

GLAMORGAN BIRD CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1177991

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GLAMORGAN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE STUDY OF BIRDS AND THE SCIENCE OF ORNITHOLOGY B) TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY OF GLAMORGAN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS THROUGH RESEARCH AND THE PUBLICATION OF RESULTS, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL BIRD REPORT, BY PRACTICAL PROJECTS AND BY ENCOURAGING AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.

Activities: We help with the education of the people of Glamorgan and surrounding area in the study of birds and the science of ornithology by indoor meetings and field trips. We also contribute to the conservation of birds through research and the publication of results, including an annual Bird Report, by practical projects and by encouraging and working in partnership with others with similar interests.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Cardiff
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Rhondda Cynon Taff
- Vale Of Glamorgan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,262	£5,539	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,645	£3,497	-	-
2023-03-31	£5,640	£8,931	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,767	£5,246	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,151	£4,350	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JEAN HASLAM	Chair	2018-03-23
ALAN STUART ROSNEY		2018-03-23
DAVID CARRINGTON BSC ECOL		2018-03-23
JOHN DOUGLAS WILSON BSC CHEM		2018-03-23
JOHN FRANCIS DUFFY		2024-06-01
Jenna Clark		2024-06-18
John Nicholas David Hibler		2023-04-25
PAUL GRAHAM DENNING		2018-03-23
STRINDA IMOGEN DAVIES BA HONS		2018-03-23
Vicky Elizabeth Newsway		2025-05-13

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Accounts

Glamorgan Bird Club, Trustees Report April 2024 – April 2025

To start this year's report, we would like to pay tribute to several stalwart Club members who passed away this year. Rob Bradshaw, a much valued Club Trustee, sadly passed away in May. His calm, considered manner and gentle sense of humour will be missed by all who knew him. The Club has initiated an award in his honour, to recognise the work he undertook encouraging younger folk to take up birding. Also in May, we learned that Margaret Samuel had died. Margaret, with her husband John, was a regular on Club outings and they even gave several talks to the membership about their trips to Australia. She was an accomplished photographer and contributed many photos for the Club newsletter. Another regular attendee on Club walks was John Duffy (from Thornhill). A true family man, John's passion for birds and for Cardiff City Football Club was evident to all those that knew him. He will be missed. And last of all, sadly, this February Rod Haslam, husband of our Chair - Jean, passed away. He was a regular attendee at the monthly Kenfig walks and at other Club events, with Jean and was always willing to volunteer. Rod was ever ready with his camera to capture images for the newsletter and our social media sites, particularly on his beloved Kenfig walks. We will miss him and our deepest condolences go to Jean, her family and friends.

Trustees

We gained three new trustees in 2024 - Tim Adcock, Jenna Clark and John Duffy. Each of them has made valuable contributions to the smooth running of the Club. The trustees have continued to meet via Zoom this year, with a couple of exceptions, when we met in-person in Cowbridge.

We have been very fortunate that Tim Adcock stepped into the role of Treasurer, following the resignation of former Treasurer, Ceri Jones. Ceri has been very helpful to Tim in guiding him in the role. The Treasurer has a vital role in the Club, in particular dealing with the bank, overseeing the investment of any cash surplus into high interest yielding bonds, claiming back Gift Aid, liaising with the independent examiner, calculating our carbon-offset monies, distributing Club donations and small grants agreed by the Committee and much more. We continue to hold the HLF grant for the Cardiff Bay Swift Tower, ensuring safety inspections are undertaken regularly. The most recent was in early 2024.

Tim has worked with John Duffy in making sure our insurance policies are fit for purpose. John has also taken on the added responsibility of being our chief contact with the Charity Commission.

We are still operating without a Club Secretary. We have however shared the tasks, such as minute taking and setting up meeting agendas, between us.

Daniel Jenkins-Jones has once again been co-opted on to the Committee and regularly attends our meetings, keeping us abreast of both BTO and WOS matters. He has recruited Strinda Davies to the BTO team, as the lead in the long-running Heronries Census.

Alan Rosney continues as Membership Secretary and has gradually got to grips with the new membership management system 'Membermojo', with no little help from John Wilson. Membership fees were once again frozen and the free membership for under-24 year olds continued. Following a very successful membership campaign – up to 15 months membership for the price of 12, offered from 1st January 2025 - membership stood at 316

(368 individual members if the various categories are taken into account) at the end of the current bird club year. The equivalent figures for 2023 were 291 (351).

John Wilson continued to act as our webmaster, keeping content fresh and relevant and he is also part of the team looking after our social media channels on Facebook and X. We were delighted at the pro-active role taken up by new Trustee, Jenna Clark in this area. She has set up both Instagram and Bluesky accounts for the Club and introduced innovative ways of promoting our activities by recording short audio visual clips. Our number of social media followers has gradually increased. As of March, we had 1397 Facebook followers, of which 1347 are UK, 15 in USA and single figures in other countries. Interestingly it is a 50/50 male/female split. Our X account has 1713 followers, although we are gradually transitioning over to Bluesky. Our Bluesky account already has 55 followers despite only being operational for a short while. Our Instagram account has 127 followers despite only 13 posts. As for the GBC website - a typical seven day period [28/2 to 06/3 in this case] showed 1120 views from UK, of which almost 50/50 Wales/England, from 469 visitors.

John Wilson, as Field Trip leader, has taken us to many and varied locations, both in the local area and further afield. In all, we held 18 trips. Sadly three were cancelled due to inclement weather in accordance with the Club policy to heed Met Office warnings. David Carrington, with the assistance of Jean Haslam and Club member, John Western, led our monthly walks around the Kenfig National Nature Reserve. Pleasingly, we saw a couple of younger birders join us on these walks and receive plenty of guidance and encouragement, in particular from Jean. As is Club policy, both youngsters were accompanied by a responsible adult. We also welcomed visitors from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia on these walks.

Birding Walks for Women, organised and led by Jean Haslam, Strinda Davies and Jenna Clark were held 3 times during the year (one was cancelled due to poor weather, once again heeding a Met office warning) and have proved popular. Those who come along have been encouraged to suggest new sites to visit and also to lead them.

The Portland Observatory weekend, led by John Wilson proved as popular as ever, 12 Club members attended.

Walks were organised in conjunction with other wildlife organisations. Cowbridge U3A joined us for a trip to the Ely floodplain in May 2024, hoping to see the Sand Martin, whilst we organised a walk with Restore the Thaw to Aberthaw February 2025, to see ducks and waders in particular.

A new venture this year has been the inaugural East Glamorgan Big Bird Count. (EGBBC). The team of Tim Adcock, John Duffy and Jenna Clark oversaw the event in September. A good number of Club members took part and a good variety of species was recorded. Plans are afoot for a follow up in April 2025.

Paul Denning continued in the role of Indoor Meetings Organiser and we had a full and varied programme of speakers. One talk was delivered via Zoom this year. Sadly, a speaker that we had invited from Poland had to withdraw but Paul found a more than adequate replacement. Our chosen venue, Pencoed Rugby Club, being fairly central and close to the M4 Motorway has proved ideal to host these events.

East Glamorgan Bird Report – EGBR

As reported last year, Ceri Jones began the mammoth task of producing and completing the 2022 Bird Report, taking over the editorial role from John Wilson. It was published in digital format for the first time in October 2024. Many congratulations to all concerned. Tate Lloyd, once more, took on the important task of photo editor.

The compilation of the 2023 report is well under way. We were delighted that a couple of new Species Summarisers came forward, although we could always do with more volunteers. Ceri has asked that all species summaries be sent to him by the end of May this year.

Ceri has also begun to work on the 2024 Report, which he aims to complete during 2025. This will be Ceri's final Report, so we are seeking a replacement Editor to come forward asap, to carry on this important role

Newsletter.

