

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2023
for
Essex Birdwatching Society

Connah Goldsworthy
Chartered Certified Accountants
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The Essex Birdwatching Society

Trustees' Annual Report

Trustees

Mr G W F Johnson
Mr P R Dwyer
Mr A G Harbott
Mr A J Bryce
Mr A J Rutland
Ms K Tomlinson
Mr S D Wood
Mr S J Grimwade
Mr A C Gales

Registered Charity Number

1142734

Registered Office

4 Bunting Close
Chelmsford
CM2 8XR

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc

Accountants

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Governing Document

Constitution adopted on 5th March 2010

Objectives and activities

The Charity's Objects are to promote for the benefit of the public, conservation, education, knowledge and protection in relation to wild birds in the ceremonial county of Essex including the areas of unitary authorities and in the London Boroughs of Barking, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

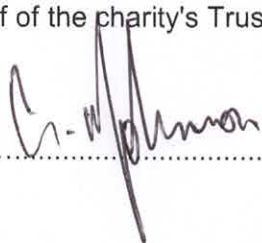
Statement of policy on reserves

The Society is required to hold sufficient funds in the Unrestricted Funds to cover the cost of the publications for one year, (consisting of two editions of Essex Birding and one Essex Bird Report), plus necessary administration expenses (consisting of a Liability Insurance Policy and Independent Examiner's Fees), for the year of the financial statements, plus a contingency of the above costs of 15%. The estimated cost for this is £16,000 and the Committee is satisfied that funds will be available.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Hon Chairman



Date... 03/04/24 ..

ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the society for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5) (b) of the Act, 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 my 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 section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the 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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E C PARKER FCCA
Connah Goldsworthy

Dated: 03/04/2024

ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

Statement of receipts and payments

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior Year Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Subscriptions	11,023	-	11,023	10,185
Voluntary Income and gift aid	4,499	-	4,499	1,990
Activities for generating funds	23,389	-	23,389	14,992
Investment Income	376	-	376	50
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	39,287	-	39,287	27,217
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating voluntary income	27,557	-	27,557	32,775
Goverance costs	444	-	444	420
Other incidental expenses	2,496	-	2,496	4,158
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	30,497	-	30,497	37,353
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	8,790	-	8,790	(10,136)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR	50,262	-	50,262	60,398
TOTAL CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	59,052	-	59,052	50,262

ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
CASH FUNDS				
Cash held at bank	59,052	-	<u>59,052</u>	<u>50,262</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			59,052	40,216
Restricted funds			-	-
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>59,052</u>	<u>40,216</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees
on 03/07/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Hon Chairman.....

Hon Secretary.....

Hon Treasurer.....

**ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER**

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ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY
CASH STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

January 1st 2023

Balance on Current Account Brought Forward	8,258
Balance on Business Premium Account **7724 Brought Forward	14,201
Balance on PayPal Account Brought Forward	0
Balance on Metro Bank Instant Account Brought Forward	26,308
Balance on Field Meetings Cash Float Brought Forward	60
Balance on Bradwell Bird Observatory Account Brought Forward	1,435
	50,262

December 31st 2023

Balance on Current Account Carried Forward	15,712
Balance on Business Premium Account **7724 Carried Forward	15,248
Balance on PayPal Account Carried Forward	170
Balance on Metro Bank Instant Account Carried Forward	26,547
Balance on Field Meetings Cash Float Carried Forward	60
Balance on Bradwell Bird Observatory Account Carried Forward	1,316
	59,052

ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023****Bank Reconciliation**

	£	£
Balance as per Current Acc Statement		15,711.74
Balance on PayPal Account		170.24
Balance as per Bus Premium Acc **7724 Statement		15,247.96
Balance as per Bus Premium Acc **0696 Statement		0.00
Balance as per Metro Bank Deposit Account		26,547.24
Balance as per Metro Instant Bank Account		0.00
Balance as per Bradwell Bird Observatory Statement		1,315.74
Balance held in Field meetings Cash Float		60.00
		<u><u>59,052.92</u></u>

Proof

Balance b/fwd Current Account	8,257.88
Balance b/fwd Bus Premium Acc *7724 Statement	14,201.58
Balance b/fwd Metro Instant Bank Account	26,307.74
Balance as per Bradwell Bird Observatory Statement	1,434.86
Balance held in Field meetings Cash Float	<u>60.00</u>
	50,262.06
Income	<u>39,286.79</u>
	89,548.85
Expenditure	30,495.93
	<u><u>59,052.92</u></u>