

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1191207

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	12682959
Registered	2020-09-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 4.1. TO PROMOTE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ALL SPECIES OF RAPTORS (BIRDS OF PREY) TOGETHER WITH THEIR VARYING HABITATS WORLDWIDE, THROUGH BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAMMES, THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF WILD INJURED RAPTORS AND CONTRIBUTING TO RESEARCH INTO THE BREEDING, HABITAT AND HEALTH OF ALL BIRDS OF PREY. 4.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN THE CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND WELFARE OF RAPTORS TOGETHER WITH THE HERITAGE AND HISTORY OF FALCONRY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND WORLDWIDE, THROUGH BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY CONDUCTING EXHIBITIONS, FLYING DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS TOGETHER WITH THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE AND MATERIALS TO INSTIL AMONGST OTHER THINGS THE IMPORTANCE OF SPECIES OF RAPTORS AND THEIR DIVERSE HABITAT IN THE WILD. 4.3. TO ADVANCE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY BE CONDUCTIVE TO THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF RAPTORS AS THE DIRECTORS MAY IN THEIR DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: The Falconry Centre is a licensed zoo open to the public displaying birds of prey from around the world. We offer educational talks and displays, bird encounters, and support conservation work through fundraising and breeding birds of prey.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-18	£195,497	£176,252	-	-
2024-06-18	£184,972	£159,236	-	-
2023-06-18	£171,046	£154,055	-	-
2022-06-18	£156,371	£152,542	-	-
2021-06-18	£71,994	£19,092	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew James Plant BSc.	Chair	2020-06-19
Fiona Garvey BSc.		2020-07-22
Gemma Atherton LLB		2021-09-09
HEATHER JENNIFER BRYNMORE-JONES		2020-07-22
JUSTINA MARIA GIBBS BSC.		2020-07-22
MARIE LOUISE KUBIAK KUBIAK BVSC MRCVS		2020-07-22
Samantha Jane Ashfield RVN VNES		2020-04-23

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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 June 2025

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Reference and Administrative Details

Directors and Trustees

Andrew James Plant BSc. (Chairman and Managing Director)
Fiona Davenport BSc
Justina Gibbs BSc
Marie Louise Kubiak BVSC MRCVS
Heather Jennifer Brynmore-Jones
Samantha Jane Ashfield RVN VNES
Gemma Louise Atherton LLB

There are no corporate Trustees of TFC.
There are no Trustees holding title to property belonging to TFC.

Independent Examiner

Mr RB Welch MA FCA
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P&W Social Accountants
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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2025

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd ("TFC") has the following objectives, as set out in the Articles of Association:

4.1.To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and preservation of all species of raptors (birds of prey) together with their varying habitats worldwide, through but not exclusively by captive breeding programmes, the treatment and rehabilitation of wild injured raptors and contributing to research into the breeding, habitat and health of all birds of prey.

4.2.The advancement of education of the public generally in the conservation, preservation and welfare of raptors together with the heritage and history of falconry in the United Kingdom and worldwide, through but not exclusively by conducting exhibitions, flying displays and demonstrations together with the production of educational literature and materials to instil amongst other things the importance of species of raptors and their diverse habitat in the wild.

4.3.To advance such other charitable purposes as may be conducive to the conservation, protection and preservation of raptors as the directors may in their discretion from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public.

The main activities in relation to these purposes for the public benefit include operating as a Visitor Centre open to the public. Education is the key to conservation and TFC works to promote an appreciation and understanding of birds of prey in the UK and worldwide. TFC is open to the public and engages in educational activities around the Visitor Centre including daily flying displays (weather permitting), question and answer sessions with visitors, educational signage around the Visitor Centre and a variety of birds to view in aviaries. TFC also runs Bird Flying Experiences for adults and children aged 6+ to promote public engagement with birds of prey and owls while continuing to educate a wider audience about birds of prey and conservation. .

TFC also carries out educational visits in schools, taking a small team of birds to fly indoors in school halls for children of all ages. Children are encouraged to ask questions throughout the demonstrations. Educational visits often tie in with National Curriculum topics being studied at the time, or with particular books being read by the children, to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are learning.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

Additionally, TFC operates a hospital for sick and injured wild birds of prey, engaging in direct, hands-on conservation work. An average of 30 to 50 wild birds are brought into the Centre each year, suffering from trauma, malnourishment, disease, parasitic infection and other medical conditions. These birds are assessed, treated, rehabilitated and returned to the wild as soon as possible. TFC has a great deal of success with these conservation efforts, with an estimated 80% of wild birds returning to the wild. The other 20% either succumb to their condition or are humanely euthanised in accordance with TFC's Vet, Euthanasia, Post-Mortem and Ethical Review Policy. We continue to work with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) to ring wild birds prior to their return to the wild.

Furthermore, TFC undertakes captive breeding, to maintain the collection of birds housed at the Centre and, where acceptable, to provide birds for demonstration, captive breeding, falconry, and conservation projects both in the UK and further afield. By way of example, TFC has a breeding pair of Rüppell's Griffon Vultures, a Critically Endangered species, as well as a pair of Hooded Vultures and White-Backed Vultures. We have a female White-Headed Vulture on breeding loan at another centre, and have this year loaned out a female Bateleur Eagle for breeding.

TFC also engages in actively supporting other raptor charities and conservation projects, including Project Lugger, A Future for Falconry, and VulPro, by direct fundraising and/or donations at the discretion of the Trustees. .

Non-invasive research is encouraged and undertaken at the Centre. In the past year, TFC has consulted with the West Midlands Police Wildlife Crimes Officer requesting information on correct A10s and when a blue document is required. Specific advice related to an enquiry regarding a peregrine falcon was given, and the police requested further clarification for future reference; we provided photos of example documentation for information and reference purposes.

We have also worked closely with a university student providing information and advice regarding the biology, habits, habitats, and husbandry of Eleonora's Falcons for research/essay purposes.

TFC also maintains a website and Facebook page to promote the activities of TFC and to directly engage the wider public. A selection of free educational resources and activities are published on the website to promote active learning and engagement with birds of prey and conservation for those unable to visit TFC in person or benefit from an educational visit.

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2025

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. TFC exists to help people understand the importance of birds of prey and wildlife conservation in the UK and worldwide.

Volunteers

TFC also acknowledges the significant contribution made by our volunteers, who work to support us by assisting with routine cleaning, maintenance, and husbandry tasks in and around the Centre. The enthusiastic support and assistance of our volunteers is greatly appreciated by the staff and trustees of TFC, and we thank them for their time and efforts.

Achievements and Performance

Visitor numbers have increased again compared to last year, with an estimated 10,000 people visiting in the last 12 months.

We made full use of the Flying Field over the summer again and this was extremely successful with plenty of positive feedback from visitors, many of whom made return visits and were eager to see the display in the field. Some people have commented that they prefer displays in the smaller arena where the birds are closer to the audience; having the main 1pm display in the field and the 3:30pm display in the smaller Experiences Arena has worked very well with many visitors watching both displays.

The online booking system launched last year has had a number of minor improvements and is now fully functional. As a result of the online system we have noted a significant decrease in the number of telephone calls received and the amount of time spent on administration. Now that we no longer have to manually process every booking, the process is much more streamlined and efficient. The majority of bookings are now being done online, and the Trustees remain extremely grateful to Mr Mark Weaver for his role in setting up and running the new system.

In October 2024, we admitted our first ever wild Short-Eared Owl, a very rare species in this area. "Shortie", as she was nicknamed, had suffered a broken wing and an eye injury; our vet noted an older break in the wing that was partly healed, and Shortie was in very low condition. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of our vet and staff, Shortie did not survive, but we are proud of the excellent level of care she received and are consoled by the fact that she passed warm, comfortable, and painlessly. We are extremely grateful to Marie Kubiak and the whole team at Evolution Exotics veterinary practice, and to Animal Friends Pet Insurance for funding the cost of Shortie's treatments.

In addition, we had a record number of seven juvenile Peregrines blown from their nests this year in urban areas (particularly nest sites at Fort Dunlop and Druid's Heath) and brought to us for temporary housing until able to fly and return to their parents. Each one was rung and successfully returned to the wild within a week or so of being brought in. One female was later spotted about 23 miles away from the nest site some 4 months later, having gained independence and establishing her own territory.

We have opened up an extra area of the visitor centre featuring 7 new aviaries, so that there are more birds on public display, including Nip & Tuck, the Ruppell's Griffon Vultures.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

In early 2025, the seating area in front of the Experiences Arena was extended. The fence to the arena has been lowered, new perches were put in, and an extra bench installed at the front of the seating area to increase the amount of available seating and to get some of the birds closer to or even flying over the audience. This has made a significant difference especially on busier days and/or when the field is not being used; we can comfortably sit more visitors, and several of the birds will fly over people's heads, which the audience usually seem to enjoy!

