

**Wildlife in Ascot Annual Report for the Charity Commission**  
**For the year 2023**

This year a new initiative was to create a pollinator patch at the entrance to a local parish council community centre. This involved working parties removing a large area of grass then, later in the year, planting and sowing seeds followed by weeding and watering sessions. In May we took part in the King's Big Help Out bringing people in to create a stag beetle loggery and insect hotel here.

We continued with our conservation and recording work. This year we maintained the local wildflower beds, recorded trees, monitored our local "kingfisher flyway" pond, carried out conservation work and surveys including live small mammal trapping at our local SANG, and a primary school wildlife garden, recorded flowering wildflowers at a local wildlife site and surveyed for bats. We also took the opportunity to take a couple of young scout groups out looking for bats.

At the start of the year we installed the bird nesting and bat roosting boxes which were made last year. These were put up in our LWS woodland. We also created several beetle banks around the open grassland here.

The Wildlife in Ascot Quiz came back to The Stag Pub in Ascot High Street after the enforced break. We welcomed teams from Bracknell Conservation Volunteers, Warfield Environment Group, Bracknell Forest Natural History Society and 3 teams of Silwood College students.

We launched the Wildlife Gardens Awards scheme in our area for the first time. This is a borough wide scheme previously started in another parish area. We promoted this through media outlets and attendance at 3 local fetes where we also sold our booklets. A local private school that we worked with last year bought a batch of our booklets for their students.

We continued the work of FreshWater Watch Thames WaterBlitz by taking and analysing samples of water from our local waterways along our green corridors which flow into the River Thames.

We organised a well attended walk led by our supportive local Crown Estate in Swinley Forest. We also organised 2 dawn chorus walks and a nightjar walk.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR-ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023;****Wildlife in Ascot - Charity No. 1176743**

	General;	Specific;	TOTAL;	y/e 31Dec 2022;
<b>Income;</b>	£1,329.92	£0.00	£1,329.92	£1,271.25
<b>Expenditure;</b>	£922.54	£0.00	£922.54	£626.45
<b>Net income;</b>	£407.38	£0.00	£407.38	£644.80
<b>Reconciliation of funds;</b>				
Brought forward	£9,389.00	£0.00	£9,389.00	£8,744.20
Carried forward	£9,796.38	£0.00	£9,796.38	£9,389.00

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023;****Current Assets;**

Stock	£732.51	£801.27
Bank	£8,982.66	£8,518.02
Petty cash	£81.21	£69.71
	£9,796.38	£9,389.00

**Current Liabilities;**

Creditor	£0.00	£0.00
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**Net Current Assets**

£9,796.38	£9,389.00
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**Funds of the Charity;**

Restricted (specific)	£0.00	£0.00
Unrestricted (general)	£9,796.38	£9,389.00
	£9,796.38	£9,389.00

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