

Wildlife in Ascot Annual Report for the Charity Commission
For the year 2024

This year we started working with a local monkey sanctuary located on a local wildlife site. We visited them several times with groups of volunteers to carry out surveys of trees, birds, bats, butterflies, pond life and small mammals. We also did some conservation work on the site removing rhododendron to make a larger clearing in the woodland for wildlife and planting some hedging along part of one boundary to improve biodiversity.

We continued with our conservation and recording work. We maintained the Carnation Hall pollinator patch (created last year), other local wildflower beds and a primary school wildlife garden. We recorded trees, monitored our local “kingfisher flyway” pond, carried out conservation work and surveys including live small mammal trapping at our local SANG, recording flowering wildflowers at a local wildlife site and surveying for bats across our area. We also took the opportunity to run a session at our local brownies looking at what’s in the soil.

At the start of the year we ran our popular Wildlife in Ascot Annual Quiz at The Stag Pub in Ascot High Street. We had more people than ever welcoming teams from Bracknell Conservation Volunteers, Warfield Environment Group, Bracknell Forest Natural History Society, Silwood College, Binfield Environment Group and Bracknell Forest Rangers.

We continued to promote the Wildlife Gardens Awards scheme in our area through media outlets and attendance at 2 local fetes where we also sold our booklets. We had 14 articles published in the local press, mostly authored by a young volunteer. Our Facebook Group has become more active over the year. We continue to work with neighbouring nature groups and our local parish and unitary authority councils.

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

We continued to work on the 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.

(link from "transactions")

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR-ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024:

	General;	Specific;	TOTAL;	y/e 31Dec 2023;
Income;	£965.89	£0.00	£965.89	£1,329.92
Expenditure;	£275.52	£0.00	£275.52	£922.54
Net income;	£690.37	£0.00	£690.37	£407.38
Reconciliation of funds;				
Brought forward	£9,796.38	£0.00	£9,796.38	£9,389.00
Carried forward	£10,486.75	£0.00	£10,486.75	£9,796.38

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024:

Current Assets;

Stock	£712.17	£732.51
Bank	£9,684.35	£8,982.66
Petty cash	£90.23	£81.21
	£10,486.75	£9,796.38

Current Liabilities;

Creditor	£0.00	£0.00
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Net Current Assets

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Funds of the Charity;

Restricted (specific)	£0.00	£0.00
Unrestricted (general)	£10,486.75	£9,796.38
	£10,486.75	£9,796.38

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