

# THE BISHOP'S WALTHAM NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1156703

## Details

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**Other names** NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-04-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

**Activities:** Restoration and conservation of the Bishops Waltham North Pond. Including:- Initial restoration, improvement and ongoing maintenance- Enhancement of the conservation area for plants and wildlife- Enhancement of the visual amenity for the benefit of the Parish- Involvement of local people and organisations in the restoration and conservation- Collaboration with the South Pond management

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** HAMPSHIRE
- Hampshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£1,871	£939	-	-
2024-11-30	£156	£1,375	-	-
2023-11-30	£647	£7,571	-	-
2022-11-30	£22,430	£11,314	-	-
2021-11-30	£650	£255	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr BARRY RONALD JEROME</b>	Chair	2014-03-17
Colin Eddie Bown		2022-10-26
David McLean		2020-12-16
ERIC CLIFFORD BIRBECK		2014-03-17
GILL OVERTON		2015-01-07
Gary Frederick Potheary		2022-10-26
John Leonard Moore		2014-05-15
John Marfield Dixie		2025-01-29

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# Accounts

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## The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

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#### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th November 2025

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#### The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group Report of the Management Committee for the Year ended 30 November 2025

The Management Committee presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2025.

#### Reference and Administrative Information

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Charity registration number: 1156703

Registered Office: Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hants. SO32 1ED

Office Address: "Rareridge", Rareridge Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1DX

#### Principal activity

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The management committee are mainly trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993. Those not trustees are co-opted members. An AGM was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and the current committee members were confirmed in their roles.

The following persons were in office at 30th November 2025.

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Account 20-11-43, 43301656, Community Account

### Results of the Financial Year 2025

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £1,871, (2024: £156).

Net expenses for the year £939, (2024: £1,375)

The Charity is a “not for profit organisation”, Funds are raised through donations and grants.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows:

Accumulated funds of £30,002 as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, (30<sup>th</sup> November 2024: £29,421).

All assets of the charity are used in the direct furtherance of the charity’s objectives.

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#### Purposes, Aims, and Outcomes

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Autumn/Winter work parties restarted in September 2025. The focus for the autumn was to cut back the Willow trees which are encroaching from the sides and reducing the pond area. The centre of the pond was originally opened up to allow light to reach plants and animals when restoration began. This has not been possible for the last three years when the water returned early, the trees have encroached considerably over that time.

Transfer of ownership of the Hampshire County Council (HCC) owned part of the North Pond to the BWNPCG was agreed in November 2021. Implementing this is continuing in the background as a low priority HCC activity.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our current and future activities. In particular, the trustees considered how the 2025 planned activities have contributed to the aims and objectives of the charity.

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The focus of our activities continues to be the enhancement of the North Pond area and enhancement of the viewing areas. Alongside this is the maintenance of the trees, woodland and water channels. In particular the outflow sluice has to be cleared of debris every week.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

#### Who used and benefitted from our Services

Members of the community now extensively use the new picnic area and the children delight in feeding the ducks. This has been encouraging and additional display panels, describing the history of the area, have been installed. Birds, animals and insects are more abundant and have also benefitted from our activity. Equal access to our areas is an important issue for us and we have ensured that there is adequate access for wheelchairs, baby buggies and the disabled. Children's educational activities are encouraged to understand the habitat and pond life and be aware of the effect our project has had on the environment. The Scouts and Guides include the pond and its maintenance in their activities.

#### How the community and wildlife have benefitted

From observations by the public and our own members, we have noticed an increase in the numbers and types of birdlife and insects that now frequent the North Pond. Nuthatches were seen for the first time, and ringed to monitor numbers. It has become very obvious that the pond work activity helps motivate pride and self help in the community and improves the environment.

### **Financial Review**

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### **Investment and Reserves Policy**

#### Investment Policy

The charity's funds are all in immediate access accounts to enable the charity to act swiftly to take opportunities when they occur. However the trustees have agreed that the greater part of the charity's funds should be moved to an account earning interest and this was implemented during the year.

#### Reserves Policy

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### **Plans for Future Periods**

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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### Governing Document, GDPR, Safeguarding, Diversity and Governance

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Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity.

Additionally, new trustees are vetted by the committee prior to being invited for election. They are then advised to view on-line a series of short training sessions, provided by the Charity Commission to familiarise themselves with responsibilities of a trustee of the charity and the context within which it operates. They must read annually and understand:

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Constitution, Governance, and Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and other Policies
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts
- Future plans and objectives

### **Risk Management**

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A Risk Assessment has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety, and safeguarding, equality and diversity of volunteers and third parties and internal financial controls. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

### **Responsibilities of the Management Committee**

The law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. There is a policy defining Committee Roles and Responsibilities. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee has followed best practice to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,  
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,  
and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charity will continue, on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity Commission also requires the organisation to have Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policies and a governance policy. These are in place.

### **Members of the Management Committee**

Members of the Management Committee, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

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### Fair Value to the Community

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group values the help of the community. During the 2024-25 financial year a total of 492 volunteer hours were given at work parties. At minimum wage this equates to £6,007 and we would like the community to know that from inception a total work party hour's equivalent value of £83,985 has been donated to the pond. This does not include the time that the committee gives voluntarily for administration of the charities activities. Also, money donations to the value of some £52,870 have been applied to the project. This means that a total £142,856 has been given to preserve the pond, to the end of the accounting year 2025.

### Certification of the Accounts

In accordance with the law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

In so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's examiner is unaware

and

As the directors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant examining information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

### Accounts Examination

Mr R Breach, who is an independent professional person, has examined the accounts. They were signed off on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### Reportable Incidences

No incidents occurred during the Financial Year 2025 that are of a nature reportable to the Charity Commission.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on XXXXXX 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



**Dr. B Jerome**  
Trustee and Chairman

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**Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Statement of Financial Affairs for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Bucket collections	101	0
Individual donations	40	114
Grants received - Sand Martin project	700	0
Donations - Sand Martin project	917	0
Gift aid	0	0
Book sales	54	42
Bank interest	59	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>1871</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Administration and pond maintenance	939	1375
Book publishing	0	0
Sand Martin project	0	0
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1375</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>-1219</b>

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Balance Sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Current Assets	2025		2024
Stock of books (at cost)	197	Balance brought forward	29421
Cash at bank	30002	Gain for year ending 30/11/25	932
Debtors	0	Book stock reduced to cost	-154
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			

**Current Liabilities**  
**Total Current Liabilities** 0

**Current Assets less Liabilities 30199** **30199**

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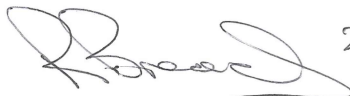


29/12/2025

John Dixie  
Treasurer

Date

I have examined these accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.  
No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the accounting requirements under this act have not been met.



29-12-2025

Robin Breach  
Independent Examiner

Date

## The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th November 2025

- Charity Status:** The organisation is a registered charity, number 1156703.
- Accounting Policies:** The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities. The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 476 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies. Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.
- Cash at Bank:**

	2025	2024
Barclays Plc Community Account 03611604	£0	£27,185
Barclays Plc Business Premium Account 93426858	£ 28,061	£0
Barclays Plc Community Account 43301656	£1,942	£1,885

Account 03611604 was closed during the year and the funds transferred to account 93426858.  
Barclays changed the name of account 43301656.
- Gains and Losses:** The Charity recorded a net gain of £932 in 2025.
- Directors' Remuneration:** No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to any of the management committee during the year, except for those incurred as allowed by the charity's constitution. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.
- Taxation:** As a charity The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity's 2025 tax year.
- Funds:** (In two bank accounts) The Dukes Reserve Fund was established to fund pond maintenance for at least 20 years.  
Of the £30,002 in the bank accounts £7,617 is reserved for specific projects and £22,385 is available for general expenditure.
- Continuity of Activities:** The Charity operates on the basis that it generates sufficient funds from voluntary income and its reserves to cover costs.