Plans are now in place to make further extensions and amendments in autumn 2025 to widen the pathways to improve access, and to increase the number of benches for seating, as well as the development of a new picnic area to enhance the visitor experience.

Our annual Family Fun Day was held on Sunday 8th June, this was very well attended, positively received by everyone who came, and raised over £1,000. The most popular/effective fundraisers were the bird flying sessions, cake stall, and tombola. The children's games did not attract much attention, we may look to move the games to another location next year and find some alternative options.

New birds added to the collection include a Northern Hawk Owl bred here, a pair of Boobook Owls kindly donated from Wild Zoological Park, a Vermiculated Eagle Owl, an African Hawk Eagle, and a Hooded Vulture, all of whom will be trained up to fly for displays and/or experiences.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £25,736 (2024: £25,736). Total funds carried forward show £99,458 (2024: £99,458) £99,458 of which are unrestricted (2024: £99,458).

Principal Sources of Funding

TFC's principal sources of funds are from visitors to the Centre, via gate admissions for a general visit or on a pre-booked Bird Handling Experience. Bird Handling Experiences may be purchased as vouchers online, over the telephone or in person at the Visitor Centre. TFC also raises some money via Donations and Birds Sponsorships. Donations and Sponsorships can be made in person at the Visitor Centre or online via the website.

TFC is eligible for Gift Aid and where possible is able to claim this on gate admission fees, Donations and Sponsorships with the permission of the individual purchaser/donor.

TFC also raises funds via its educational visits to schools, which are paid for either by the relevant Local Authority or Academy Trust.

A nominal amount of funding is also raised through the operation of a small gift shop at the Visitor Centre, which offers a selection of souvenirs for visitors to purchase.

TFC has a trading subsidiary to assist with fundraising and non-primary purpose trading, though again this is a nominal part of our income.

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2025

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks and believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Reserves Policy

TFC does not currently have a reserves policy, but now that the new Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice have been published, we intend to prepare one in line with those Standards. At the time of writing Trustees Andrew Plant and Gemma Atherton are scheduled to attend a training session on the new Standards in January 2026 and will be able to advise the Trustees accordingly on the requirements, and a policy will be developed accordingly.

Investment Policy

TFC does not currently make any money from investments and currently has no plans to do so.

Principal Risks

As per the previous Trustee's Report, the principal risks faced by the charity include the ongoing threat of Avian Influenza. Bio-security measures remain active, including disinfectant foot mats at every entrance and exit point of the Centre. Baths in aviaries have all been moved under the solid parts of the roofs to prevent wild bird droppings from contaminating the water. Admission of wild bird casualties has resumed as we see this as an important part of our conservation work; however, casualties are assessed and admitted on a case-by-case basis and any concern over a possible bird flu case is directed immediately to a veterinary practice and is not brought to TFC.

The anticipated changes to the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP) have now been published but are not yet in force. As mentioned above, at the time of writing Trustees Andrew Plant and Gemma Atherton are scheduled to attend a training session on the new Standards in January 2026. We have had sight of the published Standards and do not anticipate having to make any significant changes to operations that would negatively impact the charity.

TFC is also mindful that continued concern over rising living costs could impact visitor numbers and the number of Experiences being purchased. However, we again note that compared to many other local zoos and attractions, TFC is a very cheap day out. A nominal increase in admission was approved by the Trustees so an adult ticket now costs only £7, we have received no negative comments from visitors over admission prices. Some people have even told us that we should be charging more, but the Trustees are happy that the current price is reasonable. If an increase is considered for 2026, it will be nominal.

Based on the previous years' takings for the Visitor Centre, TFC believes that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and therefore the charity is financially viable.

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Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

TFC is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House under Company No. 12682959 and a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, Registered Charity No. 1191207.

TFC is governed by the Articles of Association as incorporated on 19th June 2020.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are selected by the invitation of the existing trustees or by application for consideration. Applications may be made in writing or a candidate may be nominated by an existing Trustee. The Trustees may refuse an application if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

When considering a nomination or application, the Trustees have regard to maintaining an appropriate range of skills, experience and understanding necessary to promote the aims and objectives of TFC, and to maintain and/or expand on the current range of activities being undertaken. The Trustees will take into account the reasons behind the application and the level of commitment the applicant or nominee is able to make and are also mindful that a smaller team of dedicated Trustees with specialist knowledge is preferable to a larger, generalised group, to avoid conflicts or stagnation of progress for TFC.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet once per year in person to review the activities and achievements of TFC and to consider any administrative matters. Throughout the year the Trustees remain in touch through email and other mobile communications systems and may call Special General Meetings should the need arise to discuss any urgent matters. All Trustees have some level of active engagement with the TFC as either full or part time members of staff, current or historical volunteering, or in a professional consultancy capacity.

Names and addresses of advisers

TFC wishes to extend our grateful thanks to our wonderful accountant, Rachel Paget, for her invaluable advice and kind assistance in preparing TFC's annual accounts and helping the Trustees comply with their reporting requirements. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and support throughout the year have all been greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for her expertise in preparing these accounts.

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2025

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to the fact that the trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd's Trustees:



Andrew James Plant
Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director
17th March 2026

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of the
THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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17th March 2026

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 30 June 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Income & Endowments							
Donations and legacies	3	96,832	-	96,832	55,420	4,200	59,620
Charitable activities	4	98,665	-	98,665	129,552	-	129,552
Total income		<u>195,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,497</u>	<u>184,972</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>189,172</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	(176,252)	-	(176,252)	(159,236)	(4,200)	(163,436)
Total expenditure		<u>(176,252)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(176,252)</u>	<u>(159,236)</u>	<u>(4,200)</u>	<u>(163,436)</u>
Net Income for the year		<u>19,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,245</u>	<u>25,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,736</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>19,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,245</u>	<u>25,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,736</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-							
Total funds brought forward		<u>99,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,458</u>	<u>73,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,722</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>118,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,703</u>	<u>99,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,458</u>

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Company Number 12682959

Balance Sheet**as at 30 June 2025**

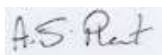
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible assets	9	0	6,330
Investments	10	1	1
Total fixed assets		<u>1</u>	<u>6,331</u>
Current assets			
Stock	11	98,245	74,145
Debtors	12	6,662	6,948
Cash at bank and in hand		15,847	14,089
Total current assets		<u>120,754</u>	<u>95,182</u>
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	13	(2,052)	(2,055)
Net current assets		<u>118,702</u>	<u>93,127</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>118,703</u>	<u>99,458</u>
Net assets		<u>118,703</u>	<u>99,458</u>
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		118,703	99,458
Total unrestricted funds		<u>118,703</u>	<u>99,458</u>
Total charity funds		<u>118,703</u>	<u>99,458</u>

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Signed


Andrew James Plant**Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th March 2026

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 30th June 2025

1 General Information

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd (TFC) is a charitable company registered and domiciled in England. It is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up.

Its registered office is The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd, Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0JB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

TFC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in £ Sterling, its functional currency and rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that their funding will be met. Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak as explained in the Trustees Report, there is always some uncertainty with regards to income which relies upon donations, grant income as well as gate receipts, however The Trustees believe that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions are met within the reporting period.

Grant Income

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which related costs are recognised.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Vehicles	25% straight line for each full year of ownership.
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Stock

The bird stock is deemed to be a biological asset and is valued at its fair value less costs to sell. The value is reviewed at each reporting date with changes in fair value less costs to sell recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. They are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds, where they have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	2,051	3,121
Gift Aid donations from subsidiary	93,581	52,299
Grant income	1,200	4,200
	96,832	59,620

Of the income received in 2024 £96,832 (2024: £55,420) was unrestricted, nil was restricted (2024: £4,200).

4 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Visitor admissions	57,573	56,052
Sponsorship	2,173	2,370
Experience and event income	24,422	44,075
Other income	14,497	27,055
	98,665	129,552

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rent and service charges	20,231	20,231
Bank and card charges	1,724	2,064
Rates	1,249	1,249
Insurance	2,922	3,309
Light, fuel and heat	5,747	4,586
Governance costs	900	850
Bird expenses	19,906	17,080
Costs of employment	91,003	74,382
Repairs and maintenance	13,132	10,905
Event, gift shop and educational expenses	3,182	7,634
Computer and software	1,547	1,513
Marketing and promotion	2,774	2,400
Office and general administrative expenses	4,448	4,118
Vehicle costs inc depreciation	7,487	13,115
	176,252	163,436

6 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation (note 9)	6,331	6,331
Independent Examiner's fee	900	850

7 Expenses paid to trustees or persons connected with trustees

Three Trustees are also employees of the charity, Fiona Davenport, Andrew Plant and Gemma Atherton. Remuneration including pension contributions for these Trustees totalled £70,493 (2024: £63,793).