Alan Rosney continued to produce our much-enjoyed and informative quarterly newsletter. Many thanks to all the contributors and photographers, who have helped to enliven the publication. We are always on the look-out for more, so keep sending them in.

Policies and Procedures

These have been updated according to our schedule, many thanks to all Trustees involved.

Safeguarding

We were pleased to note that there have been no safeguarding issues this year.

Charity Commission Public Benefit Statement

GBC Trustees are aware of, and have regard to, the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance whenever we exercise our powers to make decisions on aspects of GBC activity to which the guidance is relevant.

This applies to all GBC conservation projects, production of the annual East Glamorgan Bird Report and quarterly newsletter, field trips, KNNR walks, Birding Walks for Women, indoor and Zoom meetings, donations made, grants awarded and sponsorship given.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve

We continued to have a good relationship with Chris Jones, the warden. Chris with a few volunteers - including some club members - once again cut back the reeds in front of the hide, affording folk more opportunities for good views of the birds. Sadly the hide suffered vandalism in April 2024. Temporary repairs were put in place by volunteers.

Public Events

The club was represented at three public events this year: The inaugural Earth Day event in Coleg y Cwmoedd in Nantgarw in April; the Sand Dunes Day at Kenfig and the Vale Nature Festival in Porthkerry Park, Barry, both of which were held in June.

Jean Haslam, assisted by Alan Rosney and Strinda Davies, gave a well-received talk on the Bird Club, at Parc Slip, to the Bridgend Group of the Wildlife Trust of South West Wales and a guided walk is planned in the near future.

We value our links with fellow wildlife organisations. One such is our close association with the Flat Holm Society. A couple of Club members took the opportunity afforded the Society to volunteer on the island and the chair of the Society, Bridget Box, came along to one of our indoor meetings to deliver a talk about the history of the island.

Conservation Projects

Swifts

Cardiff Bay Swift Tower.

No issues were found with the tower during the 2024/25 maintenance inspection. We eagerly await the return of the Swifts in May to see if there is nesting activity. Strinda Davies was interviewed about the Swift Tower as part of a Radio Wales programme on 25 Years of Cardiff Bay Barrage, which was broadcast in the autumn 2024.

Other East Glam Swift projects

Club member Mary Gallagher and local Swift champion Josella Hunt, along with Strinda Davies, have been working hard on the Porthcawl Swifts project, in partnership with Valleys to Coast and Coastal Housing Associations. Several nest boxes have already gone up, with more to follow, thanks to Bridgend County Council; Local Places for Nature funding. In March this year a talk was given by Alan Rosney and Strinda Davies to the Porthcawl U3A group to help promote the project.

Similarly Strinda Davies has continued working with Pyle Community and Cornelly Community Councils to make these areas Swift friendly. This includes working with Valleys to Coast Housing for the properties they manage, for Cornelly in particular.

Alan Rosney visited Barry to help the Vale Ecology team scope out potential sites for a Swift tower there.

Farm Partnerships

Three Big Farmland Bird Surveys were undertaken this year at Ty Draw and Ty Tanglwyst farms in North Cornelly and at Goldsland farm in Wenvoe, in partnership with the respective farmers.

Reed Buntings in Kenfig

By ground feeding at a former hot-spot at Kenfig, we were hoping to attract these now rather scarce birds back to the area. Sadly this wasn't successful and we decided to abandon this project, instead donating the seed purchased by the Club to the Reserve.

Green Sandpiper Survey

The surveying aspect has been concluded. Dan Jenkins-Jones submitted a paper for the annual scientific journal of the Welsh Ornithological Society 'Milvus'. He then presented the findings at the WOS Conference in November. Copies have been distributed to other interested groups.

Nest Box Schemes

Many nest boxes were made and erected for various projects. Club members Howard Driver, Adam Rees and also Lyn Evans of Pencoed Collage once again produced many, of different types and we have had some donated by RCT and Merthyr Tydfil Local Nature Partnerships. A nest monitoring scheme, run by the Fledgemoor Group, was undertaken in Cyfartha Park in

Merthyr. More boxes were erected in Taf Fechan WTSWW Reserve, in the hope of attracting Pied Flycatchers back to the reserve.

Rookery Survey

The results of the WOS national survey of Rooks were published. As expected numbers are down and the number of active Rookeries is also falling.

Local Nature Partnerships

Trustees and others have attended meetings in the six Local Nature Partnerships - Strinda Davies (Bridgend), David Hibler (Cardiff), Ceri Jones (Vale of Glamorgan), and Alan Rosney (RCT and Merthyr Tydfil). The Caerphilly LNP has not been meeting regularly. The bulk of the work has concerned the production of Nature Recovery Action Plans.

Donations and Sponsorship

The Donations and Sponsorship sub-group, consisting of Tim Adcock, Strinda Davies and led by David Hibler, met regularly. One of the key actions was the launch of the inaugural Robert Bradshaw Award, in memory of our late colleague. The Award recognises outstanding contributions to birding in East Glamorgan by a young birder (under the age of 24) and the 2025 recipient will be announced at this AGM.

Donations

Ten nest boxes to the value of £247 were donated to Ty Hafan Childrens' Hospice in Sully. Donations were also made to the 3 BTO appeals for: Urban Birds, Waders and Raptors at £250 each.

Small Grants

New mist nets were purchased by the Kenfig Ringing Group, using a Small Grant awarded to them in early 2024/25. They will be purchasing new BTO Rings for use at Kenfig and elsewhere, with their second grant, for species such as Goldcrest

Carbon-offset

Our carbon-offset money this year (2025) will go to Project Seagrass for their work restoring this vital habitat.

[*Note carried over from 2023-4 We did not report on our carbon-offset donation at last year's AGM, as the donation came very late in the financial year. Our donation went to Coed Caerdydd, to the tune of £280. 220 trees of 3 varieties - Quercus robur (40), Alnus glutinosa (90) and Alnus cordata (90) were purchased for the scheme.]

Birding highlights

Last but not least – the birds. That's why we are members of GBC.

- April saw the first county record of an American Golden Plover at Sker. A superb Alpine Swift was found at Kenfig Pool. Other April highlights were the Waxwings that lingered at Cosmeston.
- May saw a Purple Heron at Kenfig and a Turtle Dove at Sker. A brief staying Woodchat Shrike was found in Llanwonno. A remarkable 26 Black Terns went past Lavernock Point. A star find on a GBC trip, was a singing Wryneck at Castell Nos.
- June saw both Arctic and Pomarine Skuas past Sker and a Roseate Tern off Lavernock Point.

- Another Wryneck was found at Kenfig in August, with a very confiding Grey Phalarope in Barry.
- September saw a Hoopoe in Coity
- October saw multiple reports of Yellow-browed Warblers and several Dartford warblers were found in coastal locations.
- A surprise visitor in November was an American Wigeon that graced Kenfig Pool. A couple of Black-throated Divers were in Llanishen and Barry.
- December saw both Hen Harrier and Merlin in Kenfig dunes and a Grey Phalarope on Lisvane Reservoir.
- 2025 began with a Glossy Ibis in Kenfig and an over-wintering Yellow-browed Warbler at Merthyr Mawr. Hawfinches were sporadically reported from Cosmeston.
- Cardiff Bay saw some action in February, with Velvet Scoter and Scaup reported. Two Short-eared Owls were reported from Old Castle Down.

Thanks to all the Trustees and Volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. All the projects, walks, talks, and meetings depend on your efforts.