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### **Investment and Reserves Policy**

#### Investment Policy

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Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,  
and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to

## **The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group**

assume that the charity will continue, on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity Commission also requires the organisation to have Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policies and a governance policy. These are in place.

### **Members of the Management Committee**

Members of the Management Committee, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

### **Fair Value to the Community**

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group values the help of the community. During the 2023-24 financial year a total of 391 volunteer hours were given at work parties. At minimum wage this equates to £4,473 and we would like the community to know that from inception a total work party hour's equivalent value of £83,988 has been donated to the pond. This does not include the time that the committee gives voluntarily for administration of the charities activities. Also, money donations to the value of some £51,000 have been applied to the project. This means that a total £134,988 has been given to preserve the pond, to the end of the accounting year 2024.

### **Certification of the Accounts**

In accordance with the law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

In so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's examiner is unaware

and

As the directors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant examining information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

### **Accounts Examination**

Mr R Breach, who is an independent professional person, has examined the accounts. They were signed off on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **Reportable Incidences**

No incidents occurred during the Financial Year 2024 that are of a nature reportable to the Charity Commission.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

## The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

Approved by the Management Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Jerome', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Dr. B Jerome**  
Trustee and Chairman

**Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group  
Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Bucket collections	0	0	
Individual donations	114	100	
Grants received	0	0	
Organisation contributions, loan repaid	0	391	
Fund transfers	0	0	
Gift aid	0	0	
Book sales	42	156	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	156	647	
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Administration and pond maintenance	1375	636	
Book publishing	0	413	
Fund transfers	0	0	
BREEAM project	0	6523	
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	1375	7572	
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	-1219	-6925	

## **The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group**

## The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

- 1 **Charity Status:** The organisation is a registered charity, number 1156703.
- 2 **Accounting Policies:** The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities. The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by the Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 476 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.  
Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.
- 3 **Cash at Bank:**

	2024	2023
Barclays Plc Community Account 03611604	£27,185	£27,255
Barclays Plc Charity Account 43301656	£1,885	£3,075
- 4 **Gains and losses:** The charity recorded a net loss of £1,219 in 2024.
- 5 **Directors' remuneration:** No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to any of the management committee, except as allowed by the charity's constitution. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.
- 6 As a charity the Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charges have arisen in the charity's 2024 tax year.
- 7 Funds: (in 2 bank accounts) The Dukes Reserve Fund was established to fund pond maintenance for at least 20 years.
- 8 **Continuity of Activities:** The charity operates on the basis that it generates sufficient funds from voluntary income and its reserves to cover costs.

#### Additional Notes

- 1 All figures are rounded to the appropriate whole number of pounds sterling, as required for the submission to HMRC.
- 2 Income this year was primarily from donations, plus a small amount from continuing sales of a book about the restoration of the north pond. There were no grants for special projects this year.
- 3 Administrative and maintenance costs comprised charges for room hire for meetings, public liability insurance, bank charges, purchase of consumables for pond maintenance, and publicity at the Rotary Club Carnival.

**THE BISHOP'S WALTHAM NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1156703

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name

Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

**On accounts for the year ended**

30 November 2023

**Charity no (if any)**

1156703

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:** Robin Breach

**Date:** 10/09/2024

**Name:** Robin Breach FILSA

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

Incorporated Society of Trade Auditors

**Address:**

6 Cherry Gardens

Bishops Waltham

Southampton, SO32 1SE

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

No (if any)

BW North Pond Conservation Group

1156703

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Dec-22	To	Period end date 30-Nov-23
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bucket Collections	-	-	-	-	48
Individual Donations	100	-	-	100	2,359
BREEAM Donations	-	-	-	-	10,000
Loan repaid	391	-	-	391	-
Fund Transfers	-	-	-	-	10,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Book Sales	156	-	-	156	14
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>22,421</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>22,421</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscriptions	56	-	-	56	27
Insurance	147	-	-	147	180
BREEAM Expenditure	-	-	-	-	509
Tools and Repairs	193	-	-	193	23
Applications and Fees	-	-	-	116	20
Project Costs	6,523	-	-	6,523	304
Hall Hire, Leaflets, Displays	-62	-	-	62	70
Book Costs	413	-	-	413	-
Admin and Web Site	62	-	-	62	190
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>1,323</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>1,323</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>21,098</b>
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end				-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>21,098</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Maintenance Fund Reserve	-	18,304	-
	Defined Projects	-	12,020	-
	Unallocated Funds	11	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30,324</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Moore, Treasurer	05/03/2024

**The Bishops Waltham  
North Pond Conservation Group**

Charity No. 1156703

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th November 2023**

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The Management Committee presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2023.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name:

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group (The BWNPCG)

Charity registration number: 1156703

Registered Office: Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hants SO32 1ED

Office Address: "Rareridge", Rareridge Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1DX

### **Principal activity**

The group's principal activity is to manage and maintain the Area known as the Bishops Waltham North Pond. This area is owned in various parts by BWNPCG, Winchester CC and Hampshire County Council. The area, by agreement, is managed and maintained by BWNPCG for its protection and the enjoyment of the local community.

### **Management Committee**

The management committee are mainly trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993. Those not trustees are co-opted members. The 2023 AGM will be conducted on Wednesday, 26 June, 7 for 7:30 start and the current committee members will be confirmed in their roles.

The following persons were in office at 30th November 2023.

Barry Jerome (Trustee and Chairman)

Martin Wiltshire (Trustee)

Eric Birbeck (Trustee and Vice Chairman)

John Moore (Trustee and Treasurer)

Colin Bown (Trustee)

David McLean (Trustee)

Jenny Williams (Membership Secretary)

Gary Potheary (Trustee)

### **Changes to Trustees and committee in 2023 confirmed at AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

No changes in this financial year.

### **Bankers and Bank Accounts**

– Barclays Plc, 20-97-01, 03611604, Community Banking, PO Box 10215, Wigston, LE18 9EY

– Barclays Plc, 20-11-43, 43301656, Business Banking (Charity)

### **Results of the Financial Year 2023**

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £646.50, (2022: £22,420.48).

Net expenses for the year £7,571.28, (2022: £11,322.41)

(Note: The funds for this year's expenditure were raised in 2022)

The Charity is a "not for profit organisation", Funds are raised through donations and grants.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows:

Accumulated funds of £30,334.96, as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (30th November 2022: £37,231.24).

All assets of the charity are used in the direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

## **Our Aims and objectives**

### Purposes, Aims, and Outcomes

Our charity's purposes are to act as stewards and managers of the Area known as the Bishops Waltham North Pond. We aim to achieve these objectives by recruiting members of the local community and involving them in fund raising and work parties. Work on and around the North Pond is required throughout the year to maintain the trees and clear the water channels to avoid flooding. In 2018 the large project to remove silt from areas of the pond to retain water all year round, was successfully completed. By way of further explanation, the pond is seasonal and fed from springs further up the valley; consequently, it is usually full in the winter months and dries up in summer. Fish get trapped in the receding waters and die, much to the distress of the community. All year water has enabled the fish to be saved and moved to the nearby permanent fishing pond. Over 120 community members have signed up to our organisation and support our work. The volunteers are administered and directed by the Work Party Organiser, Barry Jerome, or an appointed qualified deputy. For the year 2023 the Trust concentrated on generally improving the viewing area and surrounds, removing fallen trees and other maintenance tasks as required.

### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review (The Chairman's Report) looked at what we have achieved in 2023 and our plan for the coming year.

COVID-19 continued to have some effect on activities for the year. It was decided not to hold an AGM at the usual time in January 2022 as Covid cases were still high in the winter months. Committee members agreed to continue in their roles. An AGM was held in June 2022 and was well attended by members of the public and the election of committee members was held.

