

BARN OWL LEGACY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1190997

Details

Other names	BOLT
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-08-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO HOLD AND MANAGE HABITAT AND TO ADVANCE THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE, ESPECIALLY THE BARN OWL AND PROVIDE EDUCATION ON THE LINKS BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE NATURAL WORLD. TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR WILDLIFE TO FLOURISH IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: To hold and manage habitat and to advance the conservation of wildlife, especially the Barn Owl and provide education on the links between humans and the natural World. To provide a safe environment for wildlife to flourish in a natural environment. Day-to-day management is undertaken by the Barn Owl Trust

Classification

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

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£1,022	£0	-	-
2025-03-31	£1,640	£0	-	-
2024-03-31	£590	£0	-	-
2023-03-31	£239	£0	-	-
2022-03-31	£8	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FRANCES JAINE RAMSDEN	Chair	2019-11-11
KEITH RANALD GRANT		2019-11-11
KEVIN KEATLEY		2019-11-11
Marianne Bryan		2019-11-11
Mark Jonathan Pountney		2019-11-11
Matthew Adam Twiggs		2019-11-11
Tony Hulatt		2023-11-16

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Pied Flycatcher - April 2024

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The charity currently has 6 Trustees. *Matthew Twiggs resigned on 28th January 2025. The Trustees meet quarterly, and minutes of meetings are recorded.

On 31st March 2021, the transfer of 26 acres of land, known as the Lennon Legacy Project (LLP) at Waterleat, Ashburton in Devon, was made to BOLT by the Barn Owl Trust (BOT). The residue of the original legacy used to buy the LLP land in 2001 was transferred to BOLT on 10th June 2021.

BOLT Trustees have agreed with the Barn Owl Trust (BOT) that BOT will continue the day-to-day management of the land and provide regular reports to the Trustees of BOLT agreeing any major management changes in advance. Monthly updates are given in the Barn Owl Trust's online Wildlife Diary (barnowltrust.org.uk/news-events/wildlife-diary/) and quarterly reports at BOLT Trustee's meetings.

A huge amount of wildlife has been seen on the LLP over the last year. We were delighted (and surprised!) to find three young Tawny Owlets when checking the pole box in the main field in April, and even more delighted when in September, a Barn Owl was spotted perched on the beam at the back of the new Field Shelter in Kiln Close. Another Barn Owl was seen in November, roosting in the Kestrel provision of our Wildlife Tower in North Park. We have been privileged to see a variety of different bird species including Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Woodcock, Kingfisher, Wheatear, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Pied Flycatcher, Greenfinch and many more. The highlights being a Red Kite which was spotted flying over the main field in June and our first recorded sighting of a male Cirl Bunting in January!



Barn Owl in Kiln Close Field Shelter - September 2024

There were noticeably fewer butterflies around this year. Poor weather has played its role with a cold and wet spring, however this year's obvious reduction forms part of the many years of long-term decline being observed. It should be noted that it is not just butterflies that are struggling, we are also seeing reduced numbers of bees, hoverflies, moths and even aphids alongside many more species. Climate change will undoubtedly have an affect on all our flora and fauna, and here at the Trust we are trying to raise awareness and do what we can to conserve our native species alongside the Barn Owl.

We have held 10 guided walks around the LLP this year, which were well attended and included a new walk looking specifically for Dragonflies, Grasshoppers and Crickets. Volunteers, organised by our Reserve and Volunteer Co-ordinator Harry Hingston, helped with various practical conservation tasks in the LLP nature reserve such as pulling up brambles and thistles, scrub clearance, erecting fence posts and hedge-laying.

During the financial year 2024-2025 all but one of the Trustee meetings were held on Zoom. The meeting in July was held in person.

Barn Owl Legacy Trust - BOLT
As at 31st March 2024

Balance Sheet

	March 2025	March 2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	60,094	60,094
Current Assets	48,343	46,703
	<u>108,437</u>	<u>106,797</u>

Barn Owl Legacy Trust - BOLT
Receipts & Payments Account
As at 31st March 2024

	March 2025	March 2024
Bank Interest	1639	589
Rent from BOT*	1	1
Total income	1,640	590
Funds brought forward	<u>46,703</u>	<u>46,113</u>
Total carried forward	<u>48,343</u>	<u>46,703</u>

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Volunteers working in the LLP - October 2024



Slow Worm - May 2024



Kingfisher by the River Ashburn - Oct 2024



Wood Mouse - May 2024



Dark Bush Cricket - September 2024

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Kingfisher on the Flo Pond - Sept 2023