Compiled by Alan Rosney, on behalf of Jean Haslam, Chair

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO - Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Member Subscriptions		-	4,573	4,573	-	4,243	4,243
Gift Aid	2	-	866	866	-	2,452	2,452
Donations		-	646	646	-	610	610
Carbon Offset		-	406	406	-	349	349
Book/Bird Report Sales		-	0	0	-	35	35
Merchandise Sales		-	0	0	-	8	8
Nest Box Sales		-	263	263	-	179	179
Contribution to Swift Projects	3	-	450	450	-	1,136	1,136
Interest Received		-	1,058	1,058	-	633	633
Total		-	8,262	8,262	-	9,645	9,645
Expenditure							
Postage		-	1	1	-	66	66
Nest Box materials		-	9	9	-	43	43
Admin/Stationery		-	18	18	-	64	64
Indoor/Zoom meetings		-	521	521	-	394	394
Cardiff Bay swift project		-	-	-	-	-	-
GBC website		-	50	50	-	240	240
Atlas website hosting		-	50	50	-	50	50
Audio visual		-	22	22	-	-	-
Gifts		-	41	41	-	22	22
Donation re Carbon Offset	4	-	406	406	-	280	280
Other donations	5	-	1,788	1,788	-	1,100	1,100
Affiliate memberships		-	68	68	-	80	80
Insurance		-	348	348	-	362	362
Bank charges		-	79	79	-	94	94
Travel expenses		-	439	439	-	335	335
Swift Project costs	6	-	1,604	1,604	-	272	272
Membermojo fee		-	95	95	-	95	95
Total		0	5,539	5,539	0	3,497	3,497
Surplus		0	2,723	2,723	0	6,148	6,148

Notes

1. Restricted column is Cardiff Bay swift project. Unrestricted column is rest of the Club's activities.
2. 1 x year gift aid claim v x3 LY. 23-24 was 719.
3. 719 received 01.04.25 not included in these accounts.
4. Project Seagrass
5. Includes Fledgemore 250, Kenfig ringers 500, 248 Ty Hafen nest boxes, 3 x BTO appeals of 250 - urban birds, waders and birds of prey.
6. Ed Mayer talk 100, box installs 510, call players 360, boxes 634.

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	31/03/25	31/03/25	31/03/24	31/03/24
	£	£	£	£
Debtors - Membership Secretary	67		26	
Prepayments	<u>401</u>		<u>348</u>	
		468		374
Cash at Bank - Current Account	19		39	
Cash at Bank - Deposit Accounts	<u>45,249</u>		<u>42,600</u>	
		<u>45,268</u>		<u>42,639</u>
		<u>45,736</u>		<u>43,013</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds:				
Members' Fund brought forward	23,519		17,371	
Surplus for the year	<u>2,723</u>		<u>6,148</u>	
Members' Fund carried forward		26,242		23,519
Restricted Funds:				
Swift Fund brought forward	19,494		19,494	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Swift Fund carried forward		<u>19,494</u>		<u>19,494</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>45,736</u>		<u>43,013</u>

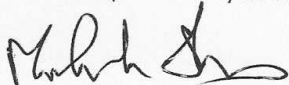
Note: The Swift Fund is a restricted fund to be spent on the Swift Tower and associated expenses.
Signed

Tim Adcock (Hon. Treasurer)



Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the records of Glamorgan Bird Club (CIO) and these accounts give a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended 31 March 2025 and its financial position at that date.



Malcolm James BA ACA CTA (Hon. Independent Examiner)

20-Apr-25

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Glamorgan Bird Club, Trustees Report April 2023 – April 23rd 2024

Trustees

We have continued to meet using Zoom this year, finding this convenient, and carbon friendly.

We have been fortunate that Ceri Jones has continued in the role of Treasurer this year, dealing with the bank, independent examiner, insurers and managing the HLF grant for the Cardiff Bay Swift Tower, as well as the day to day running of the Club accounts. While we still don't have a Club Secretary, we have shared the tasks between us. Alan Rosney is Membership Secretary and with the support of John Wilson, has been instrumental in the club joining 'Membermojo', a company which deals with member subscriptions and communications, hopefully making them more efficient to manage. This will be assessed after the first year of use.

John Wilson is our webmaster, and looks after our social media channels on Facebook and X.

Daniel Jenkins-Jones, taking over from Wayne Morris, also began to attend our meetings as a representative of the BTO and WOS.

Congratulations to John Wilson who has received a Welsh Ornithological Society Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of contributions to birding, notably his editorship of the East Glamorgan Bird Report for 24 years.

There have been no safeguarding issues to address this year.

Charity Commission Public Benefit Statement.

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East Glamorgan Bird Report – EGBR

Ceri Jones took on the task of producing the 2022 Bird Report, taking over the editorial role from John Wilson. This will be an electronic version only, and have a slightly different format, it will be more environmentally friendly and save on printing and postage costs and will provide opportunities for a more varied content.

Tate Lloyd one of our younger members, again took on the important task of photo editor. Our search for more species summarisers has continued.

Newsletter.

Alan Rosney continued to produce our much-enjoyed quarterly newsletter. All copies this year have been digital.

Many thanks to Alan.

Policies and Procedures.

These have been updated according to our schedule, many thanks to all Trustees involved.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve.

We continued to have a good relationship with Chris Jones, the warden. Chris with his few volunteers - including some club members - once again cut back the reeds in front of the hide, affording folk more opportunities for good views of the birds.

Looking forward, Chris is holding a Sand Dunes Day on 29th June, in which we plan to take part; volunteers are to be canvased to help with this.

Conservation Projects.

*Cardiff Bay Swift Tower. Completion and Evaluation Reports have been submitted to the satisfaction of the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The dialogue with Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority continues regarding Tower inspections and any maintenance. It was last inspected in March 2024, and found to be safe, with evidence that other birds had nested in some of the boxes.

*Other Swift Projects.

Porthcawl Swifts

Mary Gallagher spearheaded this project with great enthusiasm, persuading the Town Council to declare Porthcawl a 'Swift Friendly Town'. Bilingual leaflets designed by Swift champion Josella Hunt were distributed throughout the streets where swifts are known to breed and via community outlets. Several residents accepted the offer of nest boxes and installation, all paid for by Bridgend County Council's 'Local Places for Nature' funding.

Pyle & Kenfig Hill Swifts

Strinda Davies has been working with Pyle Community Council which, like Porthcawl, has declared the communities of Pyle & Kenfig Hill 'Swift friendly'. Once again, local

leaflets were designed and distributed to community outlets such as the library and as a result 8 residents have had nest boxes installed.

Bridgend Swifts

Strinda and Mary have advised a Bridgend resident on how to safeguard some of the Swifts breeding along Quarella Road, with input from Bridgend County Council's Biodiversity Policy Manager.

Across East Glamorgan

As well as being involved with the Swift Tower project and Cardiff Swifts in general, Alan Rosney has worked with housing developers in Barry and Merthyr, installing several boxes there. With practical help from Howard Driver he also supports projects in the Vale of Glamorgan.

*Farm Partnerships.

Our Farm Surveys continued at Cefn Colstyn, Ty Draw and Ty Tanglwyst, where we have installed and monitor nest boxes .

*Green Sandpiper Survey in the Vale of Glamorgan.

We have supported this Fledgemore project led by Dan Jenkins-Jones, with a group of volunteers and also involving Alan Rosney. This has been completed for this year, with a maximum of 16 being found. Due to the UK importance of these numbers, Dan has submitted a paper for the annual scientific journal of the Welsh Ornithological Society 'Milvus', and we are hoping that it will be published this year.

*Nest Boxes.

Many nest boxes were made and erected for various projects. Club members Howard Driver, Adam Rees and also Lyn Evans of Pencoed Collage once again produced many of different types, and we have had some donated by RCT and Merthyr Tydfil Local Nature Partnership. We secured funding from Bridgend LNP, 'Local Places For Nature', for the Swift box scheme benefitting Porthcawl, Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend Town and North Cornelly.

*Rookery Survey.

This was completed, and we are waiting for the outcome.

*Local Nature Partnerships

These groups are associated with the various local authorities in our area and have regular meetings covering many aspects of concern and development. Many thanks to our volunteers who attend these each of on our behalf and contributed to the production of Nature Recovery Action Plans.