Work parties were back to normal after the previous restrictions due to Covid. Many Woodcrete nest boxes were purchased and put up around the pond, financed by the BREEAM funds. Autumn work parties were able to clear the channel, after 3 years of not being able to carry out that work. Wildlife has continued to take advantage of the pond holding water all year. Many water birds have been present throughout the year and Moorhens seem to have had a population explosion. Following lengthy negotiations with Hampshire CC and Bishops Waltham Gardening Club, a site was agreed, at the entrance to the railway path, for the final Railway Information Board which was installed.

Transfer of ownership of the Hampshire CC owned part of the North Pond to the BWNPCG was agreed in November 2021. Implementing this is continuing in the background as a low priority HCC activity.

Memorial trees which were planted in memory of Alan Inder and Matt Davison were maintained and are growing well.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our current and future activities. In particular, the trustees considered how the 2023 planned activities have contributed to the aims and objectives of the charity.

## **The Focus of our Activities**

The focus of our activities continues to be the enhancement of the North Pond area and creation of a new viewing area. Alongside this is the maintenance of the trees, woodland and water channels. Another area of great concern is the welfare of the wildlife that uses the North Pond, and bird and bat nesting boxes will be installed as part of further planned conservation and BREEAM work.

In 2023 the activities were focused on improving the public viewing area stopping water erosion of its banks and general maintenance. The outflow sluice has to be cleared of debris every week. Our work parties had to carry out more work on the grass area and sow fresh grass seed; plant willow saplings along the water side of the area and regenerate the wildflower meadow.

## **How our activities deliver public benefit**

### Who used and benefitted from our Services

Members of the community now extensively use the new picnic area and the children delight in feeding the ducks. This has been encouraging and additional display panels, describing the history of the area, have been installed. Birds, animals and insects are more abundant and have also benefitted from our activity. Equal access to our areas is an important issue for us and we have ensured that there is adequate access for wheelchairs, baby buggies and the disabled. Children's educational activities are encouraged to understand the habitat and pond life and be aware of the effect our project has had on the environment. The Scouts and Guides include the pond and its maintenance in their activities.

## **Quote from the Head of Winchester City Council, Landscapes and Open Spaces:**

*“The North Pond Conservation Group is one of the best examples of a conservation volunteer group I have seen, and the North Pond restoration shows what can be achieved by volunteers when they have the drive and passion to turn their ideas into practice”*

### How the community and wildlife have benefitted

From observations by the public and our own members, we have noticed an increase in the numbers and types of birdlife and insects that now frequent the North Pond. It has become very obvious that the pond work activity helps motivate pride and self help in the community and improves the environment.

### **Financial Review**

We are an entirely voluntary organisation with hands-on Trustees, most of who are involved either in the work parties or behind the scenes with administration. Finances are reviewed against budget at each management meeting (usually every two months), where actual spending is compared to budget. The charity is fortunate in having a fund set aside for pond maintenance. This fund is planned to last for at least twenty years with a budgeted amount of £800 set aside for yearly maintenance. Some years this may go over budget, usually due to emergency tree maintenance, this is then clawed back over future years or with fund raising. Large projects have targeted fund raising, with the money raised prior to the work commencing. Our policy is to have the money in hand prior to the start of any planned work.

### Principal Funding Sources

From its inception the charity's funds have come from a wide range of donors, Winchester CC, Bishops Waltham PC, TESCO Bags of Help, Budgens Supermarket, The Solar Farm, individual donors, Amey, The Winchester Mayor's fund, BREEAM fund and many others.

### **Investment and Reserves Policy**

#### Investment Policy

The charity's funds are all in current accounts and due to the low rate of interest available the trustees have agreed that the money should not be moved in this financial year. This policy will be reviewed next year to see if there is a case for long term investment.

#### Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves and is satisfied that the maintenance reserve will last for the planned 20 years at an average drawdown amount of £800 per year.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

The charity plans continuing conservation management and small projects, which include enhanced access to the water with an additional boarded area, for the North Pond in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The aims of these activities are to increase biodiversity while also further enhancing the area for the enjoyment of the local community and to increase educational opportunities.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### Governing Document, GDPR, Safeguarding, Diversity and Governance

The organisation is a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1156703. The governing document is the charity's constitution. We have completed our review of GDPR and have no incidents to report in 2023. During 2023 our Governance policy has been reviewed and updated in line with the recommendations of the charity commission as has our Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policy.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Management Committee is made up from the charity's trustees, who have indicated a willingness to serve on the committee, and co-opted committee members. The members of the Management Committee are re-elected annually at the AGM. The Trustees are elected to serve for a period of four years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

### **Trustee Induction and Training**

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity.

Additionally, new trustees are vetted by the committee prior to being invited for election. They are then advised to view on-line a series of short training sessions, provided by the Charity Commission to familiarise themselves with responsibilities of a trustee of the charity and the context within which it operates. They must read annually and understand:

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Constitution, Governance, and Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and other Policies
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts
- Future plans and objectives

### Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A Risk Assessment has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety, and safeguarding, equality and diversity of volunteers and third parties and internal financial controls. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

### **Responsibilities of the Management Committee**

The law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. There is a policy defining Committee Roles and Responsibilities. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee has followed best practice to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charity will continue, on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity Commission also requires the organisation to have Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policies and a governance policy. These are in place.

### Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

### **Fair Value to the Community**

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group values the help of the community and would like them to know that from inception a total hour's equivalent value of £75,607 of work time has been donated to the pond. Also, money donations to the value of £50,862 have been applied to the project. This means that a total £126,469 has been given to preserve the pond, to the end of the accounting year 2023.

### **Certification of the Accounts**

In accordance with the law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

- In so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's examiner is unaware
- and

- As the directors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant examining information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

## **Accounts Examination**

An independent professional person, has examined the accounts. They were signed off on 10 March 2023.

## **Reportable Incidences**

No incidents occurred during the Financial Year 2023 that are of a nature reportable to the Charity Commission.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on 16 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**Dr. B Jerome**  
**Trustee and Chairman**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Bucket Collections		£0	£47
Individual Donations		£100	£2359
WCC BREEAM Donations		£0	£10000
Grants Received		£0	£0
Organisation Contributions, Loan Repaid		£391	£0
Fund Transfers		£0	£10000
Gift Aid		£0	£0
Book Sales		£156	£14
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>£647</u>	<u>£22420</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
BWNPCG Administration/Maintenance		£636	£531
Book Publishing		£413	£0
Fund Transfers		£0	£10000
Project Currently BREEAM		£6523	£813
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>		<u>£7571</u>	<u>£11322</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		-£6935	£11098

**The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.**

# BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock of Books		£415	£408
Cash at Bank		£30,289	
Debtors	1a	£20	£20
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>£30,724</u>	<u>£27,683</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	1b	£0	£0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>£30,724</u>	<u>£27,683</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Restricted Funds	2a	£30,739	£29,353
Unrestricted Funds		<u>-£15</u>	<u>-£1670</u>
		<u>£30,724</u>	<u>£27,683</u>

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the management committee on 16 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



**J.L. Moore**  
Trustee and Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

1. **CHARITY STATUS**

The organisation is a registered CIO charity, number 1156703

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) **Basis of preparation of financial statements.** The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities. The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 476 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.
- (b) **Donations and voluntary income.** Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

3. **CASH AT BANK**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Barclays Plc Community Account 03611604	£27,255	£27,255
Barclays Plc Business Account 43301656	£ 3,075	£10,000
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4. **GAINS AND LOSSES**

The Charity recorded a net loss of -£6,925 in 2023.

5. **DIRECTORS REMUNERATION**

No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to any of the management committee during the year, except for those incurred as allowed by the charity's constitution.  
No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

6. **TAXATION**

As a charity, The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity's 2023 tax year.

7. **FUNDS** (In two bank accounts)

The Dukes Reserve Fund was established to fund pond maintenance for at least 20 years. It stands at £18,304 at year end 2023.  
Restricted funds of £30,739 have been reserved for defined projects  
The remaining funds of the charity as at year end 2023, -£15, are unrestricted.

