

**THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP**

**ACCOUNTS**

**31ST MARCH 2024**

**Registered Charity Number: 1092515**

**Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd  
43 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7SU**

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## **THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP**

### **Trustees Report**

**For the year ended 31st March 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

#### **Objectives and Constitution**

The Group was established by a Trust Deed dated 28th April 2002, with the objects to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of Great Bustard birds, and registered with the Charity Commission on 19th June 2002, charity registration number 1092515.

#### **Trustees**

The following acted as Trustees during the period:

Paul Goriup  
John Browning  
David Bond  
David Bedingfeld Scott  
Kevin Duncan

The Trustees are empowered to appoint new Trustees.

#### **Registered Address**

1 Down Barn Close  
Winterbourne Gunner  
Salisbury  
Wiltshire  
SP4 6JP

#### **Review of Activities**

The Charity was established to promote the preservation of the species of bird known as The Great Bustard. Birds have been reintroduced to the UK each year beginning in 2004 and a small population now lives in the Salisbury Plain area. An area of land is rented on Salisbury Plain and this was fenced off in 2004 to provide a safe and secure release site for the birds each year. The Great Bustard Group is also working with other Great Bustard projects throughout the world to help safeguard this iconic species.

#### **Financial Review**

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and comply with the relevant provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) and comply with statutory requirements.

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**Trustees Report**

**For the year ended 31st March 2024**

National Westminster Bank Plc  
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Chairman of the Trustees

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Great Bustard Group for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 28(5) of the Charities Act (the 2006 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 28(4) (a) of the 2006 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 28 of the 2006 Act); and
- to 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2023 Total £
Donations and gift aid tax credit	71,562	29,688	101,250	117,833
Membership fees	17,427	-	17,427	17,071
Grants –CJRS	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>88,989</u>	<u>29,688</u>	<u>118,677</u>	<u>134,904</u>
Operating activities to generate funds	36,073	-	36,073	30,040
Sales of cards, ties, booklets and events	17,585	-	17,585	17,200
Disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
	<u>142,646</u>	<u>29,688</u>	<u>172,335</u>	<u>182,144</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of sales including charitable activities	15,760	-	15,760	5,798
Project costs (including egg collecting)	46,906	7,900	54,806	61,465
Project salaries	62,953	21,788	84,741	70,375
Publicity and website	1,206	-	1,206	12,487
Office costs	9,838	-	9,838	6,958
Depreciation	5,560	-	5,560	6,760
	<u>142,222</u>	<u>29,688</u>	<u>171,910</u>	<u>163,843</u>
<b>Management and Administration</b>				
Independent examiners and accountancy fee	672	-	672	745
	<u>672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>745</u>
Total resources expended	<u>142,894</u>	<u>29,688</u>	<u>172,582</u>	<u>164,588</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	- 248	- -	248	17,556
Movement between Reserves				
Reserves at 1st April 2023	<u>69,280</u>		<u>69,280</u>	<u>51,724</u>
Reserves at 31st March 2024	<u>69,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,032</u>	<u>69,280</u>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	4		20,420		24,831
Intangible assets	5		153		-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stock		9,633		9,810	
Debtors		1,795		1,362	
Cash at bank		39,657		33,949	
		<u>51,085</u>		<u>45,121</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Accruals & Other Creditors		2,625		672	
		<u>2,625</u>		<u>672</u>	
			<u>48,460</u>		<u>44,449</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>69,032</u>		<u>69,280</u>
<b>General funds</b>			69,032		69,280
<b>Restricted funds</b>			-		-
			<u>69,032</u>		<u>69,280</u>

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## Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### 1. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 2005) on an accruals basis; income and expenditure is included if receivable or payable within the period.

### 2. Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions with the Trustees during the year.

### 3. Independent Examination

The cost of the independent examination totalled £672 (2023- £672)

### 4. Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged at the following rates with the aim of writing off the costs of fixed assets over their useful lives:

	Plant and machinery Motor vehicles	10% straight line 25% reducing balance	
	Plant and machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost			
At 1st April 2023	48,026	34,800	82,826
Additions	3,080		3,080
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2024	<u>51,106</u>	<u>34,800</u>	<u>85,906</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2023	38,328	19,667	57,995
Charge for the year	1,955	3,783	5,738
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2024	<u>40,283</u>	<u>23,450</u>	<u>63,733</u>
Net book values			
At 31st March 2024	<u>10,823</u>	<u>11,350</u>	<u>22,173</u>
At 1st April 2023	<u>9,698</u>	<u>15,133</u>	<u>24,831</u>



## 5. Intangible Assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation over 10 years.

Cost	
At 1st April 2023	
Additions	170
Disposals	
At 31st March 2024	<u>170</u>
Depreciation	
At 1st April 2023	
Charge for the year	17
Disposals	
At 31st March 2024	<u>17</u>
Net book values	
At 31st March 2024	<u><u>153</u></u>
At 1st April 2023	0