During the year no Trustee received reimbursed expenses from the Charity.

8 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Salaries	87,025	70,110
Pension costs	3,978	4,272
	91,003	74,382

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents

	2025	2024
Engaged on charitable activities	4	3
	4	3

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £
Costs:	
At 1 July 2024	25,323
At 30 June 2025	<u>25,323</u>
Depreciation:	
At 1 July 2024	18,992
Charge for the year	<u>6,331</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>25,323</u>
Net book value	
At 1 July 2024	<u>6,331</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>0</u>

10 Current asset investments

The wholly owned subsidiary, The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd, is a company registered in England and Wales. It is used to operate the non-charities activities of the The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd has only one share of £1 in issue, which is held by The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The subsidiary is used for non-primary purpose trading activities. Available profits are distributed under Gift Aid to the parent charity.

For the period ending 30 June 2025, the activities and results of The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	93,960	52,636
Expenses	(379)	(337)
Donations to The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd	(93,581)	(52,299)
Profit for the period	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
The aggregate of assets liabilities and reserves was:		
Assets	7,117	7,403
Liabilities	<u>(7,116)</u>	<u>(7,402)</u>
	1	1

Amounts owed to the parent undertaking are shown in note 13

11 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Bird Stock	<u>98,245</u>	<u>74,145</u>

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12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts due from subsidiary	6,662	6,948
	<u>6,662</u>	<u>6,948</u>
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	900	880
Other creditors	1,152	1,175
	<u>2,052</u>	<u>2,055</u>

14 Analysis of Fund Movements

	Balance at 1st July 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30th June 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	99,458	195,497	(176,252)	118,703
Total funds	<u>99,458</u>	<u>195,497</u>	<u>(176,252)</u>	<u>118,703</u>

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14 Analysis of Fund Movements (continued)

	Balance at 1st July 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	73,722	(4,200)	4,200	73,722
Restricted funds	-	4,200	(4,200)	-
Total funds	-	-	-	-

Unrestricted funding covers all funding that contributes to furthering the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funding is made up as follows:

	Balance at 1st July 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2024 £
Wildlife Walkway	-	4,200	(4,200)	-
Total funds	-	4,200	(4,200)	-

We would like to thank the Trustees of The Grimmitt Trust, The Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust and The Edward and Dorothy Charitable Trust for their generous donation to the Wildlife Walkway – their generosity and support of our vital education and conservation work is greatly appreciated.

15 Operating Leases

	2005 £	2024 £
The future minimum lease payments for operating leases which expire:		
within one to five years	75,500	75,500
over five years	60,400	75,500
	135,900	151,000

Two operating leases relate to rental for land and premises.

16 Legal Status of the Charity

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1191207

Accounts

Registered Company Number
12682959
Charity Number
1191207

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(A company limited by guarantee)

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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

Reference and Administrative Details

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Justina Gibbs BSc

Marie Louise Kubiak BVSC MRCVS

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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2024

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd ("TFC") has the following objectives, as set out in the Articles of Association:

4.1.To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and preservation of all species of raptors (birds of prey) together with their varying habitats worldwide, through but not exclusively by captive breeding programmes, the treatment and rehabilitation of wild injured raptors and contributing to research into the breeding, habitat and health of all birds of prey.

4.2.The advancement of education of the public generally in the conservation, preservation and welfare of raptors together with the heritage and history of falconry in the United Kingdom and worldwide, through but not exclusively by conducting exhibitions, flying displays and demonstrations together with the production of educational literature and materials to instil amongst other things the importance of species of raptors and their diverse habitat in the wild.

4.3.To advance such other charitable purposes as may be conducive to the conservation, protection and preservation of raptors as the directors may in their discretion from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public.

The main activities in relation to these purposes for the public benefit include operating as a Visitor Centre open to the public. Education is the key to conservation and TFC works to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of birds of prey in the UK and worldwide. TFC is open to the public and engages in educational activities around the Visitor Centre including daily flying displays (weather permitting), question and answer sessions with visitors, educational signage around the Visitor Centre and a wide variety of birds to view in aviaries. TFC also runs Bird Handling Experiences for adults and children aged 5+ to promote public engagement with birds of prey and owls while continuing to educate a wider audience about birds of prey and conservation.

TFC also carries out educational visits in schools, taking a small team of birds to fly indoors in school halls for children of all ages. Children are encouraged to ask questions throughout the demonstrations. Educational visits often tie in with National Curriculum topics being studied at the time, or with particular books being read by the children, to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are learning.

Additionally, TFC operates a hospital for sick and injured wild birds of prey, engaging in direct, hands-on conservation work. An average of 30 to 50 wild birds are brought into the Centre each year, suffering from trauma, malnourishment, disease, parasitic infection and other medical conditions. These birds are assessed, treated, rehabilitated and returned to the wild as soon as possible. TFC has a great deal of success with these conservation efforts, with an estimated 80% of wild birds returning to the wild. The other 20% either succumb to their condition or are humanely euthanised in accordance with TFC's Vet, Euthanasia, Post Mortem and Ethical Review Policy.

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Furthermore, TFC undertakes captive breeding, to maintain the collection of birds housed at the Centre and, where acceptable, to provide birds for demonstration, captive breeding, falconry, and conservation projects both in the UK and further afield. By way of example, TFC has a breeding pair of Rüppell's Griffon Vultures, a Critically Endangered species, and has this year added a pair of young White-Backed Vultures to the collection. We are looking to engage with other breeders of African Vultures and set up a project with VulPro, a charity based in Africa, so that baby vultures bred here and elsewhere in the UK can be taken to Africa for release into the wild. This project is in the very early stages at the time of writing, but early indications are promising.

TFC also engages in actively supporting other raptor charities and conservation projects, including A Future for Falconry and VulPro, by direct fundraising and/or donations at the discretion of the Trustees.

Non-invasive research is encouraged and undertaken at the Centre. In the past year, TFC has worked with college and university students to provide information for research projects, including completing a primary research questionnaire on Peregrines to advice on conservation status, historical population decline, current estimated population, ongoing threats, and facts about biology and taxonomy for a student on an extended project qualification regarding fluctuating populations. We also participated in completing a research study for a final year biology graduate completing a dissertation on sensory enrichment for captive birds of prey. Furthermore, we provided photos and references to Marie Kubiak for her published article on Administering Analgesia to Birds: NSAIDs, Opioids & Other Agents.

TFC also maintains a website and Facebook page to promote the activities of TFC and to directly engage the wider public. A selection of free educational resources and activities are published on the website to promote active learning and engagement with birds of prey and conservation for those unable to visit TFC in person or benefit from an educational visit.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. TFC exists to help people understand the importance of birds of prey and wildlife conservation in the UK and worldwide.

Volunteers

TFC also acknowledges the significant contribution made by our volunteers, who work to support us by assisting with routine cleaning, maintenance, and husbandry tasks in and around the Centre. The enthusiastic support and assistance of our volunteers is greatly appreciated by the staff and trustees of TFC.

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Achievements and Performance

Visitor numbers have increased again compared to last year, with an estimated 9,500 people visiting in the last 12 months.

We made full use of the Flying Field over the summer for the first time and this was extremely successful with plenty of positive feedback from visitors, many of whom made return visits and were eager to see the display in the field. Some people have commented that they prefer displays in the smaller arena where the birds are closer to the audience; having the main 1pm display in the field and the 3:30pm display in the smaller Experiences Arena has worked very well with many visitors watching both displays.

Our Family Fun Day was held on the first Sunday in September 2023, and raised around £1,200. The Trustees decided to move the fun day from September to June in 2024, to take advantage of the potential for better weather and to avoid the end of the school summer holidays. This turned out to be a very popular event, falling on 9th June 2024, and raised nearly £2,000, showing a significant improvement on the September date. This is likely to remain a permanent fixture each year, and the funds raised can be applied to either specific projects or for the general maintenance of the visitor centre.

On the subject of events, we have experimented with introducing some new features and themed dates. From 25th March to 7th April, we ran an Easter Egg Trail. This activity sheet was provided free of charge with every children's admission ticket; children had to find brightly painted easter eggs dotted around the aviaries, which could be lifted up to reveal a nest underneath. They needed to count the eggs, fill in the sheet, and hand it in at our Gift Shop, where they were entered into a prize draw to win a free family admission for a return visit.

We ran a similar dragon-themed trail with a mystery word to find for St. George's Day weekend, along with an emphasis on British birds during the flying display for April. Both of these trails were popular with the children and we received good feedback from adult visitors. The only event day in 2023 that was not successful was our "Wildlife Weekend"; due to poor weather the Worcester Wildlife Trust did not attend as planned, and there were hardly any visitors around.