8. **CONTINUITY OF ACTIVITIES**

The Charity operates on the basis that it generates sufficient funds from Voluntary income and its reserves to cover costs.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group  
BW North Pond Conservation Group

No (if any)  
1156703

CC16a


## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Dec-22	To	Period end date 30-Nov-23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bucket Collections	-	-	-	-	48
Individual Donations	100	-	-	100	2,359
BREEAM Donations	-	-	-	-	10,000
Loan repaid	391	-	-	391	-
Fund Transfers	-	-	-	-	10,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Book Sales	156	-	-	156	14
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>22,421</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>22,421</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscriptions	56	-	-	56	27
Insurance	147	-	-	147	180
BREEAM Expenditure	-	-	-	-	509
Tools and Repairs	193	-	-	193	23
Applications and Fees	116	-	-	116	20
Project Costs	6,523	-	-	6,523	304
Hall Hire, Leaflets, Displays	62	-	-	62	70
Book Costs	413	-	-	413	-
Admin and Web Site	62	-	-	62	190
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>1,323</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>1,323</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>21,098</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,924</b>	<b>21,098</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Maintenance Fund Reserve	-	18,304	-
	Defined Projects	-	12,020	-
	Unallocated Funds	11	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30,324</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		John Moore, Treasurer	05/03/2024	

**THE BISHOP'S WALTHAM NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1156703

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The Gwennili Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1049041

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: R.D Barnes

Date: 03/02/2023

Name: Roger David Barnes

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BSc(Eng), CEng, ACGI

Address: Giblet Ore, 2A Old Street

Hill Head, Hampshire

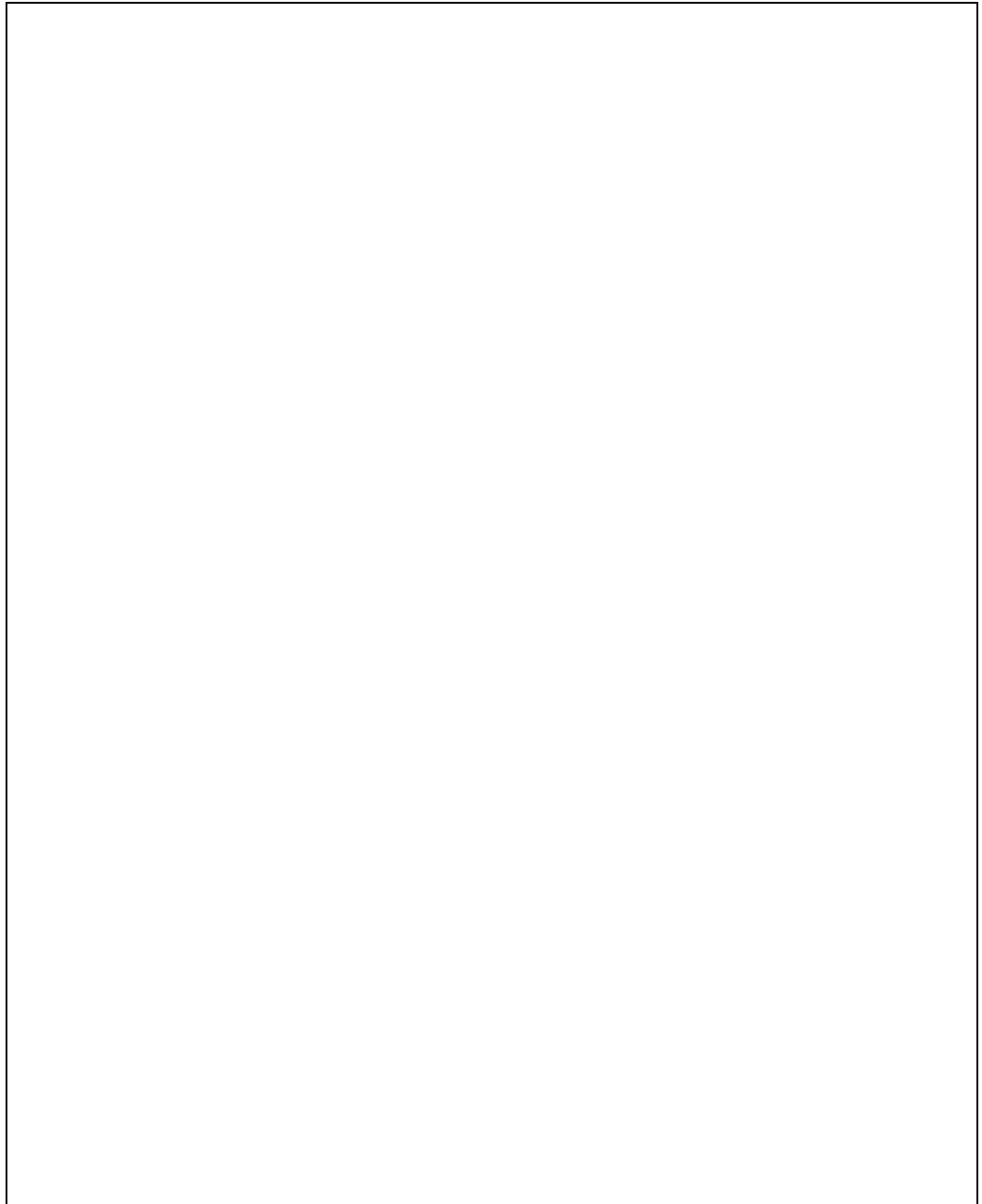
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



# **THE GWENNILI TRUST**

A company limited by guarantee

Charity No. 1049041

Company No. 03091887

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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## **Our Aims and objectives**

**Purposes and Aims:** Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

The relief of the physically or mentally disabled – in particular ex-service men and women – young persons and those in necessitous circumstances, by the provision of nautical, recreational, and educational facilities on board the vessel Gwennili or any similar vessel and training facility.

**Ensuring our work delivers our aims:** We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have taken note of the Charities SORP and the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

### **The Focus of our Activities in 2022**

Since 1995 the Gwennili Trust has provided for the relief of the physically and mentally disabled, in particular ex-Service people, offering respite and educational opportunities on board yachts. The primary beneficiaries for sail cruises are Personnel on Recovery Duty (PRD) personnel and military veterans. Sailing on the South Coast we have maintained the important relationship with the Personnel Recovery Centre at Tidworth in direct support of their PRD, similarly with the Personnel Recovery Unit in HMS Drake and PRD in HMS Raleigh. We've also taken personnel from PRC(N) at Catterick. We have supported STOLL with cruises and day sailing, the Not Forgotten Association, the Battle Back programme, the Alabare Trust (Boots on the Ground) and associated Armed Forces Breakfast Club members. Blind Veterans UK have sailed with us. We also accommodated individual veterans who approached us in person.

The Trust continues in partnership with the Disabled Sailors Association/RoRo and through sailing Spirit of Scott Bader for 68 day sails we have supported disabled children from Treloar College and from Crofton School, the adult beneficiaries were from Hampshire MS Support Group, Sailability groups, Strokeability groups, Spiral Blue, Karibu, Langdale Care, Norwood, veterans' outreach groups and PRD on recovery courses.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Trust uses yacht sailing activities to give relief, promote confidence and develop self reliance in physically or mentally disabled persons. This enables them to re-establish their sense of self worth and regain their place in society.

The 2022 season began in May and our sailing programme was completed on 11 November. We completed 146 days on yachts at sea, providing 408 day sail berths for disabled people and 57 berths each for 5 days on sail cruises. There were a significant number of people sailing more than once; of the 653 berths we provided 241 were taken by returners. A total of 392 people with disabilities sailed with the Trust in 2022.

### **How our clients benefitted**

Through sailing a yacht our beneficiaries (re)gain a sense of purpose, confidence and self-worth. Equal access to our activities is an important issue for us. We believe this to be vital to our success and that successful outcomes must be shared by all communities that use our services. Next season will be our 28<sup>th</sup> year and our greatest asset remains our team of volunteer Trustees, Skippers and Mates.

