

Registered Charity Number : 1142734

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024
for
Essex Birdwatching Society

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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
Mr M Turner appointed 4th April 2023
Mrs S E Watts appointed 4th April 2023

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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 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 area 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..... 7/3/25

ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the society for year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on page 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 Direction 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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Dated: 10/03/2025

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Statement of Receipts and payments For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Subscriptions	11,139	-	11,139	11,023
Voluntary income and gift aid	171	-	171	4,499
Activities for generating funds	27,330	-	27,330	23,389
Investment Income	530	-	530	376
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	39,170	-	39,170	39,287
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating voluntary income	29,389	-	29,389	27,557
Governance costs	450	-	450	444
Other incidental expenses	3,434	-	3,434	2,496
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	33,273	-	33,273	30,497
NET INCOME(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	5,897	-	5,897	8,790
Total Cash funds last year	59,052	-	59,052	50,262
TOTAL CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	64,949	-	64,949	59,052

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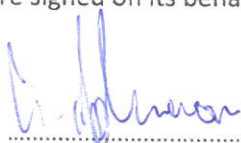
Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31st December 2024

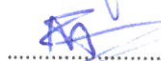
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
CASH FUNDS				
Cash held at bank	64,949	-	64,949	59,052
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			64,949	59,052
Restricted funds			-	-
TOTAL FUNDS			64,949	59,052

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

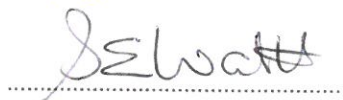
Hon Chairman



Hon Secretary



Hon Treasurer



ESSEX BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY
 RECEIPTS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Receipts	2024	2023	Payments	2024	2023
Subscriptions Received	11,139	11,024	Lecture Fees	608	692
Donations	171	2,273	Room Hire Meeting	289	271
Gift Aid	-	2,215	Report Cost	6,592	6,365
Sales of Birds Report	83	53	Essex Birding Costs	10,414	9,670
Essex Birds Sales	-	5	Officers' expenses	389	-
Field Meetings	5,996	7,040	Insurance	379	330
Lectures	517	479	Field trips	4,800	5,945
Conference Tickets	3,700	50	Grants	1,508	1,520
Conference Raffle	1,317	0	Mailchimp/Zoom Subscriptions	457	402
Ringing Group	355	0	Sweatshirt	-	798
BDO Donations	78	44	Merchandise	319	1,564
Victuals			Badges & Car Stickers	310	
Car Sticker				26,065	27,556
Essex Field Club fees	14,373	12,976			
Birdwaters Yearbook					
Gift Aid/ Net Covenantants Received					
Sweat Shirt Sales					
Merchandise	911	1,406			
Advertising		910			
Pin Badges		51			
Bank Interest	530	376			
				7,208	2,940
				<u>33,273</u>	<u>30,496</u>
				5,891	8,790
	<u>39,170</u>	<u>39,287</u>		<u>39,170</u>	<u>39,287</u>
			Excess of income over expenditure		

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 RECEIPTS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

January 1st 2024

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

December 31st 2024

Balance on Current Account Carried Forward	20,466
Balance on Business Premium Account Carried Forward	16,322
Balance pn PayPal Account Carried Forward	-
Balance on Metro Bank Instant Account Carried Forward	26,844
Balance on Field Meetings Cash Float Carried Forward	60
Balance on Bradwell Bird Observatory Account Carried Forward	1,257
	64,949

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Bank Reconciliation

	£
Balance as per Current Acc Statement	20,465.63
Balance on PayPal Account	-
Balance as per Bus Premium Acc **7724 Statement	16,321.70
Balance as per Bus Premium Acc **0696 Statement	-
Balance as per Metro Bank Deposit Account	26,844.42
Balance as per Metro Instant Bank Account	-
Balance as per Bradwell Bird Observatory Statement	1,256.96
Balance held in Field meetings Cash Float	60.00
	<u><u>64,948.71</u></u>

Proof

Balance b/fwd Current Account	15,711.74
Balance b/fwd PayPal Account	170.24
Balance b/fwd Bus Premium Acc 887724 Statement	15,247.96
Balance b/fwd Metro Instant Bank Account	26,547.24
Balance as per Bradwell Bird Observatory Statement	1,315.74
Balance held in Field meetings Cash Float	60.00
	<u>59,052.92</u>
Income	<u>39,168.70</u>
	<u>98,221.62</u>
Expenditure	33,272.91
	<u><u>64,948.71</u></u>