In October, we introduced a new online booking system. We owe huge thanks to Mr Mark Weaver, who built and coded the system from scratch for free to help support TFC. This system now means that when a customer buys a gift voucher for a Bird Flying Experience through our website, the voucher is automatically emailed to them with a reference number and entered onto an online database. They can then use a link/QR code in the voucher to access an online calendar to choose date for the experience themselves, and the booking confirmation is also sent automatically. Copies of vouchers and confirmations are emailed to TFC, allowing us to monitor and manage bookings as usual.

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By far the most popular event was our “Birthday Weekend” in June, the takings on the gate for that weekend exceeded £1,300 and visitors enjoyed extra flying displays, opportunities to fly birds, a cake stall and a raffle. The weekend was so popular that we may move our annual Family Fun Day from September to the second weekend in June instead.

We have also introduced a regular 3:30pm flying display every day which started in April and will run through to the end of October, stopping over the winter to coincide with our shorter opening hours at that time of year. Although it is a new feature for this year it has proven very popular, attracting additional visitors later in the day who know they will be able to come in and see birds flying in the afternoon. The 1pm remains the main display but we have been pleasantly surprised by the number of extra people coming in specifically to watch the later display. Some days we have even noted that there are more people at 3:30pm than at 1pm, particularly weekdays during term time, so this will likely remain as a permanent feature.

The addition of a “What’s on Today” board outside the Gift Shop has helped to clarify to visitors what is happening each day, when, and where (e.g. the Experiences Arena or the Flying Field).

Over the telephone, we enter the details online and send vouchers/booking confirmations with just a few clicks. When people come into the entrance, vouchers can be done on the laptop. If they bring in a voucher to book, simply scanning the QR code on our own phones allows us to book them in! This system has significantly decreased our administrative burden and the number of telephone calls that we are receiving. The system is working incredibly well, with only a few minor bugs easily fixed after launching. We plan to expand the system in 2024 to allow customers to book a date at the time of purchase, giving a calendar showing available dates up to six weeks ahead. We are extremely grateful to Mark for all of his efforts in building and maintaining this system for us.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £25,736 (2023: £16,991). Total funds carried forward show £99,458 (2023: £73,722) £99,458 of which are unrestricted (2023: £73,722).

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Principal Sources of Funding

TFC's principal sources of funds are from visitors to the Centre, via gate admissions for a general visit or on a pre-booked Bird Handling Experience. Bird Handling Experiences may be purchased as vouchers online, over the telephone or in person at the Visitor Centre. TFC also raises some money via Donations and Birds Sponsorships. Donations and Sponsorships can be made in person at the Visitor Centre or online via the website.

TFC is eligible for Gift Aid and where possible is able to claim this on gate admission fees, Donations and Sponsorships with the permission of the individual purchaser/donor.

TFC also raises funds via its educational visits to schools, which are paid for either by the relevant Local Authority or Academy Trust.

A nominal amount of funding is also raised through the operation of a small gift shop at the Visitor Centre, which offers a selection of souvenirs for visitors to purchase.

TFC is also aware of the existence of several grant-making charities and other organisations, and while this is something we may pursue further in the future it does not form a significant part of TFC's funding at present.

TFC has a trading subsidiary to assist with fundraising and non-primary purpose trading, though again this is a nominal part of our income.

TFC has now joined easyfundraising.org.uk, a free fundraising platform. When shopping online, selected retailers will donate to a shopper's chosen charity, without cost to the customer. There are over 8,000 retailers/online merchants who donate to easyfundraising. Reviews of this site are mixed with some charities saying that they do not receive all of their donations or issues with receiving payments, but others saying it works well. We do not expect to receive much from it, but with the closure of AmazonSmile, it is an alternative possibility for raising some extra donations, and we will see if it is successful.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks and believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Reserves Policy

TFC does not currently have a reserves policy. We are anticipating a requirement for zoos under the revised Secretary of States Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, which we are still waiting for publication. We have heard rumours but no substantiated documentation as to what the revised document will contain, as there have been further reviews and consultations which we were not privy to. Once the final draft is published, we will publish our reserves policy in accordance with the legislative requirements for zoos.

The Trustees have agreed to open a savings account but the bank requires all Trustees to sign the documentation to open such an account, which will be done for 2024.

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Investment Policy

TFC does not currently make any money from investments and currently has no plans to do so.

Principal Risks

As per the previous Trustee's Report, the principal risks faced by the charity include the ongoing threat of Avian Influenza. Bio-security measures remain active, including disinfectant foot mats at every entrance and exit point of the Centre. Baths in aviaries have all been moved under the solid parts of the roofs to prevent wild bird droppings from contaminating the water. Admission of wild bird casualties has resumed as we see this as an important part of our conservation work; however, casualties are assessed and admitted on a case-by-case basis and any concern over a possible bird flu case is directed immediately to a veterinary practice and is not brought to TFC.

The wild bird hospital is therefore being relocated again – we are now moving it to an area adjacent to the Flying Field, to ensure wild birds are kept entirely away from our birds. Casualties are admitted in the entrance, placed in a designated box only used for wild birds, and taken straight to the field hospital where there are rehabilitation aviaries in place, and a dedicated hospital under construction for completion in 2024-25. The previous hospital will now only be used for our resident birds.

The anticipated changes to the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP) still have not yet been published, the last update was on 6th September 2022 to state that they are still considering consultation responses. Apparently, a further review has taken place in consultation with a working committee that included representatives from other zoos and falconry centres, but TFC was not invited to participate and has no information about the revised draft, which has not been disclosed to anyone outside of that committee. There has been no further communication since then, so we are still waiting to hear how any changes may affect TFC.

TFC is also mindful that continued concern over rising living costs could impact visitor numbers and the number of Experiences being purchased. However, we again note that compared to many other local zoos and attractions, TFC is a very cheap day out – an adult ticket costs only £6.00, compared to £25 at West Midlands Safari Park or £18 for Dudley Zoo. Wild Zoological Park have this year increased their admission prices to over £20 for an adult. We also note that visitor numbers have increased compared to last year. The Trustees have agreed to keep the prices fixed for 2024 for the benefit of visitors on lower incomes; we will consider a nominal increase in 2025 but a decision will be taken on this in Autumn/Winter of 2024.

Based on the previous years' takings for the Visitor Centre, TFC believes that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and therefore the charity is financially viable.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

TFC is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House under Company No. 12682959 and a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, Registered Charity No. 1191207.

TFC is governed by the Articles of Association as incorporated on 19th June 2020.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are selected by the invitation of the existing trustees or by application for consideration. Applications may be made in writing or a candidate may be nominated by an existing Trustee. The Trustees may refuse an application if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

When considering a nomination or application, the Trustees have regard to maintaining an appropriate range of skills, experience and understanding necessary to promote the aims and objectives of TFC, and to maintain and/or expand on the current range of activities being undertaken. The Trustees will take into account the reasons behind the application and the level of commitment the applicant or nominee is able to make and are also mindful that a smaller team of dedicated Trustees with specialist knowledge is preferable to a larger, generalised group, to avoid conflicts or stagnation of progress for TFC.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet once per year in person to review the activities and achievements of TFC and to consider any administrative matters. Throughout the year the Trustees remain in touch through email and other mobile communications systems and may call Special General Meetings should the need arise to discuss any urgent matters. All Trustees have some level of active engagement with the TFC as either full or part time members of staff, current or historical volunteering, or in a professional consultancy capacity.

Names and addresses of advisers

TFC wishes to thank Rachel Paget of Polkadot & Ellis Accountants, The Barn, 173 Church Road, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2LX for her invaluable advice and assistance in preparing TFC's annual accounts and helping the Trustees comply with their reporting requirements. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and support throughout the year have all been greatly appreciated.

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2024

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

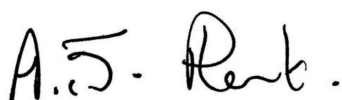
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to the fact that the trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd's Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Plant'.