### **Cruising**

Next year 2023, the Trust plans to organise some 20 cruises in and from the Solent including to Weymouth all providing for the relief of those with disabilities who would not otherwise be able to participate in these activities. In 2023 the Trust will enter the Round The Island Race with a conventional yacht.

### **Blind Week Contribution**

Our annual contribution to Blind Week, hosted alternately by The Royal Lymington and Royal Cornwall Yacht Clubs is by the provision of a chartered yacht with a volunteer skipper, two mates and three visually impaired people as crew. In 2023 Blind Veterans UK will again sail with us. We also accommodate individual veterans who approach us in person.

### **Financial Review**

At the inception of the Trust we made two decisions which have proved fundamental to our success and continuing existence: we would not own any vessels (no marina or maintenance costs) and we would not employ anybody. This format has ensured that our funds are used exclusively to meet our Objectives.

### **A Voluntary Organisation**

We are an entirely voluntary organisation with six hands-on Trustees, some of whom are involved as Skippers or Mates during the sailing season (May to November) and in the Management Team throughout the year. This team includes Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Administrator, Day Sailing and Compliance Manager. In addition we now have a Fundraising co-ordinator. Our volunteers (40+) are the Trust's greatest asset. There are currently 9 Skippers and whilst our minimum qualification level is high, at MCA/RYA Yachtmaster Offshore with a Commercial Endorsement, a number of them hold even more advanced maritime certification. There are 25 people on the current Mates list, the minimum qualification is RYA Day Skipper though most are more highly qualified. It is heartening that several of these volunteers are new to the Trust and we look forward to welcoming them on board.

### **Principal Funding Sources**

Our funds this year have come from a wide range of donors and the Gwennili Trust is continually grateful for the charitable support provided to us. From 2022 and looking forward to the 2023 sailing season we acknowledge the generous assistance of:

- Preston Turnbull LLP
- Team Army
- The Veterans' Foundation
- Trinity House
- The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity
- ABF The Soldiers Charity
- The RAF Benevolent Fund
- The Rotary Club of London
- The Maurits Mulder Trust
- The Hammond Innes Bursary administered by ASTO
- The United Grand Lodge of England
- United Kingdom Sailing Academy.

Against the backdrop of limited resources and competition for funding, the Trust has continued to develop its services. With the aid of sound financial management and the support of the volunteers we try to generate a positive financial outcome for the period. However, in 2022 and due to increased charter costs, we made a loss of -£1,568. We also used up £15,000 of restricted funds carried over from 2020.

### **Investments**

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Trust's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Management Committee has examined the Trust's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the Trust. It has been established that a policy is needed, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be one year of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2022 was £58,560 but we are now expect to be spending more on the charter of yachts. Therefore, we have had to raise our target, which for 2023 is now £91,070 in general funds. Reserves are needed to underpin the working capital requirements of the Trust and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the Trust. However, the Management Committee is aware that at the start of 2023 we only had £28,835 in the bank. The Management Committee has also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should adverse circumstances arise.

The Trust plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing Document:** The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 7 September 1995. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

**Governance:** The Trust implemented GDPR in 2017 and we fully comply with its terms. There were no incidents in 2022 and the procedures and requirements were reviewed in 2022. Also in 2022 the Governance, Equality and Diversity, and Safeguarding policies were reviewed and where applicable, brought into line with the latest requirements of the Charity Commission.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee**

The six directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. This requirement has been complied with in 2022.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

### **Trustee and Committee Members Induction and Training**

Most trustees and committee members are already familiar with the practical work of the Trust. Additionally, all trustees are invited and encouraged to view a series of short training sessions (of no more than an hour) to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These cover:

- The obligations of Management Committee members,

- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Trust including the Memorandum and Articles, and Policies and Procedures (These must be read annually)

- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts

- Future plans and objectives.

For the Trustees, Directors and committee members a Question & Answer pack will be prepared drawing on information from the various Charity Commission publications signposted through the Commission's guide "the Essential Trustee" as a follow up to these sessions.

### **Risk Management**

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the Trust is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually, where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Trust faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and beneficiaries. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity. The Trust's Financial Controls are reviewed annually.

This year, 2022, the Trustees again reviewed the Charity Commission Internal Financial Controls check list. We have taken note of its contents and have reviewed our controls accordingly.

### **Responsibilities of the Management Committee**

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Members of the Management Committee**

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- In so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's examiner is unaware; and

- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant examining information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

### **Accounts Examination**

Mr R.D Barnes BSc(Eng), CEng, ACGI, formerly MD of a Siemens Plessey and a BAE Systems Company, has examined the accounts. They were signed off on 20 March 2022.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.P. Thornton', written in a cursive style.

**J. P. Thornton**  
Colonel (Retired)  
**Chairman, Trustee and Director**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations, Grants, Bursaries		£37,7620	£2,410
Contributions for charitable objectives		£9,935	£17987
Bank Interest		£69	£48
Contribution towards PR Items		£0	£0
Refunds / Transfers In		£25,194	£13,200
Total Incoming Resources		£72,817	£33,597
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>			
Charter Fees and related expenses		£60,022	£40,396
Refunds / Transfers Out		£11,003	£13,200
Insurance		£1,309	£1,309
Total Charitable Expenditure		£72,334	£54,905
<b>Management and administration of the charity</b>			
Printing, postage, stationary, marketing		£1,389	£669
Bank and Affiliation fees - ASA/ASTO		£662	£345
Total Resources Expended		£74,385	£55,919
Funds Transferred			
Net Incoming Resources		-£1,568	-£22,322
Fund Balances brought forward		£30,404	£52,726
Fund balances carried forward		£28,835	£30,404
Restricted Funds:		£25,100	£650
Unrestricted Funds:		£3,735	£29,754

**Note:**

**The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.**

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup>. DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock of PR Items	3	£0	£0
Cash on Deposit and at Bank	4	£28,835	£30,404
Debtors	5a	£ 500	£ 500
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>£29,335</u>	<u>£30,904</u>
Creditors	5b	£ 500	£ 500
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>£ 500</u>	<u>£ 500</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>£29,335</u>	<u>£30,404</u>
<b>ALLOCATED FUNDS</b>			
Restricted Funds		£25,100	£650
Unrestricted Funds		£3,735	£29,754

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the management committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



**J.P. Thornton**  
Colonel (Retired)  
Chairman, Trustee and Director

Accounts examined by:

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

**R.D. Barnes, BSc(Eng), CEng, ACGI**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

1. **COMPANY STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Company is limited by guarantee. The maximum contribution required by members is an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up. The Company, No. 03091887, is a registered Charity, No. 1049041.

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) **Basis of preparation of financial statements.** The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 476 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

- (b) **Donations and voluntary income.** Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.
- (c) **Income from trading activities.** Income from trading activities represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the charitable company's objects and ordinary activities stated net of value added tax.

In the opinion of the directors, none of the fees of the company are attributable to geographical markets outside the U.K.

- (d) **Allocation of costs.** Costs are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost.

3. **STOCK OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS**

The stock of PR items (caps, shirts, etc) has depreciated to zero.  
Banners and Leaflets are to be ordered in 2023.

4. <b>CASH ON DEPOSIT AND AT BANK</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
CAF Gold Account 80885462	£19,061	£10,743
CAF Current Account 00011628	£ 500	£ 500
Scottish Widows CAF 90 day A/C No. 50997530899	£ 0	£11,000
Lloyds Bank current account 44585860	<u>£ 9,274</u>	<u>£ 7,680</u>
	£ 28,835	£ 29,924

- 5a. Debtors represent security deposit prepaid to UKSA, £500, in 2021.