Donations and Sponsorship.

The Donations and Sponsorship sub- group met regularly.

This year we donated to the BTO Youth, Chaffinch and Spotted Flycatcher appeals, nest boxes for Cefn Colstyn Ringing Group, Reed Bunting feeding at Kenfig NNR, joined the Flat Holm Society, and supported David Hibler, one of our Trustees to attend the WOS AGM at Aberystwyth on our behalf.

Full details and an application form for the Small Grants Scheme can be found on the website.

Publicity, Promotions and Branding.

Our social media platforms, managed by John Wilson and Alan Rosney, have again proved popular and useful for giving information and promoting our activities, attracting a lot of wider public interest.

Facebook page followers are approximately 1308, with monthly views of 2,500. Our X (formerly Twitter) stream has attracted 1801 followers, and GBC follows 143 users. John Wilson is also our Webmaster. The website is pretty active, with currently an average of weekly total of 534 visitors with 1,500 views. Various items featuring the Club logo are available to order from myself, as GBC Chair: badges, car stickers, hats, caps, polo shirts and fleeces.

Venue

A combination of face to face and Zoom indoor talks this year have both been popular. Pencoed Rugby Club is a convenient location, but we are willing to use other venues. One of our talks took place at Kenfig NNR.

We plan to continue using the mixed formats of in-person and Zoom meetings.

Walks, Field Trips and Indoor Talks

Led by Dave Carrington, myself, and occasionally John Western, our excellent much enjoyed Kenfig Public Walks went ahead as usual, with only one cancelled due to bad weather.

The Portland Observatory weekend proved as popular as ever.

Various locations near and far were enjoyed on our other bi-monthly field trips, led by John Wilson and Alan Rosney.

Members have enjoyed our Zoom presentations and in-person talks, organised by Paul Denning, throughout the year. Our Review of The Year was once again presented and illustrated by Tate Lloyd.

Full programmes of Field Trips, Walks and Talks for next year have been planned. A new initiative, prompted by us realising that these are offered by other clubs, led by Strinda Davies and myself, is our program of Birding Walks for Women We plan to lead at least one of these each season, choosing areas not often covered in our main walks program, having fairly even paths, taking a leisurely pace, and hopefully with a cafe! Three have been held so far, - Park Slip NR, Cosmeston CP, and Bryngarw CP, and have been much enjoyed. We are planning that our next one will be in May.

Membership.

Membership fees for 2023/24 were once again frozen in light of the cost-of-living crisis. We have 291 Memberships this year, eight fewer than last year, making a total of 351 members when considering couples and family memberships.

We encourage young people to join the club, continuing to offer free membership to under 24's, and offer sponsorships for attending Bird Camps.

Sadly one of our members, Gareth Pryce, passed away this year. We also received the sad news that John Everett, a former member and indeed our treasurer for a few years, passed away in February. John's wife Pat was our secretary for the same period and we announced her passing in the 2023 AGM. Our thoughts are with all their families and anyone else who has lost a loved one.

Birding highlights during the year have included – Long Eared Owl at Nottage, a Snow Bunting at Nash Point, Bittern at various locations, Green Sandpiper numbers at Peterston-super-Ely, Long Tailed Duck in Cardiff Bay. Finally, as always, I'd like to thank all the Trustees and Volunteers for their hard work throughout the year, all the projects, walks, talks, and meetings depend on their input.

Jean Haslam, Chair, on behalf of the Glamorgan Bird Club Trustees

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO - Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2024	2023		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Member Subscriptions	-	4,243	4,243	-	4,125	4,125
Gift Aid	-	2,452	2,452	-	-	-
Donations	-	610	610	-	582	582
Carbon Offset	-	349	349	-	388	388
Book/Bird Report Sales	-	35	35	-	135	135
Merchandise Sales	-	8	8	-	8	8
Nest Box Sales	-	179	179	-	252	252
Contribution to Swift Projects	-	1,136	1,136	-	-	-
Interest Received	-	633	633	-	150	150
Total	-	9,645	9,645	-	5,640	5,640
Expenditure						
Annual Bird Report	-	-	-	-	1,145	1,145
Newsletter	-	-	-	-	50	50
Postage	-	66	66	-	548	548
Nest Box materials	-	43	43	-	105	105
Admin/Stationery	-	64	64	-	129	129
Indoor/Zoom meetings	-	394	394	-	394	394
Cardiff Bay swift project	-	-	-	4,428	-	4,428
GBC website	-	240	240	-	133	133
Atlas website hosting	-	50	50	-	50	50
Pull-up banner	-	-	-	-	89	89
Gifts	-	22	22	-	4	4
Donation re Carbon Offset	-	280	280	-	418	418
Other donations	-	1,100	1,100	-	810	810
Affiliate memberships	-	80	80	-	115	115
Insurance	-	362	362	-	315	315
Bank charges	-	94	94	-	96	96
Travel expenses	-	335	335	-	102	102
Swift Project costs	-	272	272	-	-	-
Membermojo fee	-	95	95	-	-	-
Total	0	3,497	3,497	4,428	4,503	8,931
Surplus/(Deficit)	0	6,148	6,148	-4,428	1,137	3,291

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	31/03/24	31/03/24	31/03/23	31/03/23
	£	£	£	£
Debtors - Membership Secretary	26		64	
Prepayments	<u>348</u>		<u>362</u>	
		374		426
Cash at Bank - Current Account	39		373	
Cash at Bank - Deposit Accounts	<u>42,600</u>		<u>36,066</u>	
		<u>42,639</u>		<u>36,439</u>
		<u>43,013</u>		<u>36,865</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds:				
Members' Fund brought forward	17,371		16,234	
Surplus for the year	<u>6,148</u>		<u>1,137</u>	
Members' Fund carried forward		23,519		17,371
Restricted Funds:				
Swift Fund brought forward	19,494		23,922	
(Deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>		<u>4,428</u>	
Swift Fund carried forward		<u>19,494</u>		<u>19,494</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>43,013</u>		<u>36,865</u>

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Trustees

We have continued to hold Trustee meetings using Zoom this year, finding this to be convenient and carbon friendly.

Ceri Jones has continued his post as Treasurer this year, dealing with the bank, independent examiner, insurers and managing the HLF grant for the Cardiff Bay Swift Tower, as well as the day to day running of the club accounts.

We are still actively looking for a Secretary. At the moment the tasks are shared between us, but we would like to have someone to take on any of these. Please apply if you'd like to join us.

After many years of service, Rhos Williams has decided to step down, but will still take on an active volunteering role, as has Mary Gallagher, who will continue her work with the Porthcawl Swifts project. We'd like to thank them both for their time, commitment and enthusiasm.

We are very pleased that David Hibler has agreed to stand for election and that John Western is now able to re-join us, and is also applying for election, both at this 2022/23 AGM.

There have been no safeguarding issues to address this year.

Charity Commission Public Benefit Statement

GBC Trustees are aware of, and have regard to, the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance whenever we exercise our powers to make decisions on those aspects of GBC activity to which the guidance is relevant. This applies to all GBC conservation projects, production of the annual East Glamorgan Bird Report and quarterly newsletter, field trips, Kenfig NNR public walks, indoor and Zoom meetings, donations made, sponsorship given and grants awarded.

Venue

We are very thankful that we've been able to have a combination of face to face and Zoom indoor talks this year, and have found both to be popular. Pencoed Rugby Club has proved suitable, since the room is spacious enough for social distancing, and the location convenient, but we are of course willing to use other venues. We had a well-attended talk at Peterston-super-Ely village hall.

We plan to continue using the mixed format of Zoom and in-person meetings next year.

East Glamorgan Bird Report – EGBR

Following on from John Wilson retiring after many years in the EGBR Editor role, after producing the 2021 report, Ceri Jones became the Editor and has begun producing the 2022 Bird Report. As this will be an electronic version only and in a

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slightly different format, producing it will be easier, more environmentally friendly and will save on printing and postage costs. It will also provide opportunities for a more varied content.

