



BIRDS ON THE BRINK – Trustees’ Report for year ending 28 February 2025

Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Charity number 1188009

Trustees: Dr Paul Sterry, Andrew Cleave MBE and Will Nicholls.

Background: Between them, the trustees have a lifetime of experience in the fields of conservation, ornithology, environmental publishing, wildlife photography and film making

Paul Sterry is a wildlife photographer and author of more than 50 natural history books.

Andrew Cleave has published numerous natural history books and was awarded his MBE for services to environmental education.

Will Nicholls is a wildlife cameraman and director of the competition Bird Photographer of the Year.

Advisory Panel: Keith Betton; David Lindo; Dr Mark Bolton; Mark Carwardine; Paul Stancliffe; Myles Archibald.

Background: the advisory panel comprises individuals who are pre-eminent in the fields of conservation, avian research and environmental publishing:

Keith Betton is currently the Chairman of the management committee of Hampshire Ornithological Society.

David Lindo is known throughout the world as ‘The Urban Birder’. David is a broadcaster, writer, naturalist, photographer, public speaker, and tour leader.

Dr Mark Bolton has worked for the RSPB Conservation Science Department for nearly 20 years. His research is focussed principally on seabird conservation. He was involved in the discovery of a species new to science - Monteiro’s Storm-petrel. He has been a director of Fair Isle Bird Observatory since 2010.

Mark Carwardine is a broadcaster, author, photographer and expedition leader.

Paul Stancliffe previously worked for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and has now retired. He writes regular articles on birds for a variety of magazines, and has co-written two bird identification guides with the BTO and HarperCollins.

Myles Archibald is Publishing Director at HarperCollins, including the New Naturalist series.

Objectives of Charity:

The object of Birds on the Brink, as defined on the Charity Commission website, is: TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS AND WILD BIRD POPULATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE AT RISK OF DECLINE OR EXTINCTION, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WORKING TO CONSERVE WILD BIRDS AND THEIR NATURAL HABITATS.

In practical terms, BIRDS ON THE BRINK awards grants to projects that support bird conservation.

Favoured projects include under-funded existing projects and promising start-ups. Awards are typically between £250 and £1,000 and are given primarily to small groups or individuals carrying out grassroots conservation work.

Applications for grants of £250 or less are considered at the time of submission. Grant applications exceeding £250 are usually considered quarterly, their merits measured alongside other pending applications. In addition, applications for funding or joint-funding are considered from larger organisations where vital and immediate backing is required.

Applications for funding are reviewed by the Trustees and the Advisory Panel. Approval is granted by the Trustees after consideration of advice given by BOTB Advisors. We consider applications for all species, anywhere in the world, but priority is given to species whose conservation status merits concern either globally, or nationally in relative terms. In that regard, BOTB is informed by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) global data, and in the UK by the Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC4) information.

Review of Charitable Activities undertaken:

- Newton Valence starling - £400
- Kent County Council Barn Owls - £500
- Barn Owl Trust - £1,000
- Quarndon Swifts - £500
- Martin Lammertink - £950
- Biscan Swifts - £250

Banking:

Birds on the Brink operates an account with Metro Bank and has a PayPal account.

Income:

Income was derived as follows:

- Bird Photographer of the Year Ltd - £5,000
- Individual donations direct – £50
- Princeton University Press - £750

Balance and Accounts:

The balance for the Birds on the Brink Metro Bank account on 28 February 2025 was £14,190.55

Financial Accounts have been prepared on behalf of Birds on the Brink by Mrs D J H Aubin.

Plans for the coming year:

The primary source of income for Birds on the Brink is Bird Photographer of the Year Ltd, and Birds on the Brink is the charitable benefactor of the competition.

Fundraising plans: BOTB is now working with Bird Photographer of the Year to produce articles and social media posts that help promote the work of the charity and raise its profile.

Foreseeable Risks:

When awarding or rejecting grant applications, the Birds on the Brink team will need to take into consideration whether or not the planned project is likely to be achievable in the current global economic climate.

Dr Paul Sterry, Andrew Cleave MBE and Will Nicholls, 17 March 2025
Trustees acting on behalf of Birds on the Brink.



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/03/2024

To

Period end date
28/02/2025

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	5,800	-	-	5,800	6,052
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,800	-	-	5,800	6,052
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,800	-	-	5,800	6,052
A3 Payments					
Grants	3,600	-	-	3,600	10,985
Expenses	143	-	-	143	119
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,743	-	-	3,743	11,104
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,743	-	-	3,743	11,104
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,057	-	-	2,057	5,052
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,209	-	-	12,209	17,261
Cash funds this year end	14,266	-	-	14,266	12,209

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	Metro Bank Current Account	14,202	-	-
	Paypal account	64	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,266	-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	P.R. Sterry	MR PAUL STERRY	03/04/2025	