- 5b. Creditors invoice error from RoRo £500.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**6. GAINS AND LOSSES**

There was a recognised loss of -£1,568 in 2022.

**7. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION**

No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to the directors during the year, except for those incurred as allowed by the company's constitution.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2022 – Nil).

**8. TAXATION**

As a charity, The Gwennili Trust is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**9. FUNDS**

The charity has £25,100 of restricted funds and £3,735 of unrestricted funds.

**10. CONTINUITY OF ACTIVITIES**

The Trust operates on the basis that it generates sufficient funds from voluntary income and voyage donations to cover costs.



	<b>Charity Name</b>				<b>No (if any)</b>	<b>CC16a</b>
	<b>THE GWENNILI TRUST</b>				<b>1049041</b>	
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>					
	<b>For the period from</b>	<b>Period start date</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Period end date</b>		
	01/01/2022		31/12/2022			
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>						
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>	
	<b>to the nearest £</b>	<b>to the nearest £</b>	<b>to the nearest £</b>	<b>to the nearest £</b>	<b>to the nearest £</b>	
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	<b>10,010</b>	-	-	<b>10,010</b>	<b>100</b>	
Day Sailing	<b>9,155</b>	-	-	<b>9,155</b>	<b>10,830</b>	
Cruises	-	-	-	-	-	
Med Cruise	-	-	-	-	-	
Yacht Charters	<b>780</b>	-	-	<b>780</b>	<b>6,957</b>	
Training Courses	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants / Bursaries	<b>27,610</b>	-	-	<b>27,610</b>	<b>2,303</b>	
Bank Interest	<b>69</b>	-	-	<b>69</b>	<b>7</b>	
Refunds IN	<b>25,194</b>	-	-	<b>25,194</b>	<b>13,200</b>	
Special Events	-	-	-	-	<b>200</b>	
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>72,817</b>	-	-	<b>72,817</b>	<b>33,597</b>	
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>72,817</b>	-	-	<b>72,817</b>	<b>33,597</b>	
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Administration	<b>1,389</b>	-	-	<b>1,389</b>	<b>669</b>	
Day Sailing	<b>15,840</b>	-	-	<b>15,840</b>	<b>14,690</b>	
Cruises						

	<b>3,250</b>	-	-	<b>3,250</b>	-
Med Cruise	-	-	-	-	-
Clyde Cruises	<b>35,046</b>	-	-	<b>35,046</b>	<b>23,725</b>
Training Courses	-	-	-	-	-
Skipper/Mate expenses	<b>4,324</b>	-	-	<b>4,324</b>	<b>1,416</b>
Insurance	<b>1,309</b>	-	-	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,309</b>
Racing & Blind Week	<b>1,562</b>	-	-	<b>1,562</b>	<b>566</b>
Account and Affiliation Fees	<b>662</b>	-	-	<b>662</b>	<b>345</b>
Refund OUT	<b>11,003</b>	-	-	<b>11,003</b>	<b>13,200</b>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,385</b>	-	-	<b>74,385</b>	<b>55,919</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>74,385</b>	-	-	<b>74,385</b>	<b>55,919</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- <b>1,568</b>	-	-	- <b>1,568</b>	- <b>22,322</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>30,404</b>	-	-	<b>30,404</b>	<b>52,726</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,835</b>	-	-	<b>28,835</b>	<b>30,404</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
		<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	<b>3,735</b>	<b>25,100</b>	-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,735</b>	<b>25,100</b>	-

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Yacht security deposits	500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

			<b>relates</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>						-	
						-	
						-	
						-	
						-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval		
	John L Moore		John L Moore		03/02/2023		
	John P Thornton		John P Thornton		03/02/2023		

**THE BISHOP'S WALTHAM NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1156703

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# Accounts

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**The Bishops Waltham  
North Pond Conservation Group**

Charity No. 1156703

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th November 2021**

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## **The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group**

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### **The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group Report of the Management Committee for the Year ended 30 November 2021**

The Management Committee presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2021.

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name:

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group (BWNPCG)

Charity registration number: 1156703

Registered Office: Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hants SO32 1DE

Office Address: "Rareridge", Rareridge Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1DX

#### **Principal activity**

The group's principal activity is to manage and maintain the Area known as the Bishops Waltham North Pond. This area is owned in various parts by BWNPCG, Winchester CC and Hampshire County Council. The area, by agreement, is managed and maintained by BWNPCG for its protection and the enjoyment of the local community.

#### **Management Committee**

The management committee are mainly trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993. Those not trustees are co-opted members. The 2021 AGM was not conducted because of Covid and the committee members continued in their roles. The committee asked David McLean to become a Trustee which he agreed to do this was confirmed by the other Trustees. Sadly Matthew Davidson died suddenly in November 2021 and other committee members have moved away from the area.

The following persons were in office at 30th November 2021.

Barry Jerome (Trustee and Chairman)	Martin Wiltshire (Trustee)
Eric Birbeck (Trustee and Vice Chairman)	Gillian Overton (Trustee)
John Moore (Trustee and Treasurer)	Colin Palma (Trustee)
David McLean (Trustee)	Jenny Williams (Membership Secretary)
Sue Croker (Winchester CC rep)	Judy Marsh (Parish Council rep)

#### **Changes to Trustees and committee in 2021**

David McLean appointed Trustee

Matthew Davidson died Nov 2021

Jane Gentry and Pat Lambert moved away

Rod Pointer resigned

#### **Bankers**

– Barclays Plc, 20-97-01, 03611604, Business Banking, PO Box 10215, Wigston, LE18 9EY

#### **Results of the Financial Year 2021**

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £649.50 (2020: £1,799).

Net expenses for the year £255.39 (2020: £4,423.26)

The Charity is a "not for profit organisation", Funds are raised through donations and grants.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows:

Accumulated funds of £26,133.17 as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (30th November 2020: £25,719).

All assets of the charity are used in the direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

### **Our Aims and objectives**

#### Purposes, Aims, and Outcomes

Our charity's purposes are to act as stewards and managers of the Area known as the Bishops Waltham North Pond. We aim to achieve these objectives by recruiting members of the local community and involving them in fund raising and work parties. Work on and around the North Pond is required throughout the year to maintain the trees and clear the water channels to avoid flooding. In 2018 the large project to remove silt from areas of the pond to retain water all year round, was successfully completed. By way of further explanation, the pond is seasonal and fed from springs further up the valley; consequently, it is usually full in the winter months and dries up in summer. Fish get trapped in the receding waters and die, much to the distress of the community. All year water has enabled the fish to be saved and moved to the nearby permanent fishing pond. Over 120 community members have signed up to our organisation and support our work. For the year 2021 we concentrated on improving the viewing area and installing display panels detailing the history of the railway that exported the bricks produced in Bishops Waltham.

#### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review (The Chairman's Report) looked at what we have achieved in 2021 and our plan for the coming year.

COVID-19 rules had an effect on activities for the year. Unfortunately, it was not possible to hold an AGM in 2021 and so committee members continued in their roles. Work parties could not start until April, but volunteers continued sluice clearing and litter collection activities throughout the summer. Autumn work parties restarted in September. We had more than usual numbers of volunteers when work parties restarted and managed to complete a lot of work in a short time. There was a lot of public use of the viewing area during the Covid lockdown and throughout the year. When many places were closed or had restrictions imposed, visits to the North Pond to sit or feed the ducks were very popular. It gave a chance to relax from the mental pressures resulting from the effects of Covid. The planned wildlife surveys had to be cancelled. It is hoped to be able to pick these up in 2022. Wildlife has taken advantage of the pond holding water all year. Swans reappeared and had a family of cygnets, and many other water birds have been present throughout the year. Siting of the final Railway Information board was eventually agreed in November and will be installed in 2022. A BREEAM agreement was reached with Winchester CC Estates in November 2021. The Lower Lane Depot site had few opportunities for ecological enhancements within the planning consent. To offset this WCC proposed that some work could be carried out on the North Pond to offset this. After site meetings and discussions activities were agreed that the North Pond Group would carry out. A formal agreement was signed, and funding is being provided. Transfer of ownership of the Hampshire County Council owned part of the North Pond to either WCC or BWNPCG has been discussed for many years. Following a site visit in November this is now being progressed to transfer ownership to the North Pond Group. This should be concluded in 2022.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our current and future activities. In particular, the trustees considered how the 2021 planned activities have contributed to the aims and objectives of the charity.