Tate Lloyd, one of our younger members, has taken on the important task of Photo Editor from Tom Wright, who is busy working on birding and nature projects further afield. Although we do have more help we are still looking for additional Species Summarisers – support will be given for the tasks involved.

Newsletter

Alan Rosney has continued to produce our much enjoyed quarterly newsletter, all copies of which have been digital this year. Many thanks to Alan.

Policies and Procedures

These have been updated according to our schedule.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve

GBC continues to have a good relationship with Chris Jones, the Warden. Most of the work on repairing the South Hide has been done. Chris, with his few volunteers - including some club members - has cut back the reeds in front of the Southern hide, affording folk more opportunities for good views of the birds. Nest boxes have been placed on the building, most recently 9 swift boxes in memory of GBC member and ex-committee member Matt Evans.

Conservation Projects

*** Cardiff Bay Swift Tower**

We're awaiting the return of the Swifts, hoping they may nest in the tower during the 2023 season. When clearing out the boxes this year it was found that House Sparrows had used a few of them, which is always a good sign. The damaged noticeboard by the tower has been replaced with what is hoped will be a 'vandal proof' design. Regular meetings with our partners, RSPB Cymru and Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority, are still taking place with regard to maintenance, and ongoing responsibility according to the terms of the HLF grant. An event for all involved to mark the end of the project is being planned, together with the production of school information packs.

***Other Swift Projects**

Strinda Davies continues monitoring the boxes erected at Marlas Estate, North Cornelly and has been working with Pyle and Kenfig Hill Community Council, who have been very positive and have declared the communities swift-friendly.

Mary Gallagher contacted Porthcawl Town Council about their breeding swift population and has had very positive meetings with them, resulting in Porthcawl

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being declared a 'swift friendly' town. Mary also organised the erecting of swift boxes on a local primary school.

As well as being involved with the Swift Tower project and Cardiff Swifts in general, Alan Rosney has worked with developers and housing associations in the Vale of Glamorgan and Merthyr, and several boxes have been installed in those areas, often with the practical support of club member Howard Driver.

***Farm Partnerships**

Farmland bird surveys have been carried out at Cefn Colstyn Farm, Pentyrch, Ty Tanglwyst and Ty Draw Farms in North Cornelly and on Coity Common, in partnership with a farmer who uses her commoners' rights. Volunteers have also monitored bird boxes at Ty Tanglwyst Farm.

Ty'n-y-Caeau Farm - Regretfully, the Trustees have decided to cease the Ty'n-y-Caeau farmland bird feeding project. The sacrificial crop there never really fared well, the cost of providing seed became expensive, the task of filling winter feeders became problematic and trustees were unable to commit to leading on the project any more.

***Willing For Willow Tits.**

This project led by Wayne Morris and funded by WOS, has now been completed, but we will report on the outcome of further surveys.

***Green Sandpiper Survey in the Vale of Glamorgan.**

Led by Dan Jenkins-Jones, and also involving Alan Rosney and a number of GBC members, this survey has been completed for the year 2022/23, with a maximum of 16 being found.

A well-attended event involving local residents as well our members was held at Peterston-super- Ely. This very professionally produced presentation explained the scientific methods used to obtain accurate data, and stressed the importance of the numbers of birds found as a percentage of the UK population.

***Nest Boxes.**

Many nest boxes have been built and erected for various projects. Howard Driver has again produced several different types, especially for swifts and often at short notice – for which we are very grateful.

***Rookery Survey.**

Alongside a Welsh Ornithological Society survey, Dan Jenkins-Jones and Ceri Jones have organised the final year of a two-year GBC survey looking for active rookeries in our reporting area. There has been an excellent response to these surveys by GBC members again this year.

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Local Nature Partnerships

These groups are associated with each of our local authority areas and have regular meetings covering many aspects of concern and development, including the creation of new or refreshed Nature Recovery Action Plans. Many thanks to all our members who volunteer to attend these on behalf of the club.

Donations and Sponsorship

The Donations and Sponsorship subgroup - Rob Bradshaw, Strinda Davies and Ceri Jones – has formulated a Small Grants Scheme, in which we offer groups and individuals up to £250 to enable study or conservation of birds in our area. Full details and an application form can be found on the website.

Publicity and Promotions

Our social media platforms have again proved popular and useful for providing information and promoting club activities. They also attract lots of wider public interest. John Wilson and Alan Rosney post on Facebook. Total page followers are approximately 1,152. Rhos Williams has looked after our Twitter feed, this year with 1,730 followers as at 7th April. Since he is stepping down as a Trustee, John Wilson has kindly agreed to take on this task.

John Wilson is also our Webmaster. There is lots of activity on our website - during 2022 there were 73,175 views by 18,378 visitors with an average of 4 views per visitor. Various items featuring the club logo are available to order (from myself, as GBC Chair): badges, car stickers, hats, caps, polo shirts and fleeces.

Walks, Field Trips and Indoor Talks

Led by Dave Carrington, our excellent Kenfig NNR public walks have gone ahead as usual, usually very well attended with up to 24 folk on one occasion and with only one cancellation due to bad weather. The Portland weekend went ahead, with 14 folk participating.

Various birding locations near and far were enjoyed on our popular field trips, led by John Wilson and Alan Rosney. Some examples are Chew Valley and Blagdon Lakes, the Forest of Dean, Llanwonno - for nightjars, accompanied by Senedd Nightjar champion Vikki Howells, Whiteford Point on Gower, Ogmere Estuary, WWT Slimbridge and Cosmeston Lakes Country Park.

Members have enjoyed our Zoom presentations and in-person talks, organised by Paul Denning throughout the year. Some of these were - Tessa Boase speaking about 'The Women Who Saved The Birds' - the beginning of the RSPB; our own Paul Denning - 'Living The High Life In France' consisting of fabulously illustrated flora and fauna in the Alps and Pyrenees; 'Birds of the Ely Valley' by Alan Rosney and Dan Jenkins-Jones and the Review of The Year (for 2021) presented and illustrated by Tate Lloyd.

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Full programmes of Field Trips, Walks and Talks for next year have been produced, by John Wilson, Alan Rosney and Paul Denning, the details of which are on the website.

Membership

The number of Memberships as of 31st March 2023 was 299, an increase of 40 from 2021/22.

We actively strive to encourage young people to join the club, continuing to offer free membership to under 24's, and we also offer sponsorships. This helped one of our younger members, Matthew Binding, to attend a residential course on Skomer in the summer of 2022.

As a further incentive to attract new members, the Trustees agreed that anyone joining as a new member in January to March each year, would be offered up to 15 months membership.

Sadly, we have lost two members this year - Arthur Furze, from Bristol, passed away in the summer, and Mike Pearson from Cardiff in May. We also received the sad news of the passing of Pat Everett, a former member and club secretary for a number of years. Our thoughts go to their families.

Birding highlights enjoyed by a number of our members during the last year have included – a Red-Backed Shrike at Kenfig NNR, Waxwing at Maesteg, Brent Geese and a Hoopoe at Ogmore, a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker on the Taff Trail, a Little Gull at Cardiff Bay and an Alpine Swift at Porthcawl.

Finally, as always, I'd like to thank the trustees and all member volunteers for their work throughout the year.