Andrew James Plant
Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director
7th March 2025

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of the
THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and therefore I am qualified to undertake the examination by experience.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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7th March 2025

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 30 June 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £
Income & Endowments							
Donations and legacies	3	55,420	4,200	59,620	62,465	8,200	70,665
Charitable activities	4	129,552	-	129,552	108,581	-	108,581
Total income		<u>184,972</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>189,172</u>	<u>171,046</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>179,246</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	(159,236)	(4,200)	(163,436)	(154,055)	(8,200)	(162,255)
Total expenditure		<u>(159,236)</u>	<u>(4,200)</u>	<u>(163,436)</u>	<u>(154,055)</u>	<u>(8,200)</u>	<u>(162,255)</u>
Net Income for the year		<u>25,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,736</u>	<u>16,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,991</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>25,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,736</u>	<u>16,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,991</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-							
Total funds brought forward		<u>73,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,722</u>	<u>56,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,731</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>99,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,458</u>	<u>73,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,722</u>

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

Company Number

12682959

Balance Sheet**as at 30 June 2024**

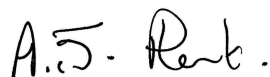
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible assets	9	6,330	12,661
Investments	10	1	1
Total fixed assets		6,331	12,662
Current assets			
Stock	11	74,145	51,345
Debtors	12	6,948	4,878
Cash at bank and in hand		14,089	7,044
Total current assets		95,182	63,267
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	13	(2,055)	(2,207)
Net current assets		93,127	61,060
Total assets less current liabilities		99,458	73,722
Net assets		99,458	73,722
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		99,458	73,722
Total unrestricted funds		99,458	73,722
Total charity funds		99,458	73,722

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Signed


Andrew James Plant**Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7th March 2025

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 30th June 2024

1 General Information

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd (TFC) is a charitable company registered and domiciled in England. It is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up.

Its registered office is The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd, Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0JB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

TFC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in £ Sterling, its functional currency and rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that their funding will be met. Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak as explained in the Trustees Report, there is always some uncertainty with regards to income which relies upon donations, grant income as well as gate receipts, however The Trustees believe that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions are met within the reporting period.

Grant Income

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which related costs are recognised.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Vehicles	25% straight line for each full year of ownership.
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Stock

The bird stock is deemed to be a biological asset and is valued at its fair value less costs to sell. The value is reviewed at each reporting date with changes in fair value less costs to sell recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. They are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds, where they have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	3,121	7,710
Gift Aid donations from subsidiary	52,299	54,755
Grant income	4,200	8,200
	59,620	70,665

Of the income received in 2024 £55,420 (2023: £62,465) was unrestricted, £4,200 was restricted (2023: £8,200).

4 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Visitor admissions	56,052	47,485
Sponsorship	2,370	-
Experience and event income	44,075	36,321
Other income	27,055	40,685
	129,552	124,491

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 30th June 2024****5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent and service charges	20,231	20,231
Bank and card charges	2,064	1,827
Rates	1,249	1,249
Insurance	3,309	2,880
Light, fuel and heat	4,586	1,975
Governance costs	850	824
Bird expenses	17,080	15,472
Costs of employment	74,382	70,221
Repairs and maintenance	10,905	21,314
Event, gift shop and educational expenses	7,634	6,590
Computer and software	1,513	1,512
Marketing and promotion	2,400	2,400
Office and general administrative expenses	4,118	5,813
Vehicle costs inc depreciation	13,115	9,947
	163,436	162,255

6 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation (note 9)	6,331	6,331
Independent Examiner's fee	850	824

7 Expenses paid to trustees or persons connected with trustees

Three Trustees are also employees of the charity, Fiona Davenport, Andrew Plant and Gemma Atherton. Remuneration including pension contributions for these Trustees totalled £63,793.

During the year no Trustee received reimbursed expenses from the Charity.

8 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Salaries	70,110	66,267
Pension costs	4,272	3,954
	74,382	70,221

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents

	2024	2023
Engaged on charitable activities	3	3
	3	3

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles
	£
Costs:	
At 1 July 2023	25,323
At 30 June 2024	<u>25,323</u>
Depreciation:	
At 1 July 2023	12,662
Charge for the year	<u>6,331</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>18,993</u>
Net book value	
At 1 July 2023	<u>12,661</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>6,330</u>

10 Current asset investments

The wholly owned subsidiary, The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd, is a company registered in England and Wales. It is used to operate the non-charities activities of the The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd has only one share of £1 in issue, which is held by The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The subsidiary is used for non-primary purpose trading activities. Available profits are distributed under Gift Aid to the parent charity.

For the period ending 30 June 2024, the activities and results of The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	52,936	50,324
Expenses	(337)	(467)
Donations to The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd	(52,299)	(54,755)
Profit for the period	<u> </u>	<u>(4,898)</u>
The aggregate of assets liabilities and reserves was:		
Assets	7,403	5,333
Liabilities	<u>(7,402)</u>	<u>(5,332)</u>
	1	1

Amounts owed to the parent undertaking are shown in note 13

11 Stock

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bird Stock	<u>74,145</u>	<u>51,345</u>

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12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts due from subsidiary	6,948	4,878
	<u>6,948</u>	<u>4,878</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	880	800
Other creditors	1,175	1,407
	<u>2,055</u>	<u>2,207</u>

14 Analysis of Fund Movements

	Balance at 1st July 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30th June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	73,722	184,972	(159,236)	99,458
Restricted funds	-	4,200	(4,200)	-
	<u>73,722</u>	<u>189,172</u>	<u>(163,436)</u>	<u>99,458</u>

Unrestricted funding covers all funding that contributes to furthering the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funding is made up as follows:

	Balance at 1st July 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30th June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Wildlife Walkway	-	4,200	(4,200)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>(4,200)</u>	<u>-</u>

We would like to thank the Trustees of The Grimmitt Trust, The Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust and The Edward and Dorothy Charitable Trust for their generous donation to the Wildlife Walkway – their generosity and support of our vital education and conservation work is greatly appreciated.

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Prior Year	Balance at 1st July 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	56,731	171,046	(154,055)	73,722
Restricted funds	-	8,200	(8,200)	-
Total funds		179,246	(162,255)	73,722

Unrestricted funding covers all funding that contributes to furthering the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funding is made up as follows:

	Balance at 1st July 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2023 £
Vulture Aviary		4,200	4,200	
Wildlife Walkway	-	4,000	4,000	-
Total funds	-	4,000	4,000	-

Vulture Aviary: materials to improve the vulture aviary funded by The Hobson Trust

Wildlife Walkway: a project to develop a wildlife walkway between the aviary and flying arena.

We would like to thank the Trustees of The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust for their generous donation to the Wildlife Walkway, and to the Trustees of the Hobson Trust for funding the materials to construct a new breeding aviary for our pair of Ruppell's Griffon Vultures – their generosity and support of our vital education and conservation work is greatly appreciated.

15 Operating Leases

	2024 £	2023 £
The future minimum lease payments for operating leases which expire:		
within one to five years	75,500	63,500
over five years	75,500	72,917
	151,000	136,417

Two operating leases relate to rental for land and premises.

16 Legal Status of the Charity

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1191207

Accounts

Registered Company Number
12682959
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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 June 2023



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ACCOUNTANTS

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

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Justina Gibbs BSc

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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd ("TFC") has the following objectives, as set out in the Articles of Association:

4.1. To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and preservation of all species of raptors (birds of prey) together with their varying habitats worldwide, through but not exclusively by captive breeding programmes, the treatment and rehabilitation of wild injured raptors and contributing to research into the breeding, habitat and health of all birds of prey.

4.2. The advancement of education of the public generally in the conservation, preservation and welfare of raptors together with the heritage and history of falconry in the United Kingdom and worldwide, through but not exclusively by conducting exhibitions, flying displays and demonstrations together with the production of educational literature and materials to instil amongst other things the importance of species of raptors and their diverse habitat in the wild.

4.3. To advance such other charitable purposes as may be conducive to the conservation, protection and preservation of raptors as the directors may in their discretion from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public.

The main activities in relation to these purposes for the public benefit include operating as a Visitor Centre open to the public. Education is the key to conservation and TFC works to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of birds of prey in the UK and worldwide. TFC is open to the public and engages in educational activities around the Visitor Centre including daily flying displays (weather permitting), question and answer sessions with visitors, educational signage around the Visitor Centre and a wide variety of birds to view in aviaries. TFC also runs Bird Handling Experiences for adults and children aged 5+ to promote public engagement with birds of prey and owls while continuing to educate a wider audience about birds of prey and conservation.

TFC also carries out educational visits in schools, taking a small team of birds to fly indoors in school halls for children of all ages. Children are encouraged to ask questions throughout the demonstrations. Educational visits often tie in with National Curriculum topics being studied at the time, or with particular books being read by the children, to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are learning.

Additionally, TFC operates a hospital for sick and injured wild birds of prey, engaging in direct, hands-on conservation work. An average of 30 to 50 wild birds are brought into the Centre each year, suffering from trauma, malnourishment, disease, parasitic infection and other medical conditions. These birds are assessed, treated, rehabilitated and returned to the wild as soon as possible. TFC has a great deal of success with these conservation efforts, with an estimated 80% of wild birds returning to the wild. The other 20% either succumb to their condition or are humanely euthanised in accordance with TFC's Vet, Euthanasia, Post Mortem and Ethical Review Policy.

