

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
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 2022**

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 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 (IUCN 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 20th 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.

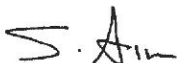
Gower Bird Hospital will also continue with its collaborations to improve working relationships in research, standards and education.

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 charity is subject to 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

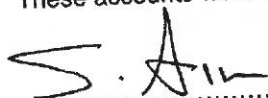
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts					
Donations and similar income	66,028	-	-	66,028	66,801
Fund raising		-	-	-	-
Fees for charitable services	6,820	-	-	6,820	5,950
Bank interest	221	-	-	221	38
Government Grants	10,000			10,000	2,289
Total receipts	83,068	-	-	83,068	75,078
Payments					
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
Purchase of fixed assets	53,098	-	-	53,098	54,962
	1,180	-	-	1,180	2,353
Total payments	54,278	-	-	54,278	57,316
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	28,790	-	-	28,790	17,762
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	91,233	65,000	2,500	158,733	140,971
Cash funds this year end	120,023	65,000	2,500	187,523	158,733

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash funds		
Bank Accounts	186,972	158,373
Cash in hand	744	470
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	187,716	158,843
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Other monetary assets		
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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Assets retained for charity's own use		
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)		
Liabilities		
Suppliers	366	330
Professional fee for independent examination	1,044	966
Accrual		100
PAYE & NI	<hr/>	<hr/>
	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

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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 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.