Jean Haslam, Chair, on behalf of Glamorgan Bird Club Trustees

April 25th 2023

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Member Subscriptions	-	4,125	4,125	-	3,599	3,599
Donations	-	582	582	-	842	842
Carbon Offset	-	388	388	-	257	257
Book/Bird Report Sales	-	135	135	-	20	20
Merchandise Sales	-	8	8	-	24	24
Nest Box Sales	-	252	252	-	20	20
Interest Received	-	150	150	-	4	4
Total	-	5,640	5,640	-	4,766	4,766
Expenditure						
Annual Bird Report	-	1,145	1,145	-	945	945
Newsletter	-	50	50	-	139	139
Postage	-	548	548	-	92	92
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nest Box materials	-	105	105	-	-	-
Admin/Stationery	-	129	129	-	26	26
Indoor/Zoom meetings	-	394	394	-	223	223
Cardiff Bay swift project	4,428	-	4,428	915	-	915
Design work	-	-	-	-	125	125
GBC website/domains	-	133	133	-	170	170
Atlas website hosting	-	50	50	-	60	60
Pull-up banner	-	89	89	-	-	-
Gifts	-	4	4	-	111	111
Donation re Carbon Offset	-	418	418	-	290	290
Other donations	-	810	810	-	984	984
Affiliate memberships	-	115	115	-	115	115
Insurance	-	315	315	-	287	287
Bank charges	-	96	96	-	30	30
Travel expenses	-	102	102	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	92	92
Total	4,428	4,503	8,931	915	3,689	4,604
(Deficit)/Surplus	-4,428	1,137	-3,291	-915	1,077	162

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2023

	31/03/23	31/03/23	31/03/22	31/03/22
	£	£	£	£
Debtors - Membership Secretary	64		79	
Prepayments	<u>362</u>		<u>315</u>	
		426		394
Cash at Bank - Current Account	373		126	
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	<u>36,066</u>		<u>39,636</u>	
		<u>36,439</u>		<u>39,762</u>
		<u>36,865</u>		<u>40,156</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds:				
Members' Fund brought forward	16,234		15,157	
Surplus for the year	<u>1,137</u>		<u>1,077</u>	
Members' Fund carried forward		17,371		16,234
Restricted Funds:				
Swift Fund brought forward	23,922		24,837	
(Deficit) for the year	<u>- 4,428</u>		<u>- 915</u>	
Swift Fund carried forward		<u>19,494</u>		<u>23,922</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>36,865</u>		<u>40,156</u>

Note: The Swift Fund is a restricted fund to be spent on the Swift Tower and associated expenses.

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Trustees

Zoom meetings have again proved successful and convenient and although we are back to some normality, we plan to have most of our future meetings via this platform.

Ceri Jones has taken on the task of Treasurer, dealing with the bank, auditors, insurers and managing the HLF grant for the Swift Tower, as well as the day to day running of the Club accounts.

We are still actively looking for a secretary. Mary Davis has kindly been able to take some of the minutes for us in 2021, while the rest of the tasks have been shared. Please apply if you'd like to join us.

After many years of service, Wayne Morris stepped down as a Trustee in March 2022. His expertise, persistence, and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Trustees and members, I'd like to thank him for all his hard work.

We are very pleased that Mary Gallagher and John Western have agreed to stand for election at the 2022 AGM.

Charity Commission Public Benefit Statement

GBC Trustees are aware of, and have regard to, the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance whenever we exercise our powers to make decisions on aspects of GBC activity to which the guidance is relevant.

This applies to all GBC conservation projects, production of the annual Eastern Glamorgan Bird Report and quarterly newsletter, field trips, KNNR walks, indoor and Zoom meetings, donations made and sponsorship given.

Venue

All of our Trustees' Meetings and club events have taken place via Zoom so far this year. Going forward, we plan to have a combination of face to face and Zoom indoor talks where possible, to enable as many as possible to attend.

Eastern Glamorgan Bird Report – EGBR

John Wilson, has once again produced the Bird Report and is now organising more than 130,000 records for the 2021 edition.

GBC is very proud of the EGBR, one of the most comprehensive in the country. The 2020 report, issued in December 2021, was the 59th edition and made interesting reading as the majority of records had been submitted during the pandemic.

John Wilson has been EGBR editor for 24 years, working with various team members from 1997 to 2000, and taking over solely in the role from 2005. In that time he has been ably supported by a willing team of volunteers, fulfilling a number of essential roles, e.g. collating weather records, writing up species summaries and proof reading. During 2021, John decided he would be taking a back seat from the EGBR in 2023, (but still continuing as a Trustee, Webmaster and Field Trip organiser) and since his announcement GBC trustees have been looking for someone, or a group of people, to replace him.

Grateful thanks are due from everyone to John for his huge contribution, and our search for his successor continues. As no-one has come forward so far, we have been considering alternative options for producing the report, but it might be that we won't be able to publish one next year.

The Trustees are also looking for more species summarisers and proof readers. We were very pleased that younger member Tom Wright took over as Photo Editor during 2021, from the late and sadly missed Richard Smith.

Newsletter

Alan Rosney has continued to produce our much enjoyed quarterly newsletter. Although digital copies are sent to the majority of members, he has been able to send some printed copies in the last edition. It is planned that in future, and in line with our climate change policy, all copies will be digital.

Many thanks to Alan.

Policies and Procedures

These have been updated according to our schedule. There have been no safeguarding issues to address this year.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve

We have met and established a good relationship with Chris Jones, the new warden. A sub-group has been formed to deal with any issues, in

particular the deterioration of the southern hide, mainly due to vandalism. Chris has raised funds, partly from donations and partly from the Reserve Trust, to buy wood for the renovation, which has been begun, carried out by Kenfig volunteers and our members.

Conservation Projects

* Cardiff Bay Swift Tower. We're eagerly awaiting the return of the Swifts, hoping they may nest here this year. There has been a good sign, in that House Sparrows have been showing an interest. Regular meetings with our partners, RSPB Cymru and Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority, are still taking place with regard to maintenance, ongoing responsibility, and a planned 'Welcome Back the Swifts' event on 14th May 2022.

* Other Swift Projects. Monitoring of Swift boxes and known nesting sites in various locations is going ahead. Strinda Davies has headed a project on a housing estate in North Cornelly, working with the Valleys to Coast Housing Association and with Bridgend Local Nature Partnership paying for the cherry picker hire, six swift boxes built by GBC volunteer Howard Driver, were installed. We will be watching them closely.

* Farm Feeding. We've continued our partnership with Ty'n y Caeau Farm and the Kenfig Ringing Group, with GBC providing some of the seed for winter feeding. Notably, Yellowhammers, Reed Bunting and a welcome Cirl Bunting have been found there.

* Nest Boxes. Boxes for various species and logs for Willow Tit have been built and sourced by many of our members. Once again, a special mention goes to Howard Driver who has been unstinting in his efforts to make very many for the Club, often at short notice, including boxes for Dipper, Swift, Little Owl, Kestrel, Tawny Owl, Pied Flycatcher and Robin. These have been erected in various locations in woodland, farms, churches, schools and nature reserves. Thanks to all.

* Willing For Willow Tits. Led by Wayne Morris, and funded by WOS, the planning and installing part of the project has been completed. Birch logs and boxes have been placed in several suitable sites and now monitoring of these has commenced.

* Ty Tanglwyst Farm. We have renewed our contact with the farm, previously erected nest boxes have been monitored, and invited by Rhys Lougher, the farmer, a bird survey was conducted by a small group of members during the Big Farmland Bird Count 2022.

* Green Sandpiper Survey in the Vale of Glamorgan. Led by Dan Jenkins-Jones, and also involving Alan Rosney, this has been completed for this year, with 7 birds being found on the last survey

* Rookery Survey. Alongside a Welsh Ornithological Society survey, Dan

Jenkins-Jones and Ceri Jones have organised a GBC survey of active rookeries in our reporting area. There has been an excellent response to these surveys by GBC members, for which we are very grateful, and the surveys conclude in 2023.

Publicity, Promotions and Branding

Our social media platforms have again proved popular and useful for giving information and promoting our activities. They also attract lots of wider public interest.

John Wilson and Alan Rosney post on Facebook. Total page followers are approximately 1,000, while each post reaches 100-400 people.

Rhos Williams looks after our Twitter feed, with 1607 followers so far.

