

Barn Owl Legacy Trust - BOLT

CIO No: 1190997

Annual Report & Accounts 2022 - 2023

Trustees:

Keith Grant, Frances Jaine Ramsden
Mark Pountney, Kevin Keatley,
Matthew Twiggs, Marianne Bryan.



Marbled White Butterfly - July 2022

The Barn Owl Legacy Trust (BOLT) was entered onto the Charity Register on 24th August 2020.

The aims of the charity are - 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.

The charity has 6 Trustees. Christine Robinson retired during the year. 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 (www.barnowltrust.org.uk/wildlife-diary-2023) and quarterly reports at BOLT Trustee's meetings.

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.

During the financial year 2022-2023 all but one of the Trustee meetings were held on Zoom. The meeting in July was held in person.

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Balance Sheet

	March 2023	March 2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	60,094	60,094
Current Assets	46,113	45,874
	106,207	105,968

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Receipts & Payments Account

	March 2023	March 2022
Endowment: balance of original legacy	45,874	45,866
Bank Interest	238	7
Rent from BOT*	1	1
	46,113	45,874

* Barn Owl Trust



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