### **The Focus of our Activities**

The focus of our activities continues to be the enhancement of the North Pond area and creation of a new viewing area. Alongside this is the maintenance of the trees, woodland and water channels. Another area of great concern is the welfare of the wildlife that uses the North Pond, and bird and bat nesting boxes will be installed as part of planned BREEAM work.

In 2021 the activities were focused on improving the public viewing area stopping water erosion of its banks and general maintenance. The outflow sluice has to be cleared of debris every week. Our work parties had to carry out more work on the grass area and sow fresh grass seed; plant willow saplings along the water side of the area and complete the wildflower meadow.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

#### Who used and benefitted from our Services

Members of the community now extensively use the new picnic area and the children delight in feeding the ducks. This has been encouraging and additional display panels, describing the history of the area, have been installed. Birds, animals and insects are more abundant and have also benefitted from our activity. Equal access to our areas is an important issue for us and we have ensured that there is adequate access for wheelchairs, baby buggies and the disabled. Children's educational activities are encouraged to understand the habitat and pond life and be aware of the effect our project has had on the environment.

### **Quote from the Head of Winchester City Council, Landscapes and Open Spaces:**

*"The North Pond Conservation Group is one of the best examples of a conservation volunteer group I have seen, and the North Pond restoration shows what can be achieved by volunteers when they have the drive and passion to turn their ideas into practice"*

#### How the community and wildlife have benefitted

From observations by the public and our own members, we have noticed an increase in the numbers and types of birdlife and insects that now frequent the North Pond. It has become very obvious that the pond work activity helps motivate pride and self help in the community and improves the environment.

### **Financial Review**

We are an entirely voluntary organisation with hands-on Trustees, most of who are involved either in the work parties or behind the scenes with administration. Finances are reviewed against budget at each management meeting (usually every two months), where actual spending is compared to budget. The charity is fortunate in having a fund set aside for pond maintenance. This fund is planned to last for at least twenty years with a budgeted amount of £800 set aside for yearly maintenance. Some years this may go over budget, usually due to emergency tree maintenance, this is then clawed back over future years or with fund raising. Large projects have targeted fund raising, with the money raised prior to the work commencing. Our policy is to have the money in hand prior to the start of any planned work.

#### Principal Funding Sources

From its inception the charity's funds have come from a wide range of donors, Winchester CC, Bishops Waltham PC, TESCO Bags of Help, Budgens Supermarket, The Solar Farm, individual donors, Amey, The Winchester Mayor's fund, BREEAM fund and many others.

### **Investment and Reserves Policy**

#### Investment Policy

The charity's funds are all in a current account and due to the low rate of interest available the trustees have agreed that the money should not be moved in this financial year. This policy will be reviewed next year to see if there is a case for long term investment.

#### Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves and is satisfied that the maintenance reserve will last for the planned 20 years at an average drawdown amount of £800 per year.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

The charity plans continuing conservation management and small projects for the North Pond in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The aims of these activities are to increase biodiversity while also further enhancing the area for the enjoyment of the local community and to increase educational opportunities.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### Governing Document, GDPR, Safeguarding, Diversity and Governance

The organisation is a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1156703. The governing document is the charity's constitution. We have completed our review of GDPR and have no incidents to report in 2020. During 2021 our Governance policy has been reviewed and updated in line with the recommendations of the charity commission as has our Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policy.

#### Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Management Committee is made up from the charity's trustees, who have indicated a willingness to serve on the committee, and co-opted committee members. The members of the Management Committee are re-elected annually at the AGM. The Trustees are elected to serve for a period of four years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

### **Trustee Induction and Training**

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity.

Additionally, new trustees are vetted by the committee prior to being invited for election. They are then advised to view on-line a series of short training sessions, provided by the Charity Commission to familiarise themselves with responsibilities of a trustee of the charity and the context within which it operates. They must read annually and understand:

The obligations of Management Committee members

The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Constitution, Governance, and Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and other Policies

Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts

Future plans and objectives

#### Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A Risk Assessment has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety, and safeguarding, equality and diversity of volunteers and third parties and internal financial controls. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

### **Responsibilities of the Management Committee**

The law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. There is a policy defining Committee Roles and Responsibilities. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee has followed best practice to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charity will continue, on that basis.

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The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity Commission also requires the organisation to have Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity policies and a governance policy. These are in place.

### Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

### **Fair Value to the Community**

The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group values the help of the community and would like them to know that from inception a total hour's equivalent value of £72,632 of work time has been donated to the pond. Also, money donations to the value of £49,523 have been applied to the project. This means that a total £122,155 has been given to preserve the pond, to the end of the accounting year 2021.

### **Certification of the Accounts**

In accordance with the law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

In so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's examiner is unaware  
and

As the directors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant examining information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

### **Accounts Examination**

Mr J.M. Dixie, who is an independent professional person, has examined the accounts. They were signed off on 29 January 2022.

### **Reportable Incidences**

No incidents occurred during the Financial Year 2021 that are of a nature reportable to the Charity Commission.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on 4 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

**Dr. B Jerome**  
**Trustee and Chairman**

**The Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Bucket Collections		£16	£0
Individual Donations		£60	£110
Organisation Donations		£530	£0
Grants Received		£0	£1,500
Organisation Contributions		£0	£0
MyDonate		£0	£0
Gift Aid		£0	£0
Book Sales		£44	£189
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>£649</b>	<b>£1,799</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
BWNPCG Administration/Maintenance		£220	£526
Book Publishing		£0	£0
Project Currently Historic Display Panels		£35	£3,898
Total Charitable Expenditure		£255	£4,423
Net Incoming Resources		£394	-£2,624
Fund Balances brought forward		£25,719	£28,311
Book float and Uncashed chq 2020		20	32
Fund balances carried forward		£26,133	£25,719

**The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock of Books		£414	<b>£426</b>
Cash at Bank		£26,113	<b>£25,719</b>
Book Float		£20	£0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		£26,547	£26,145
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors		£0	-£32
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		£0	-£32
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		£26,547	£26,113
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		£26,547	£26,113
 <b>Restricted Funds:</b>			
Duke's Reserve		£18,904	
Mayor's Fund		£ 6,000	
2021 Project Fund		£ 600	
BREEAM Funds		£530	
Book Stocks		£414	
Book cash float		£20	
		£26,468	£26,030
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>		£ 79	£83

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the management committee on 4 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



**J.L. Moore**  
Trustee and Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**1. CHARITY STATUS**

The organisation is a registered charity, number 1156703

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) **Basis of preparation of financial statements.** The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 476 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

- (b) **Donations and voluntary income.** Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

**3. CASH AT BANK**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Barclays Plc Current Account    03611604	£26,113	£25,719
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**4. GAINS AND LOSSES**

The Charity recorded a net gain of £394 in 2021.

**5. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION**

No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to any of the management committee during the year, except for those incurred as allowed by the charity's constitution. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**6. TAXATION**

As a charity, The Bishops Waltham North Pond Group is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity's 2021 tax year.

**7. FUNDS (All in one bank account)**

The Dukes Reserve Fund was established to fund pond maintenance for at least 20 years. It now stands at £18,904 at year end 2021.

Restricted funds of £7,130 have been reserved for defined projects

The remaining funds of the charity as at year end 2021, £79, are unrestricted.

