

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1053912

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 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.

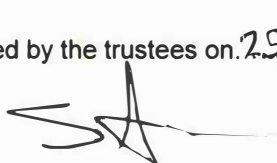
Reserves policy

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.

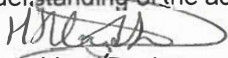
Independent examiner's statement

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


	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
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	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,310	-	-	62,310	61,392
Payments					
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	-
Total payments	73,426	-	-	73,426	67,470
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(11,115)	-	-	(11,115)	(6,078)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	113,945	65,000	2,500	181,445	187,523
Cash funds this year end	102,830	65,000	2,500	170,330	181,445

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank Accounts	169,912	180,872
Cash in hand	417	394
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	170,330	181,265
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Other monetary assets		
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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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	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

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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 £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.