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Furthermore, TFC undertakes captive breeding, to maintain the collection of birds housed at the Centre and, where acceptable, to provide birds for demonstration, captive breeding, falconry, and conservation projects both in the UK and further afield. By way of example, TFC has a breeding pair of Rüppell's Griffon Vultures, a Critically Endangered species, and has this year added a pair of young White-Backed Vultures to the collection. We are looking to engage with other breeders of African Vultures and set up a project with VulPro, a charity based in Africa, so that baby vultures bred here and elsewhere in the UK can be taken to Africa for release into the wild. This project is in the very early stages at the time of writing, but early indications are promising.

TFC also engages in actively supporting other raptor charities and conservation projects, including A Future for Falconry and VulPro, by direct fundraising and/or donations at the discretion of the Trustees.

Non-invasive research is encouraged and undertaken at the Centre. In the past year, TFC has worked with college and university students to provide information for research projects, including completing a primary research questionnaire on Peregrines to advice on conservation status, historical population decline, current estimated population, ongoing threats, and facts about biology and taxonomy for a student on an extended project qualification regarding fluctuating populations. We also participated in completing a research study for a final year biology graduate completing a dissertation on sensory enrichment for captive birds of prey. Furthermore, we provided photos and references to Marie Kubiak for her published article on Administering Analgesia to Birds: NSAIDs, Opioids & Other Agents.

TFC also maintains a website and Facebook page to promote the activities of TFC and to directly engage the wider public. A selection of free educational resources and activities are published on the website to promote active learning and engagement with birds of prey and conservation for those unable to visit TFC in person or benefit from an educational visit.

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Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. TFC exists to help people understand the importance of birds of prey and wildlife conservation in the UK and worldwide.

Volunteers

TFC also acknowledges the significant contribution made by our volunteers, who work to support us by assisting with routine cleaning, maintenance, and husbandry tasks in and around the Centre. The enthusiastic support and assistance of our volunteers is greatly appreciated by the staff and trustees of TFC.

Achievements and Performance

August 2022 built on the success of the previous summer – we had been concerned that visitor numbers were artificially high, but this was once again our busiest August ever, demonstrating an increase in visitor numbers and take up on Bird Handling Experiences. The Family/Small Group Experience has only grown in popularity since its introduction last year and is now one of our best-selling experiences.

Our Family Fun Day in September was well attended, raising over £1,000 which will be applied to the further development of the Habitat Highway, mentioned below.

In November 2022, we started working with renowned wildlife photographer Andy Rouse, who is running photography workshops with The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd., the trading subsidiary of TFC. Mr Rouse is an international award-winning photographer and a keen conservationist with whom we are delighted to be working and who, in turn, is very keen to support the education and conservation work being undertaken by TFC. Working with Mr Rouse will help to raise TFC's public profile and awareness of the work being carried out here.

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

In January 2023, work began on the refurbishment of several aviaries around the Experiences Arena at the heart of the visitor centre. This work was completed in February and resulted in several new on-show aviaries and a walkway behind them with magnetic locks on the gates, to make it easier to get birds in and out without having to go through the public areas. A new aviary was also constructed near the visitor entrance to house Spike, the Raven, as he has been retired from flying but is a favourite bird for many visitors.

In April, the highly anticipated Ørn Flying Field opened for selected flying displays and is generally used on weekends and during school holidays when we tend to be busier. This 7.5-acre space has a large seating area and a new P.A system and has proven very popular with visitors who can watch the birds flying in a huge open space. Part of the field is cut regularly as a flying arena; the rest is left as a natural meadow to support and encourage native wildlife. There are plans to plant more trees and hedgerows to make the field a haven for wildlife as well as a beautiful space to fly the birds.

2023 marks the 40th anniversary of TFC, which is a huge achievement and was celebrated with a number of events and activities. For example, we introduced an Easter Egg activity trail for children over the Easter holidays which was very popular, a St. George's Dragon Trail, and a Wildlife Weekend to showcase the Habitat Highway, which features mini British habitats and information signage about conservation in the UK. The Habitat Highway connects the main visitor centre to the Flying Field and is still a work in progress.

By far the most popular event was our "Birthday Weekend" in June, the takings on the gate for that weekend exceeded £1,300 and visitors enjoyed extra flying displays, opportunities to fly birds, a cake stall and a raffle. The weekend was so popular that we may move our annual Family Fun Day from September to the second weekend in June instead.

We have also introduced a regular 3:30pm flying display every day which started in April and will run through to the end of October, stopping over the winter to coincide with our shorter opening hours at that time of year. Although it is a new feature for this year it has proven very popular, attracting additional visitors later in the day who know they will be able to come in and see birds flying in the afternoon. The 1pm remains the main display but we have been pleasantly surprised by the number of extra people coming in specifically to watch the later display. Some days we have even noted that there are more people at 3:30pm than at 1pm, particularly weekdays during term time, so this will likely remain as a permanent feature.

The addition of a "What's on Today" board outside the Gift Shop has helped to clarify to visitors what is happening each day, when, and where (e.g. the Experiences Arena or the Flying Field).

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In July, we were lucky enough to be gifted a female White-Bellied Sea Eagle. She has been named "Brunei" and came to us from Elite Falconry in Scotland. She was originally meant to be part of a breeding programme but one of the males died, so she had no mate to be paired with and does have a deformity to her beak which may affect her ability to feed and rear chicks. She was listed as available to any falconry centre with a focus on conservation and the ability to fly her every day. While we do not know how many centres applied, we know that there were so many it took a few days to process all the requests, but we were delighted to have been successful and Brunei now flies beautifully in the field, is circling well and it is hoped she will learn to find thermals and gain more height as she becomes more experienced. We are extremely grateful to Elite Falconry for granting us the opportunity to house and fly this magnificent bird.

This year we were also proud to assist Slimbridge Wetlands Centre in their White-Tailed Sea Eagle conservation project. Slimbridge are working to hatch, rear and release some baby eagles on the Welsh coast. However, they had no experience in hatching and rearing eagles, so we loaned them 3 eggs from our pair of Bald Eagles to test the process with. We also provided them with advice on hand-rearing and aviary design; one egg successfully hatched, and the baby was reared to full size before being returned to us to be trained and flown.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £16,991 (2022: £3,829). Total funds carried forward show £73,722 (2022:£ 56,731) £73,722 of which are unrestricted (2022L £56,731).

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Principal Sources of Funding

TFC's principal sources of funds are from visitors to the Centre, via gate admissions for a general visit or on a pre-booked Bird Handling Experience. Bird Handling Experiences may be purchased as vouchers online, over the telephone or in person at the Visitor Centre. TFC also raises some money via Donations and Birds Sponsorships. Donations and Sponsorships can be made in person at the Visitor Centre or online via the website.

TFC is eligible for Gift Aid and where possible is able to claim this on gate admission fees, Donations and Sponsorships with the permission of the individual purchaser/donor.

TFC also raises funds via its educational visits to schools, which are paid for either by the relevant Local Authority or Academy Trust.

A nominal amount of funding is also raised through the operation of a small gift shop at the Visitor Centre, which offers a selection of souvenirs for visitors to purchase.

TFC is also aware of the existence of several grant-making charities and other organisations, and while this is something we may pursue further in the future it does not form a significant part of TFC's funding at present.

As mentioned above, TFC has also formed a trading subsidiary to assist with fundraising and non-primary purpose trading, though again this is a nominal part of our income.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks and believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Reserves Policy

As a relatively new charity, TFC does not currently have a reserves policy. We will prepare one in line with the Secretary of States Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, which are currently undergoing extensive revisions and is in the consultation response review stage. This is discussed further below. Once the final draft is published, we will publish our reserves policy in accordance with the legislative requirements for zoos.

Investment Policy

TFC does not currently make any money from investments and, as a new charity, currently has no plans to do so.

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Principal Risks

As per the previous Trustee's Report, the principal risks faced by the charity include the ongoing threat of Avian Influenza. Bio-security measures remain active, including disinfectant foot mats at every entrance and exit point of the Centre. Baths in aviaries have all been moved under the solid parts of the roofs to prevent wild bird droppings from contaminating the water. Admission of wild bird casualties has resumed as we see this as an important part of our conservation work; however, casualties are assessed and admitted on a case-by-case basis and any concern over a possible bird flu case is directed immediately to a veterinary practice and is not brought to TFC. The wild bird hospital is being relocated and extended behind the breeding bird aviaries and some new rehabilitation aviaries have been constructed to ensure complete separation between wild birds and those permanently resident at the Centre.