**8. CONTINUITY OF ACTIVITIES**

The Charity operates on the basis that it generates sufficient funds from Voluntary income and its reserves to cover costs.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group  
BW North Pond Conservation Group

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

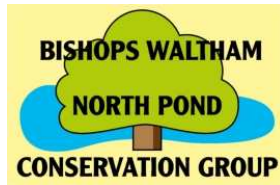
For the period from	Period start date 01-Dec-20	To	Period end date 30-Nov-21
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bucket Collections	16	-	-	16	-
Individual Donations	60	-	-	60	110
Organisation Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	530	-	-	530	1,500
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Book Sales	44	-	-	44	189
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,799</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,799</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	10
Insurance	165	-	-	165	165
Services	-	-	-	-	-
Tools and Repairs	-	-	-	-	215
Applications and Fees	-	-	-	-	60
Project Costs	35	-	-	35	3,898
Hall Hire, Leaflets, Displays	-	-	-	-	76
Book Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Admin and Web Site	55	-	-	55	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>4,423</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>4,423</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>- 2,624</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>- 2,624</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Maintenance Fund Reserve	-	18,904	-
	Defined Projects	-	7,150	-
	Unallocated Funds	79	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>26,054</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		John Moore, Treasurer	12/12/2021	



## Chairman's Report Dec 2020 - Nov 2021

### Summary

COVID-19 rules had an effect on activities for the year. Unfortunately it was not possible to hold an AGM in 2021 and so committee members continued in their roles. Work parties could not start until April but volunteers continued sluice clearing and litter collection activities throughout the summer. Autumn work parties restarted in September. We had more than usual numbers of volunteers when work parties restarted and managed to complete a lot of work in a short time.

There was a lot of public use of the viewing area during the Covid lockdown and throughout the year. When many places were closed or had restrictions imposed, visits to the North Pond to sit or feed the ducks were very popular. It gave a chance to relax from the mental pressures resulting from the effects of Covid.

The planned wildlife surveys had to be cancelled. It is hoped to be able to pick these up in 2022. Wildlife has taken advantage of the pond holding water all year. Swans reappeared and had a family of cygnets, and many other water birds have been present throughout the year.

Siting of the final Railway Information board was eventually agreed in November and will be installed in 2022.

A BREEAM agreement was reached with Winchester CC Estates in November 2021. The Lower Lane Depot site had few opportunities for ecological enhancements within the planning consent. To offset this WCC proposed that some work could be carried out on the North Pond to offset this. After site meetings and discussions activities were agreed that the North Pond Group would carry out. A formal agreement was signed and funding is being provided.

Transfer of ownership of the Hampshire County Council owned part of the North Pond to either WCC or BWNPCG has been discussed for many years. Following a site visit in November this is now being progressed to transfer ownership to the North Pond Group. This should be concluded in 2022.

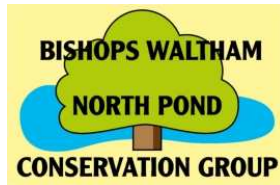
Sadly, in November, Matthew Davison who was the ecologist on our committee died suddenly. He was only 37 and in good health. Two other committee members moved away during the year. We will need to recruit new committee members for 2022.

### Annual General Meeting

An AGM was not held in 2021 owing to Covid restrictions. Existing committee members agreed to continue in their roles.

### Public use of the viewing areas

The new viewing area was used extensively throughout 2021 and especially during the COVID lockdown when other activities were severely restricted. One family is reported to have had their Christmas dinner at the picnic table. Families brought their children down to feed the ducks and it was generally observed as a form of release from the many constraints imposed by COVID.



## Chairman's Report Dec 2020 - Nov 2021

### Work Parties

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown at the start of the year winter/spring work parties did not start until April 3rd 2021. However after the lockdown was lifted we had more volunteers than usual and quickly caught up on work. To keep the sluice cleared and litter under control a rota of volunteers was in place during the summer months. This included two young volunteers doing activities towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards. A volunteer also took on the job of keeping the grass cut in the viewing areas and controlling weeds on the paths.

Autumn/Winter work parties were started in September 2021. The water in the North Pond dropped for a short time in September and October but heavy rain in November and December filled the pond again. This limited some of the work that we were able to carry out during our work parties. The main activity that we were not able to complete was the clearance of the channel from the Corhampton road to the Winchester road sluice. The channel was cleared for half its length but more work is needed from the pedestrian bridge down to the sluice. It also meant that we were not able to cut back excess willow growth in the pond bed area.

### Railway Information Boards

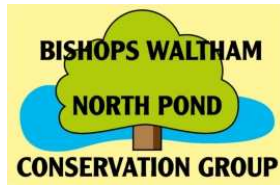
Alan Inder drafted designs and co-ordinated input to create four Railway Information Boards which describe the railway heritage of Bishops Waltham. Three of these were installed in 2020 but there was controversy with the BW Gardening Club about the siting of the fourth Information board. This was eventually resolved in November 2021 and the last board will be installed once the weather improves in 2022.

### Wildlife

Wildlife has taken advantage of the pond holding water all year. Swans reappeared during the winter and had a family of five cygnets. These frequented the pond throughout the summer and autumn. Many other water birds have been present throughout the year. Herons and Cormorants have been fishing on the pond, taking advantage of the large shoals of fish which have been present. A Kingfisher has also been seen occasionally. During the early part of the year fish migrated to where the Northbrook flows into the North Pond, to avoid the attentions of the Cormorants. These moved back into the main pond once the weed had grown sufficiently to make fishing more difficult for the predators. During the summer there were often large shoals of fish under the footbridge taking advantage of food thrown in for the ducks. Swans and their cygnets, Mallards, Coots and Moorhens have been the main recipients of food from the public.

### BREEAM agreement reached with Winchester CC

The Lower Lane Depot site which WCC Estates were developing had few opportunities for ecological enhancements within the planning consent. To offset this WCC proposed that some work could be carried out on the North Pond to offset this. After site meetings and discussions activities were agreed that the North Pond Group would carry out. This included expanding the reedbed, creating a new wildflower meadow, installing very robust bird and bat boxes and planting trees. A formal agreement was signed in November and funding is being provided to the North Pond Conservation Group by WCC Estates and their contractors.



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### **Transfer of HCC owned part of North Pond to North Conservation Pond Group**

Transfer of ownership of the Hampshire County Council owned part of the North Pond to either WCC or BWNPCG has been discussed for many years. Following a site visit in November this is now being progressed to transfer ownership to the North Pond Conservation Group. The land is being transferred at zero value on the understanding that it is only to be used for conservation and recreation activities. HCC and BWNPCG are each paying their own solicitors fees for the transfer. This should be concluded in 2022.

### **Sad passing of Matthew Davison and loss of other committee members**

Matthew Davison, the ecologist on our committee, sadly died suddenly in November 2021. He was only 37 and in good health and it was a shock to his family and everyone who knew him. He had been a keen supporter of our work parties and was proposing to help put together a survey of the North Pond for 2022. His family dedicated a collection in his memory to the North Pond Conservation Group. A Mountain Ash tree will be planted in his memory.

Jane Gentry, who was also a Trustee, moved north and Pat Lambert, who provided regular updates on the pond from her daily walks, also moved north to join her daughter Jane. We will need to recruit new committee members for 2022. Hopefully this may be possible if Covid restrictions allow us to run our AGM in January 2022.

### **Surveys**

One other effect of the COVID-19 lockdown was that we were not able to run our wildlife surveys. These were proposed to run from March to June to compare with a similar survey taken before restoration work started. It is hoped to be able to run these in spring 2022.

### **Finances**

The North Pond Group's finances continued to be healthy. These are explained fully in the Treasurer's reports.

Barry Jerome  
Chairman Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name

Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group

**On accounts for the year ended**

30 November 2021

**Charity no (if any)**

1156703

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** J M Dixie

**Date:** 29/01/2022

**Name:** John Marfield Dixie

**Relevant professional** MSc, DIC

qualification(s) or  
body (if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief  
details of any items  
that the examiner  
wishes to disclose.

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