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Throughout the past year, the LLP has remained a sanctuary for wildlife, with a diverse range of plant and animal life documented. Over the year we were treated to regular sightings of Kestrels, Sparrowhawks, Grey Herons and many other bird species. In September, we were delighted to have our suspicions confirmed that an Otter was indeed visiting our ponds when we were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of it's back end on the trail camera, swimming in the Flo Pond. Foxes and Badgers were seen in the Main Field and over December 2023 the trail camera was set up in the wild bird food crop where it captured some lovely images of a Fox and Badger foraging together for sunflower seeds. We were also excited to see a Kingfisher perched on the plank across to the island in the Flo Pond on 1st September 2023 and later that month we discovered a Barn Owl was using the Kestrel provision of the Wildlife Tower in North Park. In March 2024 we had our first ever recorded sighting of a Teal drake spotted on the Flo Pond with a group of Mandarin ducks.



Teal drake by the river Ashburn - March 2024

Volunteers, organised by our Reserve and Volunteer Co-ordinator Harry Hingston, helped with various practical conservation tasks in the LLP nature reserve during the year such as pulling up brambles and thistles, clearing patches of Blackthorn and hedge-laying in the Orchard. We held 9 guided walks on the LLP during the year including Butterfly walks during the summer and Bird walks during the Winter. The wild bird food crop once more offered nourishment during the winter season for numerous bird species such as Goldfinches, Reed Buntings, Linnets, Stonechats, and Redwings.

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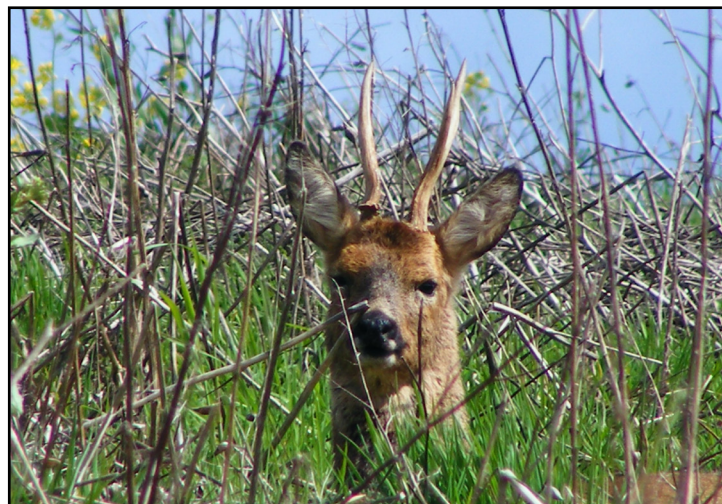
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	March 2024	March 2023
Bank Interest	589	238
Rent from BOT*	1	1
Total income	590	239
Funds brought forward	<u>46,113</u>	<u>45,874</u>
Total carried forward	<u><u>46,703</u></u>	<u><u>46,113</u></u>

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Badger caught on the trail camera - December 2023



Roe buck in the Bird Crop - April 2023



Volunteers Hedge-laying in the Orchard - Nov 2023



Sunflowers in the Bird Crop - August 2023



Goldfinch in the Bird Crop - November 2023

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Marbled White Butterfly - July 2022

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The LLP has continued to be a haven for wildlife over the past year, with a variety of flora and fauna recorded. We had regular sightings of Buzzards, House Martins, Swifts and Skylarks. There have also been Roe Deer sightings in the field, a Woodcock spied on our trailcam in the woodland and a Heron, Mandarins, Mallards, Dragonflies and Damselflies spotted on, and around, the ponds.

In June 2022, 27 Western Power Distribution Apprentices and their trainers (photo right) arrived for a four-day community project. They dismantled the two bridges and three board walks and rebuilt them. They also prepared the ground for the first of the three Conservation Field Shelters that are to be built in each of the three different grazing areas of the land. A student volunteer erected 20 dormouse tubes in July in the hopes of monitoring their abundance and the dormouse boxes were checked later that month - sadly no Dormice were found, however we did see a family of Wood Mice!



Bridge restoration by WPD apprentices - June 2022

Butterfly walks were held over the summer and on one occasion over 50 Marbled Whites (photo top of page) and 100 Meadow Browns and Ringlets were seen! The first ever sighting of a High Brown Fritillary in the LLP was recorded in July (photo overleaf). The wild bird food crop once again provided sustenance over winter for many birds including Linnets, Stonechats and Redwings.

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Endowment: balance of original legacy	45,874	45,866
Bank Interest	238	7
Rent from BOT*	1	1
	46,113	45,874

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Nectar strip bordering the crop - July 2022



High Brown Fritillary on Hemp-Agrimony - July 2022



Grey Heron on the boardwalk - January 2023



Large Red Damselfly - August 2022



Fungi on fallen beech tree - October 2022

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