenses	4,268	-	-	4,268	2,185
Professional fees	966	-	-	966	894
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>53,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,098</b>	<b>54,962</b>
Purchase of fixed assets	1,180	-	-	1,180	2,353
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,278</b>	<b>57,316</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>	<b>28,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,790</b>	<b>17,762</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	91,233	65,000	2,500	158,733	140,971
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>120,023</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>187,523</b>	<b>158,733</b>

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Accounts	186,972	158,373
Cash in hand	744	470
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	187,716	158,843
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors	461	972
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	7,000	7,000
Donations in advance	-	-
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	7,461	7,972
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<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Buildings, aviaries, pens, runs, CCTV systems, radio tracking, computers, cameras, research, surgical & sundry equipment, mobile phone, Medical Fridge Nilfish Powerhouse, at a cost, including donated labour and materials of £58,386 (2020: £56,106)		
<b>Liabilities</b>	366	330
Suppliers	1,044	966
Professional fee for independent examination		100
Accrual		
PAYE & NI		
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	1,410	1,396
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These accounts were approved by the trustees on 24-08-23 and signed on their behalf by



.....  
Simon Allen  
Trustee

## **GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Karen Kingsnorth, an employee, and Simon Allen, a trustee, are joint owners of the premises from which the charity operates. No rent is charged to the charity for the use of the accommodation but general expenses of £3,740 (2021: £3,401), initially met by Ms Kingsnorth and Mr Allen, are reclaimed. During the year a gross wage of £20,800 (2021: £20,800) was paid to Ms Kingsnorth.

None of the trustees received any remuneration nor expenses during the year.

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The charity has designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.



**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1053912

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021  
FOR**

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

Bevan Buckland LLP  
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# GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL

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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Legal and administrative information**

Gower Bird Hospital is based at and operated from Valetta, Sandy Lane, Pennard, Swansea, SA3 2EW, the home of Simon Allen and Karen Kingsnorth.

Gower Bird Hospital was established by a Deed of Trust made on 8 March 1996. The objects of the charity are to relieve the suffering of birds and animals which are in need of care and attention, in particular by the provision of a hospital for the care and rehabilitation of such birds and animals; and to return to their natural habitat those which are fully cured. The trustees

**Achievements in 2021:**

Gower Bird Hospital continued to provide a high standard of care and rehabilitation for all wildlife casualties brought to the Hospital.

The charity does not keep any disabled wild bred bird or animal in permanent captivity as we believe this causes unnecessary suffering and is not in the interest of the individual's welfare or best use of public funds.

1406 wildlife casualties were brought to Gower Bird Hospital in 2021 - a breakdown of admissions can be seen below.

Number of admissions in 2021 = 1406

Group	Family	Number	%
Birds	Laridae (gulls)	139	9%
	1048 Turdidae (thrushes, blackbirds, robins)	119	9%
	Corvidae (crows, magpies, jackdaws, jays)	67	5%
	Columbidae (doves and pigeons)	260	19%
	Anatidae (ducks geese, swans)	43	3%
	Birds of prey (owls, buzzards, kites, sparrowhawks)	46	3%
	Paridae (tits)	18	1.50%
	Others	356	25%
Mammals	Erinaceidae (hedgehogs)	313	22.50%
	358 Vespertilionidae (bats)	23	1.50%
	Others (other mammals, amphibians, reptiles)	22	1.50%

23 domestic birds (racing pigeons and domestic doves) were brought to Gower Bird Hospital. Domestic birds were reunited with their owners or referred to RSPCA approved facilities.

Allowing for birds and animals that did not survive the first 48 hours after admission, 74% of wildlife casualties were successfully released back into the wild.

**Research, Education and Collaboration**

**British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS):**

In 2019 we received a small grant from BHPS to fund our research into the nutritional value of mealworms (*Tenebrio molitor*) compared to hedgehog natural insect food. The report has been submitted. BHPS have asked us to carry out further research to include common pet foods fed to wild hedgehogs, we also intend to carry out further replicates of previous tests before publishing this research.

**Swansea University Hedgehog Gene Flow Project:**

Over 300 hedgehog DNA samples have been collected and submitted for analysis to further our understanding of gene flow.

**Liverpool University:**

We have supplied samples of feathers and blood smears to Liverpool university to help develop a non-invasive method for diagnosing blood parasites (Haemosporidia) in birds. All the samples were from birds that had either died or were humanely euthanised due to the extent of their injuries. The research is in the process of being written up.

**Brighton University:**

Over 20 years of raptor data were supplied to an MSc student investigating the causes, temporal trends and the effects of urbanisation on admissions of wild raptors to rescue centres. The research is currently being written up.