John Wilson is also our Webmaster. There is lots of activity on our website, during 2021 there were 89,497 views, and 21,220 visits.

A new leaflet and banner are being printed.

Various items featuring the Club logo are available to order from myself, as GBC Chair: badges, car stickers, hats, caps, polo shirts and fleeces.

Walks, Field Trips and Indoor Talks

Thankfully, Kenfig walks, led by Dave Carrington, and field trips, led by John Wilson and Alan Rosney, have been able to continue this year as restrictions eased. The first was in May 2021, with a KNNR walk on the 15th, and a trip to RSPB Dinas on the 22nd, when we had 10 participants. Further full day trips were held in June, August, September, November and December, then all months in 2022 to date, with a maximum of 21 participants. Various locations were visited, e.g. Whiteford Point on Gower, Newton Point, Porthcawl, the Forest Of Dean and Garwnant. Eight members were able to go on a socially-distanced Portland weekend, recording 92 species! We don't now need to book for Kenfig walks, but please contact John Wilson for booking on Field Trips.

Members, and some guests, have enjoyed our well-attended Zoom talks, including Mike Smart on Curlews, Urban Peregrines by Ed Drewitt, Tom Mabbett from Naturetrek showing us his favourite UK birding locations and an excellent wide-ranging presentation by Julian Hughes, well known naturalist and co-author and editor of 'The Birds of Wales', featuring research for the book and historical Welsh birding facts .

Paul Denning, Alan Rosney and John Wilson have produced a full programme of talks for 2022/23, some of which we plan to hold in person, together with walks and field trips for next year.

Membership

Membership as of 31st March 2022 was 272, a slight increase on 2020/21. We actively strive to encourage young people to join the club and links have been made with the University of South Wales, Cardiff University and Pencoed College. A limited Youth Membership Survey was held and we continue to offer free membership to under 24's.

We have sadly lost three members this year.

Paul Marshman, David Fisher, a founder member, and Richard Smith, another founder member who had also been County Bird Recorder, GBC committee member, worked on the EGBR until very recently and has given us many talks on his birding travels around the world.

Our thoughts go to their families.

Honorary Membership

In light of his unstinting efforts over many years in making and installing bird boxes, the Trustees are pleased to award Honorary membership to Howard Driver.

Birding highlights

During the last year these have included Ring-necked Duck, Great White Egrets, Marsh Harriers and Red Crested Pochard at Kenfig NNR, and a Hoopoe at Sker.

Finally, as always, I'd like to thank the Trustees and volunteers for their work throughout the year.

Jean Haslam, Chair

For the Glamorgan Bird Club Trustees

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO - Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Member Subscriptions	-	3,599	3,599	-	3,436	3,436
Donations	-	842	842	-	912	912
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,622	1,622
Carbon Offset	-	257	257	-	20	20
Book/Bird Report Sales	-	20	20	-	11	11
Badges/Other Merchandise	-	24	24	-	129	129
Swift Projects	-	20	20	-	-	-
Interest Received	-	4	4	-	21	21
Total	-	4,767	4,767	-	6,151	6,151
Expenditure						
Annual Bird Report	-	945	945	-	1,065	1,065
Newsletter	-	139	139	-	458	458
Postage	-	398	398	-	521	521
Badges/Other Merchandise	-	20	20	-	162	162
Stationery	-	26	26	-	137	137
Indoor/Zoom meetings	-	223	223	-	156	156
Cardiff Bay swift project	915	-	915	309	-	309
Design work	-	125	125	-	-	-
Websites	-	230	230	-	192	192
Gifts	-	111	111	-	-	-
Donation re Carbon Offset	-	290	290	-	-	-
Other donations	-	850	850	-	1,014	1,014
Affiliate memberships	-	115	115	-	100	100
Insurance	-	602	602	-	-	-
Seed - farmland feed crop	-	134	134	-	167	167
Bank charges	-	30	30	-	-	-
Other	-	92	92	-	69	69
Total	915	4,331	5,246	309	4,041	4,350
(Deficit)/Surplus	-915	435	-480	-309	2,110	1,801

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	31/03/22	31/03/22	31/03/21	31/03/21
	£	£	£	£
Stock	273		600	
Debtors - Membership Secretary	78		110	
		352		710
Cash at Bank - Current Account	126		450	
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	39,636		39,434	
		39,762		39,884
		40,114		40,594
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds:				
Members' Fund brought forward	15,849		13,739	
Surplus for the year	435		2,110	
Members' Fund carried forward		16,284		15,849
Restricted Funds:				
Swift Fund brought forward	24,745		25,054	
(Deficit) for the year	- 915		- 309	
Swift Fund carried forward		23,830		24,745
Total Funds carried forward		40,114		40,594

GLAMORGAN BIRD CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1177991

Accounts

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO

Trustees report April 2020 - 31st Mar 2021

Trustees

The 'Zoom' meetings we had to introduce have proved very successful and convenient for us. We started these in June 2020, and it's likely that when things are 'back to normal', that we'll continue to use this platform some of the time as it removes the need for travel and there will be reduced venue hire and travel expense costs.

After being our Treasurer for more than 10 years, Anne Wilson is stepping down as a trustee. On behalf of the Membership and Trustees, I'd like to thank her for all her hard work, dealing with Auditors, the Bank, Insurance, the transition to a CIO, managing the NHLF grant for the Cardiff Bay Swift Tower, as well as day to day running of the club accounts. Thankfully, Ceri Jones, a previous committee member, has agreed to stand for election and to take on this post. Last May, Rebecca Carrington, our acting secretary, also left the Trustees - many thanks to her. We are still actively searching for her replacement so please apply if you'd like to join us.

Membership

Alan Rosney is our Membership Secretary. As of March 2021, there were 259 memberships. This is 41 less than last year. The Covid-19 pandemic has had an effect on renewals, so the Trustees agreed last year to be more flexible regarding late payment. Our initiative for giving free membership to under 21's will continue.

Venue

In March 2020 we were still able to use the Pyle Life Centre for our committee meetings, and Pencoed Welfare Hall for Club events, but since June 2020 all meetings have been conducted via Zoom.

Eastern Glamorgan Bird Report

John Wilson, with the help of the Eastern Glamorgan Recorder, Phil Bristow, and his team of section writers and proof readers, has produced the excellent 2019 Bird Report, and is now collating more than 100,000 records in preparation for the 2020 edition. Richard Smith, who has been photo editor of the Bird Report for many years, has stepped down this year. Tom Wright, one of our younger members, has taken up the challenge to continue his work. I'd like to formally thank Richard for his hard work and excellent contribution to the EGBR for the last 23 years.

Newsletter

Our informative and entertaining quarterly newsletter has continued to be produced by Alan Rosney, mainly online, due to the impact of the necessary and various lockdown restrictions making it difficult to access the company we use for printing. Thanks are also due to the many contributors.

Policies

These have been updated according to our schedule.

* Our new Climate Change policy has been written by Rhos Williams, Strinda Davies, Rob Bradshaw and myself. One of the outcomes was that we should request a voluntary payment of £1 per person on our walks and field trips, towards our Carbon Offset yearly contribution, which is stated in the Policy. This is logged, and put into a separate account by the treasurer.

* The Risk Assessment policy and the Health and Safety policy have been updated by Rhos Williams, Rob Bradshaw and Strinda Davies.

* The Social Media policy and the Expenses policy have been updated by Strinda Davies.

* A Social Inclusion Statement has been agreed and displayed on the Website.

* A Donations & Sponsorship policy has been developed by Wayne Morris, Anne Wilson, Rob Bradshaw and Strinda Davies.

