

Financial statements Brackley Hogwatch

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No. 1188770

Charity information

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1188770

Address

27 Mill Lane
Croughton
Northamptonshire
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Trustees

V Fairburn
T French
D Baker
C Whiting

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Report of the trustees

Brackley Hogwatch has pleasure in presenting the trustees' report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

The following are the current trustees:

V. Fairburn (from 19th November 2023)
T French
D Baker
C Whiting

Brackley Hogwatch is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The charity is controlled by its governing document a CIO foundation model constitution dated 28 February 2020 and is registered with the Charity Commission number 1188770. The registered address is 27 Mill Lane, Croughton, Northamptonshire NN13 5LU.

Aim and objective

The objective of the charity is to further the conservation and preservation of the hedgehog species with the aim of improving the survival rate of the species.

Review of activities and achievements

The charity received donations principally from members of the public. The charity carried out research studies into the reasons for decline of the hedgehog and also carried out radio tracking studies. Donations have been made by the charity to local hedgehog rescue organisations in accordance with its aims and objectives.

Finances

The attached financial statements show the current finances. All funds are unrestricted.

Reserves

All funds are held to further the aims and objectives of the charity outlined above. The charity aims to build up their reserves in order to fund premises in the future.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major risks that the charity faces. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day workings of the charity.

Investment policy

The trustees' investment policy is to ensure sufficient liquidity is available to meet the aims of the charity. Therefore, cash is held in a current account to meet short term requirements and any excess is invested in deposit account to earn a commercial rate of interest.

Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



V Fairburn
Trustee

Date: 18 August 2024

Statement of financial activities

		2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		funds	funds
	Note	£	£
Income and expenditure			
Incoming resources			
Sale of merchandise		879	854
Donations received	2	11,564	10,292
Fundraising Events	3	2,163	3,474
Donations in kind	4	11	34
Other receipts	5	1,032	1,070
		<u>15,649</u>	<u>15,724</u>
Resources expended			
Purchases		402	399
Direct charitable expenditure	6	8,286	10,350
Management and administration	7	1,087	831
		<u>9,775</u>	<u>11,580</u>
Surplus for the year and net movement in funds		5,874	4,144
Balance brought forward		<u>17,629</u>	<u>13,485</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>23,503</u>	<u>17,629</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets and net assets		
Cash at bank	23,216	17,205
Other monetary assets	270	354
Cash in hand	67	70
Creditors due within one year	(50)	0
	<u>23,503</u>	<u>17,629</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted fund	<u>23,503</u>	<u>17,629</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18 August 2024



V Fairburn
Trustee

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1 Principal accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The charity has prepared its accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 section 133, using the Receipt and Payments basis available to small charities.

(b) Donations

Donations (including gift aid recovery) are recognised in the financial statements when receivable or when there is a firm commitment to pay monies to the charity in respect of expenditure already incurred.

(c) Investment income

Where applicable, any investment income, including deposit interest, is shown on the basis of amounts received in the year and includes any tax credit or income tax which is recoverable by the charity.

(d) Direct charitable expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis.

(e) Funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to conditions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictive conditions are binding upon the trustees of the charity.

2 Donations received

The donations received principally relate to private donations from members of the public. In 2023 £3,000 donation was received from Barratt Homes and £1,000 from Charities Trust.

3 Fundraising Events

Proceeds from raffles and tombola of donated items, at local events, including donated coin collections.

4 Donations in kind

Items or services purchased for the charity paid for directly by private donors.

5 Other Income

Gift Aid claim

6 Direct charitable expenditure

The direct charitable expenditure relates to items purchased to further the charities aims and objectives and to donations made to hedgehog hospitals or organisations which rescue and provide care for sick hedgehogs.

7 Management and administration expenses

Office costs, bank charges and travel expenses

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