**The Sanger Institute and The Darwin Tree of Life Project:**

**Crenosoma samples:** the lab team at Sanger were pleasantly surprised by the size of nematode samples we supplied as they were larger than expected. They now have the laboratory protocols planned for processing the samples which will be sequenced soon. This will help inform the plausibility and future protocol for the collection of helminth and tissue samples from the wildlife rehabilitation sector.

**Hedgehog samples:** the DNA extraction has been done and appears to have worked well and are progressing through the lab smoothly.

**Goals for 2022**

To benefit the public and wildlife welfare by providing advice and a wildlife rehabilitation service.

To continue providing a high standard of care for displaced wildlife, whether it is accidental, deliberate or natural.

We hope to renew and enlarge our biggest flight aviary which is used for the rehabilitation of larger birds such as raptors. We also need to renew two more aviaries needing an upgrade.

Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

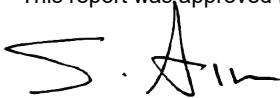
Update and amend our current constitution to better reflect the work carried out by the charity.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to maintain cash reserves sufficient to cover about 12 months of normal activity. At 3 December 2021 unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £91,233 and restricted reserves amounted to £2,500

The trustees have also designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

This report was approved by the trustees on ~~20/10/2022~~ and signed on their behalf by



Simon Allen- **Trustee**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS  
REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

I report on the accounts of Gower Bird Hospital (charity number 1053912) for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- . Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- . State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

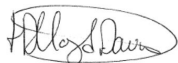
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Henry Lloyd Davies  
Bevan Buckland LLP  
Chartered Accountants

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Date....20/10/2022

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

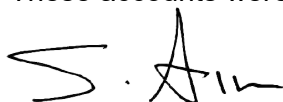
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	66,801	-	-	66,801	109,404
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	5,950	-	-	5,950	7,841
Bank interest	38	-	-	38	266
Government Grants	2,289	-	-	2,289	3,190
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Total receipts	75,078	-	-	75,078	120,701
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<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of fund raising	52	-	-	52	-
Cost of charitable activities	12,533	-	-	12,533	16,156
Wages and salaries	32,289	-	-	32,289	44,386
Establishment costs	7,010	-	-	7,010	20,638
Administration expenses	2,185	-	-	2,185	2,869
Professional fees	894	-	-	894	870
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	54,962	-	-	54,962	84,918
Purchase of fixed assets	2,353	-	-	2,353	1,826
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Total payments	57,316	-	-	57,316	86,744
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<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>	17,762	-	-	17,762	33,957
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	73,471	65,000	2,500	140,971	107,015
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Cash funds this year end	91,233	65,000	2,500	158,733	140,971
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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Accounts	158,373	140,791
Cash in hand	470	180
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	158,843	140,971
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors	972	434
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	7,000	7,000
Donations in advance	-	-
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	7,972	7,434
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<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Buildings, aviaries, pens, runs, CCTV systems, radio tracking, computers, cameras, research, surgical & sundry equipment, mobile phone, Medical Fridge Nilfish Powerhouse, at a cost, including donated labour and materials of £58,386 (2020: £56,106)		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Suppliers	330	360
Professional fee for independent examination	966	885
Accrual	100	
PAYE & NI		
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	1,396	1,245
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These accounts were approved by the trustees on ~~20/10/2022~~..... and signed on their behalf by



.....  
Simon Allen  
**Trustee**

## **GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Karen Kingsnorth, an employee, and Simon Allen, a trustee, are joint owners of the premises from which the charity operates. No rent is charged to the charity for the use of the accommodation but electricity, heating oil and telephone which are all metered separately for the charity's use of £3,401 (2020: £3,742), initially met by Ms Kingsnorth and Mr Allen, are reclaimed. During the year a gross wage of £20,800 (2020: £20,800) was paid to Ms Kingsnorth.

None of the trustees received any remuneration nor expenses during the year.

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The charity has designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

#### **GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

During the year the following government support was received during the ongoing pandemic

<b>Grant Received</b>	<b>£</b>
Job Retention Scheme	2,289

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1053912

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020  
FOR  
GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

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# GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL

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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Legal and administrative information**

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Gower Bird Hospital was established by a Deed of Trust made on 8 March 1996. The objects of the charity are to relieve the suffering of birds and animals which are in need of care and attention, in particular by the provision of a hospital for the care and rehabilitation of such birds and animals; and to return to their natural habitat those which are fully cured. The trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, with particular regard to the advancement of animal welfare, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

**Trustees and governance**

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 December 2020:

Simon Allen  
Keith Hogben  
Michelle Rees

The Deed of Trust requires a minimum of three trustees. Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing trustees who in making such appointment take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

**Activities and achievements**

Gower Bird Hospital is managed by the trustees. Trustees meetings are arranged formally twice a year but with further meetings called to consider specific matters.

