

BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP
(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1166818

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2023	Robert Keene Brian Clews Brendan King
REGISTERED ADDRESS	231 Courthouse Road Maidenhead SL6 6HF
DATE OF REGISTRATION	28 April 2016
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. The charity was established by its constitution dated 6 August 2014.
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Business Banking BX1 1LT

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 contd.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for year ended 31st March 2023

2022/23 has been another successful year for the group. We have seen an increased demand for our boxes but we have been able to maintain a comfortable balance between demand and our ability to fulfil delivery of orders, although delivery times for some orders have been longer than normal and some have been completed later than we would have liked for the 2023 breeding season.

EVENTS:

We continue to operate from our Cookham Dean workshop, thanks to the kind auspices of Nick and Stephanie Papillon, who keep us fortified with coffee and biscuits. We also kept production moving along by taking some parts home to be prepared. In this way we were able to prepare enough kits of parts for the family box-assembly sessions that we ran, details below.

We attended eight different local events where we ran our workshop sessions for scout, guide and school groups and for local wildlife groups as well as supplying them with finished boxes of various types.

On 4th February 2023 we held our annual Homes for Wildlife event, hosted by Wild Maidenhead, at Braywick Nature Centre. A satisfying number of visitors attended and we were able to give advice on using our products for owls and raptors, garden birds, swifts, bats, hedgehogs and bees. The highlight of the event was the assembly of garden bird nest boxes from our kits of parts by the visitors themselves. This is always popular, especially with children and is a great way to get youngsters engaged with wildlife. Ten boxes were built and taken home, as well eleven finished bird and bat boxes.

In May Wild Marlow held its first annual Bee Festival and we were pleased to supply twenty bee hotels for the event.

Wild Marlow also invited us to have our promo stall at Marlow Carnival in October and thirty garden-bird kits were assembled by families. Eight bee hotels were also sold. We donate a proportion of the proceeds of such events to the organising groups to support their conservation work.

On 27th October 2022 we held a workshop session for the Marlow Ukraine Collective which was set up to support refugee families who had fled the conflict. The children were delighted to be actively supporting local wildlife by making garden-bird boxes for their Marlow hosts and it was a pleasure for us to be involved. We donated the kits free of charge.

"SALES":

In total we made 396 nest boxes of various types during the financial year.

A major source of orders for us this year has again been the British Owl Trust, through a contact based near Didcot, Oxfordshire. We have supplied them with 39 owl boxes of various types and expect to be asked to do so again in the future.

The Maidenhead and Cookham Swift Group continues to generate orders and we are hearing of more cases of our swift boxes being occupied by swifts, so perseverance is paying off.

The grand total of boxes of all types made since we started is now more than 1600, as detailed below:

TOTALS by year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019/ 20	2021	2022	2023	Cumu- lative
BARN OWL	23	39	11	7	8	10	39	8	21	166
TAWNY OWL	18	43	10	5	11	10	25	4	8	134
LITTLE OWL	0	32	6	1	2	1	10	4	4	60
KESTREL	5	17	4	3	3	1	4	5	6	48
SWIFT	0	0	59	4	7	24	17	4	26	141
GARDEN BIRDS & BAT	0	42	70	86	44	172	186	153	292	1045
HEDGEHOG	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	1	9	35
BEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	30	36
Totals per year	46	127	160	106	75	243	241	321	396	
Grand total at 31/03/2023										1665

DONATIONS MADE:

From donations received from our customers, over and above the cost of their boxes, we have been able to make our own donations to local wildlife projects as follows:

£100 to Wild Maidenhead

£12 per month to Berks Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust

We supplied and installed four sparrow terraces free of charge to Cookham schools.

We supplied 14 nest box kits free of charge to the Marlow Ukraine Collective as mentioned above

We donated a swift box to Jan Stannard's Heal Rewilding project for their new Somerset acquisition

We also made some free-of-charge replacement boxes for early ones, made by us, which were beyond repair.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

A significant addition to our equipment during the year was a BNBG branded gazebo for use at outdoor events. This cost £1053 but we applied for and received a grant of £500 from the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust (Maidenhead Advertiser) towards the cost.

In addition to receipts to cover the cost of materials for our wildlife homes we have received additional donations from some of our customers, for which we are very grateful.

OTHER NEWS:

That concludes my report but I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support and dedication to our cause, sometimes in trying conditions. Thanks particularly to Nick and Steph Papillon for the use of their premises and for the coffee and biscuits which make the whole project worthwhile! Also to my fellow trustees and to Brendan King, BNBG Treasurer, who has helped me with ladder-handling and box installations, and to his wife Gwen who has acted as volunteer auditor.

Bob Keene, BNBG chairman.

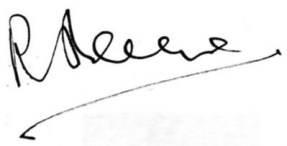

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£
Sales and installation of bird boxes	5,632	8,502
Donations	320	613
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5,952	9,115
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RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Materials	3,937	5,018
Tools & Equipment	570	69
Use of premises for workshop	242	322
Insurance	146	146
Printing & stationery	76	311
Donations	100	731
Travel Expenses	133	253
Website	128	106
BBOWT	144	72
Commission	10	0
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	5,486	7,028
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	466	2,087
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	6,964	4,877
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7,430	6,964
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BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	2,321	3,892
Debtors	390	0
Stock	5,013	3,311
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ASSETS	7,724	7,203
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Less: Accruals	294	239
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NET ASSETS	7,430	6,964
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 Funds of the Charity		
General Funds	7,430	6,964
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TOTAL FUNDS	7,430	6,964
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of trustees on 05/07/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Robert Keene

Chairman

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The trustees have agreed that an independent examination is not required as the gross income is less than £25,000.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Incoming Resources

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Volunteer Help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Stock

Stock of completed boxes and raw materials are included at cost price as at the year end.

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2. TRUSTEES

The only payments made to Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period were reimbursements for items purchased or provided on behalf of the charity.

3. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. The policy is described in more detail in the trustees' report.

4. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.