

NEWBURY ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1189097

Details

Other names NEWT

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN AND AROUND NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE AND THE PROMOTION OF BIODIVERSITY OF ALL WILD NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA, BY WORKING WITH LANDOWNERS AND PUBLIC BODIES TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE CONSERVATION WORK USING VOLUNTEERS.

Activities: Working with local land owners and the community to improve wildlife habitat and increase biodiversity. Educate and engage with the public to increase appreciation of the natural world and the part we can all play in protecting it. Improving safe and accessible spaces for the enjoyment and appreciation of nature.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-04-01		£50	£140	-	-
2024-04-01		£538	£5,380	-	-
2023-04-01		£100	£431	-	-
2022-04-01		£7,256	£119	-	-
2021-04-01		£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Harrison	Chair	2020-03-09
Adrian Ager		2020-03-09
Darren Hutchins		2020-03-09

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Not a great deal of activity this financial period. We are waiting to find out how much funding will be forthcoming from Thames Water, before we can ask for grant funding from charitable trusts. We do not want to raise charitable money, when Thames Water might fund that.

This will be the last boring year for our financials, as we have, at time of writing, started getting funding through towards the end of 2025 and start of 2026.

Rich Harrison

Profit and Loss Account

HSBC Credits	£50.00
HSBC Debits	-£140.00
HSBC Total	-£90.00
PayPal Credits	£50.00
PayPal Debits	-£50.00
PayPal Total	£0.00
Total In	£100.00
Total Out	-£190.00
Total	-£90.00

Balance Sheet

Cash	
HSBC balance brought forward	1916.1
Paypal balance brought forward	£9.19
Balance brought forward	£1,925.29
Cash this period	£100.00
Expenditure this period	-£190.00
Year ending cash	£1,835.29
Assets	
Cash	£1,835.29
Total Assets	£1,835.29
Liabilities	
Public liability insurance (committed for 2 years at circa £500 per year)	£1,000.00
Total Liabilities	£1,000.00
Balance	£835.29

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Things are finally taking shape and progress is being made towards being able to launch properly. We have secured a 2nd lease this year for a secure compound that will become our HQ and stores for tools and materials. This compound is very overgrown and needs much tidying before we can use it, so we have started purchasing tools. We have bought a range of battery powered landscaping tools including pole saw, hedge trimmer, 2 chain saws, a strimmer/brush cutter and mini chain saw. We have also bought enough garden hand tools and safety wear for a volunteer working party of 20. These tools should be adequate for all our tool needs in the foreseeable future. A very good discount was negotiated on the power tools saving us over £1,000.

The tools purchase has made a significant dent in our cash reserves but we were unable to get started without it. The cash remaining is sandboxed to cover running costs only and no further capital purchases can be made until more funding has been received. We have reduced the amount held to cover future insurance costs to 2 years as we will almost inevitably have more funding in place by then and if we really couldn't cover the costs we could always surrender the lease. Realistically I would end up paying the insurance myself than surrender the lease. But strictly speaking the charity has not got a committed liability for the many years of insurance that we had previously held back out of an abundance of caution.

At the end of the year the 3rd and final lease agreement is expected to arrive any time soon. Our landlord has also pledged £500,000 for the building of NEWT ponds and other habitat and public access improvements. Those funds will not be released until a design has been made and ecologists are already doing baseline wildlife surveys as the first stage of that. Our landlord is paying for the surveys so no costs will be incurred by us. That lease covers the 37 acre site and that is what will allow us to attract grant funding. So no significant income has been sought yet until that final lease has been completed. At the time of writing this in June, that lease has now completed, so the year ahead should be much more exciting as we can apply for proper grant funding on the basis of actually having a nature reserve.