The day-to-day operation of the Hospital is in the hands of Simon Allen and Karen Kingsnorth

**Achievements in 2020:**

Our goals for 2020 were to replace one of our existing old wooden aviaries with a larger aviary using recycled plastic building materials and incorporating a water pool for aquatic species, to build another seven hedgehog rehabilitation pens using recycled plastic materials and to continue providing a high standard of treatment and rehabilitation for the wildlife admitted to our centre. All of these goals have been achieved.

The charity does not keep any disabled wild bred bird or animal in permanent captivity as we believe this causes unnecessary suffering and is not in the interest of the individual's welfare or best use of public funds.

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, Gower Bird Hospital remained open and 1674 wildlife casualties were brought to Gower Bird Hospital in 2020 - a breakdown of admissions can be seen below.

**Number of admissions in 2020 = 1674**

Group	Family	Number	%
<b>Birds</b> <b>72%</b>	Laridae (gulls)	126	8 %
<b>1199</b>	Turdidae (thrushes, blackbirds, robins)	153	9 %
	Corvidae (crows, magpies, jackdaws, jays)	127	8 %
	Columbidae (doves and pigeons)	297	18 %
	Anatidae (ducks geese, swans)	30	1.5 %
	Birds of prey (owls, buzzards, kites, sparrowhawks)	52	3 %
	Paridae (tits)	45	2.5 %
	Others	369	22 %
<b>Mammals</b> <b>28%</b>	Erinaceidae (hedgehogs)	398	24 %
<b>475</b>	Vespertilionidae (bats)	45	2.5 %
	Others (other mammals, amphibians, reptiles)	32	1.5 %

43 domestic birds (racing pigeons and domestic doves) were brought to Gower Bird Hospital.  
Domestic birds were reunited with their owners or referred to RSPCA approved facilities.

Allowing for birds and animals that did not survive the first 48 hours after admission, 73% of wildlife casualties were successfully released back into the wild.

**Facilities:**

We have replaced one of our existing old wooden aviaries with a larger aviary using recycled plastic building materials and incorporating a water pool for aquatic species.  
We have also built another seven hedgehog rehabilitation pens using recycled plastic materials.

**Research and Education**

In 2019 we received a small grant from the **British Hedgehog Preservation Society** to fund our research into the nutritional value of mealworms (*Tenebrio molitor*) compared to hedgehog natural insect food. The work has been completed and the paper is in preparation for publication. A synopsis of the research was presented at Hartpury University Gloucester in February 2020 for their Hedgehog Rehabilitation: Sharing Best Practice conference.

Gower Bird Hospital was invited by **Born Free Foundation** to give a short Zoom presentation in July on the standard of veterinary care at private veterinary practices. This is part of the drive to raise welfare standards for displaced native wildlife amongst the veterinary profession. Gower Bird Hospital has been proactive in highlighting this area of concern by publishing a website of case studies.

Gower Bird Hospital was also invited by the **British Council for Wildlife Rehabilitation** symposium in November to give a Zoom presentation on why and how to engage with science to improve welfare standards as well as promoting a more professional image of wildlife rehabilitation.

Gower Bird Hospital has started collecting hedgehog DNA for a new project at **Swansea University** instigating gene flow between hedgehog populations. This will in part help us understand how these mammals move between various habitats, thus informing future conservation management.

### **Collaboration**

Gower Bird Hospital was approached by the **Sanger Institute** towards the end of the year to engage with the Tree of Life Project. The Sanger Institute is a research centre which uses genomics to improve our understanding of the world. The Tree of Life programme focuses on the use of full genome sequencing to improve the knowledge of biodiversity, and to use this expertise to scale up to a world-wide perspective.

#### **The Darwin Tree of Life Project:**

The Sanger team has a leading role in coordinating the project, and in helping to build the core informatics processes which support the project. Members of their group are involved in almost every stage of the endeavour. Their core laboratory team processes samples received from the Genome Acquisition Laboratories, extracts DNA and RNA, and prepares them for sequencing by their Scientific Operations team. Their bioinformatics teams are then responsible for the assembly and polishing of the genome sequences, and for submitting them to the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA). They then work with colleagues to analyse and understand the biology of the genomes in evolutionary and ecological contexts.

Gower Bird Hospital is supplying parasites of hedgehogs, mainly *Crenosoma striatum* and *Eucoleus aerophilus* for full genome sequencing.

#### **Animal Welfare Network Wales and the Codes of Best Practice:**

The Welsh Government published its Code of Best Practice for Animal Welfare Establishments, giving clear guidance to all animal welfare establishments in what they need to do to ensure they meet the standard of care the law requires on the welfare of vulnerable animals. Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 anyone responsible for an animal has a legal duty to take reasonable steps to ensure its welfare needs are met. An Animal Welfare Establishment is also responsible for the animals in its care and therefore is also liable for prosecution if it fails to meet the needs of an animal.

