



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Gauntlet Conservation Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1160179

Charity's principal address

Gauntlet Bird of Prey Vulture & Eagle Park

Manchester Road

Knutsford

Postcode

WA16 0SX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Bessant			Other trustees
2	Nicholas Gutten			ditto
3	Bryan Peak	Chairman		ditto
4	Malcolm Twist			ditto
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
n/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by other trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trust works closely with Gauntlet Bird of Prey Eagle and Vulture Park

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To promote the conservation and protection of birds of prey and their habitats both in the UK and worldwide.
2. To advance the education of the public regarding all aspects of birds of prey, particularly the part they play in the ecological balance of the environment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Undertaking fundraising activities to support the payment of grants to other organisations and individuals who work with birds of prey. In particular:

the sale of wristbands,
special events (e.g. vulture awareness day)

Fundraising events to support volunteer work with vultures in South Africa

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The primary source of regular income is the sale of wristbands at both the Gauntlet Birds of Prey centres – Knutsford and in Knowsley Safari Park. Income from this source was up slightly on last year.

This year, we were fortunate to receive a large legacy donation which enabled us to support a major project at Vulpro in South Africa. The charity also received donations from supporters and organised a successful fundraising event, meaning that the charity has still been able to effect significant grants.

Money has again primarily been targeted to vulture conservation in South Africa through the provision of “poison kits” and the support of volunteers at Vulpro – the SA vulture charity.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a grant giving trust, there is no need to maintain any specific level of reserves as grants are considered and awarded according to funds available.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The trust does not have any investments.

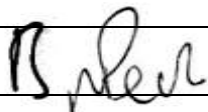
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Bryan Peak

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

26/09/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gauntlet Conservation Trust
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Wristband sales	7,499	-	-	7,499	6,382
Donations	54,379	-	-	54,379	2,434
Bank compensation	150	-	-	150	-
Vulture awareness day		-	-	-	-
Fundraising	1,688	-	-	1,688	681
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,716	-	-	63,716	9,497
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,716	-	-	63,716	9,497
A3 Payments					
Cost of wristbands		-	-	-	1,050
Wishing Well		-	-	-	-
Grants - vultures		-	66,488	66,488	5,790
Grants - other		-	-	-	575
Fundraising costs		-	617	617	492
Vulture breeding		-	-	-	-
Sundries		-	-	-	-
Gauntlet staff		-	769	769	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	67,874	67,874	7,907
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	67,874	67,874	7,907
Net of receipts/(payments)	63,716	-	- 67,874	- 4,158	1,590
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,033	-	-	7,033	5,444
Cash funds this year end	70,749	-	- 67,874	2,875	7,033

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest	2,875	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,875	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	Agreement Error
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		B Peak	26/09/2025	
		N Gutten	26/09/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Gauntlet Conservation Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1160179

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/24.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

20.9.25

Name:

John Gracie

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

ACMA

Address:

6 Briar Close

Knutsford

WA16 6TL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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