Rich Harrison

Profit and Loss Account

HSBC Credits	£499.16
HSBC Debits	-£5,380.82
HSBC Total	-£4,881.66
PayPal Credits	£39.20
PayPal Debits	£0.00
PayPal Total	£39.20
Total In	£538.36
Total Out	-£5,380.82
Total	-£4,842.46

Balance Sheet

Cash	
HSBC balance brought forward	6797.76
Paypal balance brought forward	£9.19
Balance brought forward	£6,806.95
Cash this period	£538.36
Expenditure this period	-£5,380.82
Year ending cash	£1,964.49
Assets	
Cash	£1,964.49
Total Assets	£1,964.49
Liabilities	
Public liability insurance (committed for 2 years at circa £500 per year)	£1,000.00
Total Liabilities	£1,000.00
Balance	£964.49

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We have signed a lease now for a small area of land so have started to pay for public liability insurance on the land. We have still yet to complete on the main leases so still haven't been able to start properly. Apart from the liability insurance and bank charges we have conserved funds for when we can start proper. We have held various meetings with the landowners representatives on site to discuss our plans in detail and they have been met with approval. We have subsequently seen draft leases for the entire land so hope to start soon. We have not done much fundraising during this period as that would be disingenuous until we have the leases in place and the lease of the land is required for most grant funding applications.

Rich Harrison

Profit and Loss Account

HSBC Credits	£100.00
HSBC Debits	-£430.81
HSBC Total	-£330.81
PayPal Credits	£0.00
PayPal Debits	£0.00
PayPal Total	£0.00
Total In	£100.00
Total Out	-£430.81
Total	-£330.81

Balance Sheet

Cash	
HSBC balance brought forward	£7,128.57
Paypal balance brought forward	£9.19
Balance brought forward	£7,137.76
Cash this period	£100.00
Expenditure this period	-£430.81
Year ending cash	£6,806.95
Assets	
Cash	£6,806.95
Total Assets	£6,806.95
Liabilities	
Public liability insurance (committed for 9 years at circa £500 per year)	£4,500.00
Total Liabilities	£4,500.00
Balance	£2,306.95

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We are still awaiting final signing of the lease for the land where we will be operating, so have been unable to start work towards our charitable purposes. Contact with the land owner remains positive and it is just taking time to get through their solicitors.

We have collected a few small cash donations, and received £7000 from the land owner towards our costs when we do start managing their land. We have taken public liability insurance out as required by the terms of the lease, which over the entire term of the 10 year lease will be approximately £5000. Monthly bank charges have eroded cash donations, but the charity remains adequately funded for our current level of activity.

Rich Harrison

Profit and Loss Account

HSBC Credits	£7,148.57
HSBC Debits	-£20.00
HSBC Total	£7,128.57
PayPal Credits	£107.75
PayPal Debits	-£98.56
PayPal Total	£9.19
Total In	£7,256.32
Total Out	-£118.56
Total	£7,137.76

Balance Sheet

Cash	
Balance brought forward	£0.00
Cash this period	£7,137.76
Year ending cash	£7,137.76
Assets	
Cash	£7,137.76
Total Assets	£7,137.76
Liabilities	
Public liability insurance (committed for 10 years at circa £500 per year)	£5,000.00
Total Liabilities	£5,000.00
Balance	£2,137.76

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As a new charity we had a lot of things to set up such as bank accounts, HMRC account, leases for land and the creation of administrative stationery such as risk assessments. Activity was very curtailed due to the Covid pandemic, no banks were accepting new account applications and lease negotiations for land ground to a standstill during lockdowns. Some progress was made towards the end of the year, so the next financial year will see us pick up pace in getting launched.

Rich Harrison

Profit and Loss Account

HSBC Credits	£0.00
HSBC Debits	£0.00
HSBC Total	£0.00
PayPal Credits	£0.00
PayPal Debits	£0.00
PayPal Total	£0.00
Grand Total	£0.00

Balance Sheet

Cash	
Balance brought forward	£0.00
Cash this period	£0.00
Year ending cash	£0.00
Assets	
Cash	£0.00
Total Assets	£0.00
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	£0.00
Balance	£0.00