

**THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP**

**ACCOUNTS**

**31ST MARCH 2025**

**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 2025**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

#### **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 2025**

National Westminster Bank Plc  
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Independent Examiner

Mrs C Smith FCCA  
Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd  
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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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 2025, 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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## THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Donations and gift aid tax credit	92,794	28,174	120,968	101,250
Membership fees	16,337	-	16,337	17,427
Grants –CJRS	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
	109,131	28,174	137,305	118,677
Operating activities to generate funds	36,406	-	36,406	36,073
Sales of cards, ties, booklets and events	18,352	-	18,352	17,585
Disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
	163,889	28,174	192,062	172,335
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of sales including charitable activities	8,045	-	8,045	15,760
Project costs (including egg collecting)	71,206	15,844	87,050	54,806
Project salaries	74,904	12,330	87,233	84,741
Publicity and website	682	-	682	1,206
Office costs	7,704	-	7,704	9,838
Depreciation	4,862	-	4,862	5,560
	167,403	28,174	195,576	171,910
<b>Management and Administration</b>				
Independent examiners and accountancy fee	714	-	714	672
	714	-	714	672
Total resources expended	168,117	28,174	196,290	172,582
Net receipts/(payments)	- 4,228	- -	4,228 -	248
Movement between Reserves				
Reserves at 1st April 2024	69,032	-	69,032	69,280
Reserves at 31st March 2025	64,804	-	64,804	69,032

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	17,994	20,420
Intangible assets	5	136	153
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		10,124	9,633
Debtors		1,969	1,795
Cash at bank		37,237	39,657
		<u>49,330</u>	<u>51,085</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accruals & Other Creditors		<u>2,656</u>	<u>2,625</u>
		2,656	2,625
		<u>46,673</u>	<u>48,460</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>64,804</u></u>	<u><u>69,032</u></u>
<b>General funds</b>		64,804	69,032
<b>Restricted funds</b>		-	-
		<u>64,804</u>	<u>69,032</u>

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## Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### 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 £714 (2024- £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 2024	49,158	34,800	83,958
Additions	2,420		2,420
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2025	<u>51,578</u>	<u>34,800</u>	<u>86,378</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2024	40,088	23,450	63,538
Charge for the year	2,007	2,838	4,845
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2025	<u>42,095</u>	<u>26,288</u>	<u>68,383</u>
Net book values			
At 31st March 2025	<u>9,482</u>	<u>8,512</u>	<u>17,994</u>
At 1st April 2024	<u>9,070</u>	<u>11,350</u>	<u>20,420</u>



## 5. Intangible Assets

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

### Cost

At 1st April 2024	170
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### Additions

### Disposals

At 31st March 2025	<u>170</u>
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### Depreciation

At 1st April 2024	17
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Charge for the year	17
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### Disposals

At 31st March 2025	<u>34</u>
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### Net book values

At 31st March 2025	<u>136</u>
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At 1st April 2024	<u>153</u>
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