



# **BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP**

**(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1166818**

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2024	Robert Keene (chairman)  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

## **BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP – BNBG**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

2023-24 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.

#### **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 attended eight different local events during the year where we ran our box-assembly workshop sessions for scout, guide and school groups and for local wildlife groups as well as supplying some finished boxes of various types. More than 200 garden-bird boxes were made.

Amongst these events were:

In June 2023 we set up our stall at a Wild Cookham event to promote public awareness of Our Changing Earth. We sold 14 garden-bird-box kits and were pleased to see Rt Hon Theresa May amongst our visitors.

Wild Marlow invited us to have our promo stall at Marlow Carnival in October and fifteen 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 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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. Thirteen boxes were built and taken home, as well eleven finished bird and bat boxes.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Wild Marlow held another wildlife event in Higginson Park which we assisted with and 17 nest box kits were assembled by visitors.

**"SALES":**

In total we made 437 nest boxes of various types during the financial year.

A major source of orders for us this year has again been the Owl Conservation Project, 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 Cookham and Marlow 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.

During the year we have supplied boxes to more diverse wildlife groups including the Standlake Nature Recovery Network and the Hungerford Swift Support Group.

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

<b>TOTALS by financial year</b>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	<b>Cumulative</b>
BARN OWL	23	39	11	7	8	10	39	8	21	34	200
TAWNY OWL	18	43	10	5	11	10	25	4	8	34	168
LITTLE OWL	0	32	6	1	2	1	10	4	4	17	77
KESTREL	5	17	4	3	3	1	4	5	6	6	54
SWIFT	0	0	59	4	7	24	17	4	26	34	175
GARDEN BIRDS & BAT	0	42	70	86	44	172	186	153	292		1045
GARDEN BIRD										228	
BAT										41	
HEDGEHOG	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	1	9	27	62
BEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	30	16	52
Totals per year	46	127	160	106	75	243	241	321	396	437	<b>2152</b>
											<b>Grand total at 31/03/2024</b>

**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:

£12 per month to Berks Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust

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

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

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 again like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support and dedication to our cause, sometimes in trying conditions. Thanks go 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 kindly acted as volunteer accounts examiner.

Bob Keene, BNBG chairman.

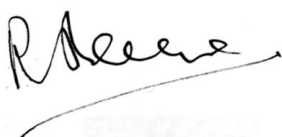

**BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	£	£
Boxes, installations and donations	8,441	5,952
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	8,441	5,952
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<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Materials	7,196	3,937
Tools & Equipment	432	570
Use of premises for workshop	115	242
Insurance	213	146
Printing & stationery	266	76
Donations	25	100
Travel Expenses	257	133
Website	131	128
BBOWT	144	144
Commission	3	10
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	8,782	5,486
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(341)	466
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	7,430	6,964
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7,089	7,430
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**BISHAM NEST BOX GROUP****BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>Current Assets</b>	£	£
Cash at Bank	2,776	2,321
Debtors	180	390
Stock	4,428	5,013
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ASSETS	7,384	7,724
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Less: Accruals	295	294
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NET ASSETS	7,089	7,430
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 <b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
General Funds	7,089	7,430
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TOTAL FUNDS	7,089	7,430
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 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.