This has been a long journey which started in 2009 when Gower Bird Hospital gave a presentation in Llandudno for Animal Welfare Network Wales on the subject of regulation for animal welfare establishments and the wildlife rehabilitation perspective. Eight years later, the report outlining the case for the regulation of Animal Welfare Establishments in Wales was provided to the Welsh Government by the AWWN. This was the catalyst for the codes of practice document that the Welsh Government has now published.

Gower Bird Hospital are proud to have been a part of this from the beginning and provided the insight and experience required in the rescue, admission, welfare and rehabilitation of sick and injured wildlife. Indeed, it was necessary for Gower Bird Hospital to advise that "Compassion needs to be encouraged, but compassion without a sense of responsibility can lead to cruelty." In the past there were no safeguards to prevent people who lacked the

requisite knowledge, skills, resources, commitment, facilities and equipment, from operating an establishment dealing with wildlife. We understand that the rescue and attempted rehabilitation of wildlife comes with good intentions, but unfortunately without the species-specific knowledge, experience and resources, it can lead to animals suffering even more. These codes provide the necessary framework to ensure that wildlife get all their fundamental needs met when sick or injured, and that their wellbeing and successful rehabilitation back into their natural habitat is provided by compassionate, but also competent, experienced, dedicated and responsible individuals. We understand that these codes are voluntary and future legislation is the only way to safeguard animal welfare. This is a small step in the right direction and the first time wildlife sits alongside cats, dogs and horses in published codes.

### **Goals for 2021**

To benefit the public and wildlife welfare by providing advice and a wildlife rehabilitation service.

To continue providing a high standard of care for displaced wildlife, whether it is accidental, deliberate or natural.

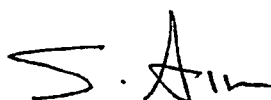
Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

Update and amend our current constitution to better reflect the work carried out by the charity.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to maintain cash reserves sufficient to cover about 12 months of normal activity. At 31 December 2020 unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £73,471 and restricted reserves amounted to £2,500. The trustees have also designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

This report was approved by the trustees on .....18/10/2021..... and signed on their behalf by



.....  
Simon Allen - Trustee

**INDEPENDANT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

I report on the accounts of Gower Bird Hospital (charity number 1053912) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Henry Lloyd Davies  
Bevan Buckland LLP  
Chartered Accountants

Date 18/10/2021 .....

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**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

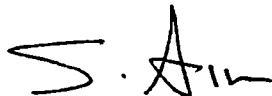
	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	109,404	-	-	109,404	79,148
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	7,841	-	-	7,841	6,502
Bank interest	266	-	-	266	84
Government Grants	3,190	-	-	3,190	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>120,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,701</b>	<b>85,734</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of fund raising	-	-	-	-	652
Cost of charitable activities	16,156	-	-	16,156	11,391
Wages and salaries	44,386	-	-	44,386	55,642
Establishment costs	20,638	-	-	20,638	23,439
Administration expenses	2,869	-	-	2,869	5,003
Professional fees	870	-	-	870	840
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>84,918</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,918</b>	<b>96,967</b>
Purchase of fixed assets	1,826	-	-	1,826	2,899
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>86,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,745</b>	<b>99,866</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>	<b>33,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,956</b>	<b>(14,132)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	39,515	65,000	2,500	107,015	121,147
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>73,471</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>140,971</b>	<b>107,015</b>

**GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Accounts	140,791	106,662
Cash in hand	180	353
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	140,971	107,015
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors	434	379
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	7,000	7,000
Donations in advance	-	750
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	7,434	8,129
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<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Buildings, aviaries, pens, runs, CCTV systems, radio tracking, computers, cameras, research, surgical & sundry equipment, at a cost, including donated labour and materials of £56,106 (2019: £54,278)		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Suppliers	360	204
Professional fee for independent examination	885	860
PAYE & NI		
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	1,245	1,064
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These accounts were approved by the trustees on.....18/10/2021..... and signed on their behalf by



.....  
Simon Allen  
Trustee

## **GOWER BIRD HOSPITAL**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Karen Kingsnorth, an employee, and Simon Allen, a trustee, are joint owners of the premises from which the charity operates. No rent is charged to the charity for the use of the accommodation but general expenses of £3,742 (2019: £3,768), initially met by Ms Kingsnorth and Mr Allen, are reclaimed. During the year a gross wage of £20,800 (2019: £20,455) was paid to Ms Kingsnorth.

None of the trustees received any remuneration nor expenses during the year.

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The charity has designated £65,000 towards a new wildlife rehabilitation centre.

#### **GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

During the year the following government support was received during the ongoing pandemic

<b>Grant Received</b>	<b>£</b>
Job Retention Scheme	3,190