It is worth noting here that during this eventful period, no safeguarding concerns were reported.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve

Throughout the year the trustees have been very concerned about the future of KNNR and the impact on its birds due to the absence of a Reserve Warden. We have written to the Kenfig Corporation Trust (KCT) and requested a meeting to discuss those concerns and to offer help, advice and support for example with maintaining the Southern Hide. The Chair of the Trust has responded positively to our request for a meeting, but this is yet to be arranged. KCT, with advice from NRW, have recently appointed a Warden and a Reserve Manager. Four of the trustees had met with the new warden last week - this was a positive meeting and the feeling is that things will progress well with our involvement.

Publicity, Publications and Branding

We've found Social Media a good way to contact many of our members and this also attracts a lot of public interest.

Rhos Williams looks after our Twitter feed, with currently 1389 followers. While John Wilson and Alan Rosney post on Facebook, reaching 764 folk.

John Wilson ensures that the website is kept up to date and we are keen for the sightings page to be used more regularly.

Various items featuring our new club logo are available to buy from me, - badges, hats, caps, stickers, polo shirts etc. Details are on the website.

Conservation Projects

* Cardiff Bay Swift Tower. Work still goes ahead with our partners- the RSPB and the Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority, regarding maintenance. The call system has recently needed replacing and we are working to resolve this. Because publicity and education events have been postponed due to the pandemic, plans are being made to produce online education packs. So we are waiting with fingers crossed, hoping that swifts may find a nest site there this year!

* Other Swift Projects. Monitoring of Swift boxes in various locations is going ahead. A very small number of nests has been identified by the Club in an estate in North Cornelly. We have been in touch with the local housing association who have been very interested and agreed to work with us to install swift boxes and we have secured support from the Bridgend Local Nature Partnership to enable this to happen in time for the 2021 breeding season.

* Farm Feeding. The partnership with farmer John Evans at Ty'n-y-Caeau Farm in the Vale of Glamorgan and the Kenfig Ringing Group has continued, with GBC providing seed for winter feeding and for sowing the sacrificial crop.

* Nest Boxes. Production has continued, with boxes for various species being built – e.g. Kestrel, Little Owl, Swift, Dipper, Tits etc.. A special mention must be made about the work of Club member Howard Driver, who during lock down has produced countless numbers of boxes of various kinds.

* Willing For Willow Tits (WOS funded scheme). Wayne Morris has collated the results of the surveys and is at the stage of contacting landowners about conserving breeding habitat and supporting the breeding populations.. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, this part of the project has been postponed, however Willow Tit boxes and rotted Birch logs are being made/collected. Thanks again to Howard Driver.

* The Club continues its links with the local authorities through the Local Nature Partnerships and provides a free copy of the annual Bird Report to each of the County Ecologists.

30 years anniversary

Rob Bradshaw has written an excellent informative newsletter article on bird related changes in Eastern Glamorgan over the last 30 years, and more work has been done on producing PDF guides for the 30 best birding sites in Eastern Glamorgan project.

Walks, Field Trips, Events

* Sadly as a consequence of the C-19 restrictions we have all faced, we weren't able to have our Big Birding Day.

* Some socially - distanced walks and field trips took place when restrictions were eased last year, and the booking system we had to introduce to manage numbers attending, and enable us to *track & trace*, worked well.

* Paul Denning, Alan Rosney, John Wilson and Wayne Morris, have produced another programme of walks, talks and field trips. The outings and live 'in person' indoor meetings will resume as soon as the relevant restrictions are lifted.

* Folk have enjoyed our popular and inspirational 'Zoom' talks, arranged in lieu of physical indoor meetings, including 'The Re-introduction of Golden and Sea Eagles in Wales' by Sophie-Lee Williams, 'Birding In North Africa' by Paul Bowden, Birding in Thailand by John Wilson, The Lost Peatlands Project by Mike Shewring, and of course Edward Mayer's talk on Swifts, which attracted more than 60 participants. More of these are planned throughout the Spring/Summer.

Birding highlights

The pandemic has had a major impact on all of our lives not least our customary ability to travel wherever we please to watch birds, often alerted to their presence by other birders via social media. For many of us still able to enjoy it, birding in 2020 meant exploring and/or rediscovering our local area, accessible on foot as part of permitted daily exercise. Given these constraining circumstances some of our members' local birding turned up some good birds. The outstanding highlight has to be the male Montagu's Harrier discovered in April at Ogmere by young Club member Tom Wright – the species was last seen in East Glamorgan in 1974. Also seen there was a fly-over Honey Buzzard in September. On the wildfowl front there were singles of Pink-footed and White-fronted Goose, Whooper Swan, Ring-necked Duck and Long-tailed Duck. Rare waders featured Avocet, Red-necked Phalarope and Grey Phalarope, and another amazing sight was 10 Cattle Egrets settling to roost in bushes at Cardiff Bay Wetlands Reserve in July.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Trustees and Volunteers for their continued commitment to this work throughout this very challenging year which brought with it stresses not experienced by any of us before. Our thoughts go out to all those whose lives have been affected by the very sad loss of family or friends.

We know that birding brings tremendous personal satisfaction and enjoyment and promotes well-being; we look forward to the times when we can once again experience this collectively.

Jean Haslam, Chair, for the Glamorgan Bird Club Trustees.

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO Income and Expenditure 01/04/20 to 31/3/21

	2021 Restricted	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Total	2020 Restricted	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions		3436	3436	0	4075	4075
Willow Tit Grant (WOS)		0	0	0	0	0
Book sales		0	0	0	0	0
Merchandise sales		129	129	0	112	112
Nest Boxes		0	0	0	32	32
Donations and talks		912	912	0	692	692
GOS internet fee share		0	0	0	0	0
EGBR sales		11	11	0	31	31
Charity payments/gift aid		1622	1622	0	23	23
Proceeds - BB day		0	0	0	181	181
Indoor meetings		0	0	0	321	321
Swift Project (WOS)		0	0	0	0	0
Bank interest		21	21	0	47	47
Swift Grant (HLF)		0	0	21920	0	21920
Green Offset		<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	6151	6151	21920	5514	27434
Expenditure						
EGBR		1065	1065	0	1478	1478
Admin./Stationery		137	137	0	190	190
Internet		132	132	0	156	156
Postage		521	521	0	824	824
Farmland bird feeding		0	0	0	133	133
Newsletter		458	458	0	788	788
Merchandise		112	112	0	194	194
WOS fee x 2		100	100	0	50	50
Indoor meeting exp. (inc Zoom fee)		156	156	0	276	276
Insurance		0	0	0	303	303
Atlas (+ Analytics)		60	60	0	114	114
Travel expenses		0	0	0	339	339
Other		0	0	0	12	12
Swift Grant (HLF)	309		309	20098		20098
Swift Expenses (GBC)				0	92	92
Willow Tit Project (WOS)		69	69	0	0	0
BBD Expenses		0	0	0	103	103
Donation/Sponsorships		1181	1181	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Includes Farmland bird feeding						
Stock used		<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>			
	309	4041	4350	20098	5252	25350
(Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(£309)</u>	<u>£2110</u>	<u>£1801</u>	<u>£1822</u>	<u>£262</u>	<u>£2084</u>

Glamorgan Bird Club CIO Balance Sheet 31/03/2021

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Stock	600		650	
Debtors - M'ship Sec	<u>110</u>		<u>3</u>	
		710		653
Cash				
- Current	450		276	
- Deposit	<u>39,434</u>		<u>37,864</u>	
		<u>39,884</u>		<u>38,140</u>
		<u>40,594</u>		<u>38,793</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds:				
Members' fund brought forward	13,739		0	
Transferred from GBC	0		13,390	
Surplus for year	<u>2,110</u>		<u>349</u>	
Members' fund carried forward		15,849		13,739
Restricted funds:				
Swift fund brought forward	25,054		0	
Transferred from GBC	0		23,324	
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>(309)</u>		<u>1,730</u>	
Swift fund carried forward		<u>24,745</u>		<u>25,054</u>
		<u>40,594</u>		<u>38,793</u>