

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912**

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

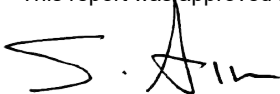
Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

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~~ 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:

- (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.



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Chartered Accountants

Date....20/10/2022

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

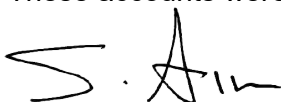
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and similar income	66,801	-	-	66,801	109,404
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	5,950	-	-	5,950	7,841
Bank interest	38	-	-	38	266
Government Grants	2,289			2,289	3,190
Total receipts	75,078	-	-	75,078	120,701
<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
	54,962	-	-	54,962	84,918
Purchase of fixed assets	2,353	-	-	2,353	1,826
Total payments	57,316	-	-	57,316	86,744
<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
Cash funds this year end	91,233	65,000	2,500	158,733	140,971

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

	2021 £	2020 £
<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**

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### **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