



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 August 2024 Period start date to 31 July 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Raptor Aid CIO

Charity registration number: 117127

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in matters pertaining to birds of prey (raptors), their habitats, species conservation and monitoring, ornithology and avian biology. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of birds of prey (raptors) and their habitats.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of educational and field courses to schools, members of the public including Wildlife Trusts. We provide education in natural history, conservation of habitats, species conservation, ornithology, avian biology and birds of prey conservation and monitoring.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees are now in a position to make grants and intend to do so once funds become available, having regard to core funds available to Raptor Aid
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Trustees are not as yet in a position to make social investments.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteering was limited this year to helping monitor certain species (primarily Tawny owl) as part of nest box schemes Raptor Aid support and some owl pellet dissection workshops.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several public talks carried out to a variety of groups. • Grant to BTO Young Leaders course and Discover Canopy 'Discover Raptors' rope access course. • Continued support of various wild raptor monitoring schemes which in turn we can use to educate the public. • Consultancy based advice offered to various organisations and individual raptor study groups. • Continued sales of nest boxes and owl pellet dissection kits for conservation and education purposes. • Successful crowdfunder set up for North of England Raptor Forum short-eared owl satellite tagging fund. • Attendance of conference including NERF, Scottish Raptors and BirdFair – The latter running several owl pellet workshops

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold no reserves other than £3896 in bank funds at the year-end date.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3896
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As a formative organisation funds are not currently available to provide reserves
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees manage the charity from generated cash flow and there is no risk of not continuing as a going concern as we have virtually no fixed overheads.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations, sales of raptor based items, income from educational courses run by the Trustees and membership subs. Sales of nestboxes and educational material for students of raptors
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We have insignificant fixed overheads and operate as our incoming cash flow allows therefore our financial risks are minimal.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Eligibility for trusteeship</p> <p>(a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person.</p> <p>(b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or • if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause [12(1)(e)]. <p>(c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.</p> <p>(d) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.</p> <p>Appointment of charity trustees</p> <p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Raptor Aid CIO
Other name the charity uses	Raptor Aid
Registered charity number	1177127
Charity's principal address	Coxwood Farm Cox Lane Rossett Wrexham LL12 0BG

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	James Hill	Chair	Whole period	N/A
2	Stephen Joseph Watson FCA	Treasurer	Whole period	N/A
3	Blake Williams		Whole period	N/A
4	Anna Clark		Whole period	N/A
5	Zoe Smith		Whole period	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

James Hill

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		
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Full name(s)

Stephen Joseph Watson FCA	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2024	To	Period end date 31/07/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations received	4,587			4,587	16,023
Fund Raising				-	-
Nest box sales	886			886	2,334
Microscopes, pellets and kits				-	1,556
Guided walks/ courses/ talks				-	-
Gift Aid				-	514
Sales of other website merchandise	376			376	872
Membership subscriptions	880			880	710
Other income				-	609
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,729	-	-	6,729	22,618
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,729	-	-	6,729	22,618
A3 Payments					
Nest boxes	733			733	2,091
Website & IT support support	301			301	1,021
Insurance	224			224	418
Paypal, Ebay and bank charges	1,314			1,314	849
Postage, Packaging and Carriage	300			300	500
Materials for web resale - hand magnifiers/ microscopes	1,572			1,572	2,339
First Aid Kits/ Courses				-	-
Equipment/ ladders/ drones etc.				-	1,312
Show exps/ display materials	150			150	226
Advertising & Marketing	99			99	1,382
Donations & grants	2,794			2,794	9,919
Monitoring, Fieldwork & Ringing costs				-	1,203
Other costs	70			70	2,066
Sub total	7,557	-	-	7,557	23,326
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,557	-	-	7,557	23,326
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 828	-	-	- 828	- 708
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,725			4,725	5,432
Cash funds this year end	3,897	-	-	3,897	4,724

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

Bank account	3,370		
PayPal account debits-credits	527	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	3,897	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B3 Investment assets

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Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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Details

Fund to which
liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

B5 Liabilities


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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

	Stephen Joseph Watson	26/05/2026