The anticipated increase in energy bills was not as high as initially feared, but an error by our landlord has resulted in a large bill of approximately £1,500 being presented to us, as they state they have been undercharging us for several months. The Trustees have written to the landlord to question and verify the amount being charged and the reason for the error, but it is likely that the shortfall will need to be paid from the Charity's reserves. However, future bills, while higher than previous years, should not significantly adversely affect the Charity's financial position. We have investigated the possibility of solar panels but it has proven difficult as most of the roof structures in suitable locations for panels are not structurally strong enough to support them. This is something that we will continue to consider while trying to reduce our electricity consumption in other ways.

The anticipated changes to the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP) have not yet been published, the last update was on 6th September 2022 to state that they are still considering consultation responses. There has been no further communication since then, so we are still waiting to hear how any changes may affect TFC.

TFC is also mindful that continued concern over rising living costs could impact visitor numbers and the number of bird flying experiences being purchased. However, we again note that compared to many other local zoos and attractions, TFC is a very cheap day out – an adult ticket costs only £6.00, compared to £25 at West Midlands Safari Park or £18 for Dudley Zoo. The Trustees have agreed to keep admission prices fixed for 2023/2024 for the benefit of visitors on lower incomes.

Based on the previous years' takings for the Visitor Centre, TFC believes that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and therefore the charity is financially viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

TFC is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House under Company No. 12682959 and a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, Registered Charity No. 1191207.

TFC is governed by the Articles of Association as incorporated on 19th June 2020.

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are selected by the invitation of the existing trustees or by application for consideration. Applications may be made in writing or a candidate may be nominated by an existing Trustee. The Trustees may only refuse an application if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

When considering a nomination or application, the Trustees have regard to maintaining an appropriate range of skills, experience and understanding necessary to promote the aims and objectives of TFC, and to maintain and/or expand on the current range of activities being undertaken. The Trustees will take into account the reasons behind the application and the level of commitment the applicant or nominee is able to make, and are also mindful that a smaller team of dedicated Trustees with specialist knowledge is preferable to a larger, generalised group, to avoid conflicts or stagnation of progress for TFC.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet once per year in person to review the activities and achievements of TFC and to consider any administrative matters. Throughout the year the Trustees remain in touch through email and other mobile communications systems and may call Special General Meetings should the need arise to discuss any urgent matters. All Trustees have some level of active engagement with the TFC as either full or part time members of staff, current or historical volunteering, or in a professional consultancy capacity.

Names and addresses of advisers

TFC wishes to thank Rachel Paget of Polkadot & Ellis Accountants, The Barn, 173 Church Road, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2LX for her invaluable advice and assistance in preparing TFC's annual accounts and helping the Trustees comply with their reporting requirements. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and support throughout the year have all been greatly appreciated.

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is
- inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd's Trustees:

Andrew James Plant
Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director
19th March 2023

Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of the THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

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19th March 2024

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments					
Donations and legacies	3	62,465	8,200	70,665	10,994
Charitable activities	4	108,581	-	108,581	145,377
Total income		<u>171,046</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>179,246</u>	<u>156,371</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	(154,055)	(8,200)	(162,255)	(152,542)
Total expenditure		<u>(154,055)</u>	<u>(8,200)</u>	<u>(162,255)</u>	<u>(152,542)</u>
Net Income for the year		16,991	-	16,991	3,829
Net movement in funds		<u>16,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,991</u>	<u>3,829</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		56,731	-	56,731	52,902
Total funds carried forward		<u>73,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,722</u>	<u>56,731</u>

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

Company Number 12682959

Balance Sheet**as at 30 June 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Tangible assets	9	12,661	18,992
Investments	10	1	1
Total fixed assets		12,662	18,993
Current assets			
Stock	11	51,345	25,000
Debtors	12	4,878	-
Cash at bank and in hand		7,044	13,564
Total current assets		63,267	38,564
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	13	(2,207)	(826)
Net current assets		61,060	37,738
Total assets less current liabilities		73,722	56,731
Net assets		73,722	56,731
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		73,722	56,731
Total unrestricted funds		73,722	56,731
Total charity funds		73,722	56,731

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Signed

Andrew James Plant**Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th March 2023

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 30th June 2023

1 General Information

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd (TFC) is a charitable company registered and domiciled in England. It is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up.

Its registered office is The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd, Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0JB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

TFC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in £ Sterling, its functional currency and rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that their funding will be met. Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak as explained in the Trustees Report, there is always some uncertainty with regards to income which relies upon donations, grant income as well as gate receipts, however The Trustees believe that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions are met within the reporting period.

Grant Income

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which related costs are recognised.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Vehicles	25% straight line for each full year of ownership.
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Stock

The bird stock is deemed to be a biological asset and is valued at its fair value less costs to sell. The value is reviewed at each reporting date with changes in fair value less costs to sell recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 30th June 2023
2 Accounting policies continued

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. They are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds, where they have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	7,710	9,494
Gift Aid donations from subsidiary	54,755	1,500
Grant income	8,200	-
	70,665	10,994

Of the income received in 2023 £62,465 (2022: £27,402) was unrestricted, £8,200 was restricted.

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Visitor admissions	47,485	54,868
Experience and event income	36,321	77,202
Other income	24,775	13,307
	108,581	145,377

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent and service charges	20,231	20,231
Bank and card charges	1,827	1,975
Rates	1,249	1,249
Insurance	2,880	2,748
Light, fuel and heat	1,975	5,407
Governance costs	824	813
Bird expenses	15,472	16,982
Costs of employment	70,221	64,385
Repairs and maintenance	21,314	12,776
Event, gift shop and educational expenses	6,590	5,113
Computer and software	1,512	772
Marketing and promotion	2,400	2,400
Office and general administrative expenses	5,813	8,303
Vehicle costs inc depreciation	9,947	9,388
	162,255	152,542

6 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation (note 9)	6,331	-
Independent Examiner's fee	824	800

7 Expenses paid to trustees or persons connected with trustees

During the year no Trustee received reimbursed expenses from the Charity.
No Trustee have received any other remuneration from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross Salaries	66,267	64,385
Pension costs	3,954	2,611
	70,221	66,996

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents	2023	2022
Engaged on charitable activities	3	3
	3	3

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £
Costs:	
At 1 July 2022	25,323
At 30 June 2023	<u>25,323</u>
Depreciation:	
At 1 July 2022	6,331
Charge for the year	<u>6,331</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>12,662</u>
Net book value	
At 1 July 2022	<u>18,992</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>12,661</u>

10 Current asset investments

The wholly owned subsidiary, The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd, is a company registered in England and Wales. It is used to operate the non-charities activities of the The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd has only one share of £1 in issue, which is held by The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The subsidiary is used for non-primary purpose trading activities. Available profits are distributed under Gift Aid to the parent charity.

For the period ending 30 June 2023 (2022: period from 24 January 2022 to 30 June 2022), the activities and results of The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	50,324	6,398
Expenses	(467)	-
Donations to The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd	(54,755)	(1,500)
Profit for the period	<u>(4,898)</u>	<u>4,898</u>
The aggregate of assets liabilities and reserves was:		
Assets	5,333	4,898
Liabilities	<u>(5,332)</u>	<u>-</u>
	1	4,898

Amounts owed to the parent undertaking are shown in note 13

11 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Bird Stock	<u>51,345</u>	<u>25,000</u>

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

2023 £	2022 £
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Amounts due from subsidiary	4,878	-
	<u>4,878</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	800	800
Other creditors	1,407	26
	<u>2,207</u>	<u>826</u>

14 Analysis of Fund Movements

	Balance at 1st July 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	56,731	171,046	(154,055)	73,722
Restricted funds	-	8,200	(8,200)	-
	<u>56,731</u>	<u>179,246</u>	<u>(162,255)</u>	<u>73,722</u>

Unrestricted funding covers all funding that contributes to furthering the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funding is made up as follows:

	Balance at 1st July 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30th June 2023 £
Vulture Aviary		4,200	4,200	
Wildlife Walkway	-	4,000	4,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Vulture Aviary: materials to improve the vulture aviary funded by The Hobson Trust

Wildlife Walkway: a project to develop a wildlife walkway between the aviary and flying arena.

We would like to thank the Trustees of The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust for their generous donation to the Wildlife Walkway, and to the Trustees of the Hobson Trust for funding the materials to construct a new breeding aviary for our pair of Ruppell's Griffon Vultures – their generosity and support of our vital education and conservation work is greatly appreciated.

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15 Operating Leases

	2023	2022
	£	£
The future minimum lease payments for operating leases which expire:		
within one to five years	63,500	63,500
over five years	72,917	85,417
	<u>136,417</u>	<u>148,917</u>

Two operating leases relate to rental for land and premises.

16 Legal Status of the Charity

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Accounts

Registered Company Number

12682959

Charity Number

1191207

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 June 2022



POLKADOT & ELLIS
ACCOUNTANTS

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Reference and Administrative Details

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Justina Gibbs BSc
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THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd ("TFC") has the following objectives, as set out in the Articles of Association:

4.1. To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and preservation of all species of raptors (birds of prey) together with their varying habitats worldwide, through but not exclusively by captive breeding programmes, the treatment and rehabilitation of wild injured raptors and contributing to research into the breeding, habitat and health of all birds of prey.

4.2. The advancement of education of the public generally in the conservation, preservation and welfare of raptors together with the heritage and history of falconry in the United Kingdom and worldwide, through but not exclusively by conducting exhibitions, flying displays and demonstrations together with the production of educational literature and materials to instil amongst other things the importance of species of raptors and their diverse habitat in the wild.

4.3. To advance such other charitable purposes as may be conducive to the conservation, protection and preservation of raptors as the directors may in their discretion from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public.

The main activities in relation to these purposes for the public benefit include operating as a Visitor Centre open to the public. Education is the key to conservation and TFC works to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of birds of prey in the UK and worldwide. TFC is open to the public and engages in educational activities around the Visitor Centre including daily flying displays (weather permitting), question and answer sessions with visitors, educational signage around the Visitor Centre and a wide variety of birds to view in aviaries. TFC also runs Bird Handling Experiences for adults and children aged 5+ to promote public engagement with birds of prey and owls while continuing to educate a wider audience about birds of prey and conservation.

TFC also carries out educational visits in schools, taking a small team of birds to fly indoors in school halls for children of all ages. Children are encouraged to ask questions throughout the demonstrations. Educational visits often tie in with National Curriculum topics being studied at the time, or with particular books being read by the children, to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are learning.

Additionally, TFC operates a hospital for sick and injured wild birds of prey, engaging in direct, hands-on conservation work. An average of 30 to 50 wild birds are brought into the Centre each year, suffering from trauma, malnourishment, disease, parasitic infection and other medical conditions. These birds are assessed, treated, rehabilitated and returned to the wild as soon as possible. TFC has a great deal of success with these conservation efforts, with an estimated 80% of wild birds returning to the wild. The other 20% either succumb to their condition or are humanely euthanised in accordance with TFC's Vet, Euthanasia, Post Mortem and Ethical Review Policy.

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

Furthermore, TFC undertakes captive breeding, to maintain the collection of birds housed at the Centre and, where acceptable, to provide birds for demonstration, captive breeding, falconry, and conservation projects both in the UK and further afield. By way of example, TFC has a breeding pair of Rüppell's Griffon Vultures, a Critically Endangered species, and has this year added a pair of young White-Backed Vultures to the collection. We are looking to engage with other breeders of African Vultures and set up a project with VulPro, a charity based in Africa, so that baby vultures bred here and elsewhere in the UK can be taken to Africa for release into the wild. This project is in the very early stages at the time of writing, but early indications are promising.

TFC also engages in actively supporting other raptor charities and conservation projects, including A Future for Falconry and VulPro, by direct fundraising and/or donations at the discretion of the Trustees.

Non-invasive research is encouraged and undertaken at the Centre. TFC has worked with college and university students to provide information for research projects, including:

- Emailed advice to an American author following a request for information about Medieval falconry and practice in the UK, providing links to suitable primary research resourced and literature;
- Completed a survey for post-graduate research regarding "The use of monitoring techniques in wildlife following release from rehabilitation centres in the United Kingdom", providing data on monitoring techniques used in conjunction with the British Trust for Ornithology, species rehabilitated and the pros & cons of post-rehabilitation monitoring and the effectiveness for the raptor species listed;
- Facilitating an observational behavioural study on enrichment for an imprinted female Black Vulture as part of a Level 3 Animal Management Study;
- Provided a detailed list of species housed at the Centre including flying and display rotas for a 3rd year Zoo Biology student for a dissertation titled "A Review of Human-Animal Interactions Occurring Between Birds of Prey and Visitors Within Zoos and Falconry Centres in the UK";
- Participated in a research study done on owl behaviour as part of a Level 3 Animal Management course, including influences of enrichment on the behaviour of owls, providing detailed information on the species of owls housed at the Centre, their feeding, flying and behavioural habits.

TFC also maintains a website and Facebook page to promote the activities of TFC and to directly engage the wider public. A selection of free educational resources and activities are published on the website to promote active learning and engagement with birds of prey and conservation for those unable to visit TFC in person or benefit from an educational visit.

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2022

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. TFC exists to help people understand the importance of birds of prey and wildlife conservation in the UK and worldwide.

Volunteers

TFC also acknowledges the significant contribution made by our volunteers, who work to support us by assisting with routine cleaning, maintenance, and husbandry tasks in and around the Centre. The enthusiastic support and assistance of our volunteers is greatly appreciated by the staff and trustees of TFC.

Achievements and Performance

In June 2021, our new pair of Little Owls, Pip (male) and Pop (female) bred for the first time, successfully hatching 5 babies. One of the males, named Dunkin, is now flying at the Centre for displays and experiences, while the others went to join other flying teams across the UK. Pip is a retired flying bird, so it is great to be flying the next generation of Little Owl at the Centre.

August 2021 was the busiest month ever for the Visitor Centre, with the highest ever gate takings and over 350 people booked on to do Bird Handling Experiences. This is likely to have been in part due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions that prevented many people from going abroad and holidaying in the UK instead, looking for more local activities. However, it was an extremely successful summer and the staff and birds coped very well with the higher visitor numbers.

In September 2021, a young unrelated pair of White-Backed Vultures joined the team, and are housed on show. They were both creche-reared and are therefore used to being around people, so seem very relaxed on display. It is hoped that long term they will breed, but they are currently immature. Any babies bred from this pair will be donated to VulPro for release into the wild as part of our ongoing commitment to vulture conservation, which is an exciting project to be involved with.

In October 2021, our popular Halloween Owl Evening returned. This is a ticketed event that gives visitors the chance to see our owls flying at dusk, accompanied by an educational and informative talk led by one of our experienced falconers. The evening presents a wonderful opportunity for people to get close to the owls, while learning more about their habits, habitats, threats in the wild, and conservation projects. The event sold out within a week of the tickets becoming available online, and proved to be a huge success.

In February 2022, work completed on a major building project as we finished extending the off-show breeding section to incorporate several new aviaries. The larger aviaries were designed to have no support posts inside the aviary, increasing the amount of open space available to the birds housed within, while maintaining structural stability to the roof with thicker beams and different construction techniques. The aviaries are therefore very large and spacious, suitable for our biggest breeding eagles and vultures.

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Following a DNA test carried out in April 2022, we are delighted to confirm that our juvenile Ruppell's Griffon Vulture, Stitches, is male. He hatched in 2020 and should reach breeding maturity at around 7 years old. We have already found an unrelated female in the UK, and the long-term plan is to fly Stitches here for a few years to educate visitors about vultures and the importance of their conservation, before pairing the two up for breeding and sending any babies to Africa via VulPro. We are continuing to build links with other vulture breeders and with VulPro with a view to engaging with direct conservation work and making a meaningful contribution to supporting wild vultures.

2022 saw our best breeding season ever, hatching Northern Hawk Owls, Snowy Owls, Little Owls and Bald Eagles, amongst others. We successfully bred a total of twenty-three babies, two of which (a male Northern Hawk Owl called Frost and a female Harris Hawk called Tweed) have remained at the Centre to fly here, the others have joined flying or breeding programmes around the UK.

We have founded a trading subsidiary, The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd, in response to enquiries about shows and corporate events, which would be non-primary purpose for the charity. The subsidiary now exists to manage any work outside the scope of the charity and will donate its profits to TFC to aid funding our conservation and educational work.

We also invested in a new GPS telemetry system to use while flying birds, which has proven invaluable in tracking birds while they are flying, but has also had the benefit of providing additional information to visitors who have shown great interest in how far and how fast the birds are able to fly, particularly the falcons, during the displays.

2021 to 2022 also saw us resume our school and educational visits, which had been suspended due to Covid. For the period of July 2021 to the end of June 2022, we attended 37 educational sessions in schools and children's groups, reaching an estimated 1,800 children.

We also took part in DEFRA's consultation on the proposed revisions to the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, which lays out a number of amendments and updates to animal husbandry and zoo management. The proposed amendments are extensive, and we have submitted our response to the consultation, which was approximately 10,000 words long. We are awaiting the completion of the consultation response review phase before seeing the final draft of the new Standards.

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We have also this year introduced a new Bird Handling Experience, called the Family/Small Group Experience. This is in response to customer demand for an experience that adults can do with children. It is exclusive to the group booking it, accommodates up to 6 people, lasts for 30 minutes, is suitable for age 8+, and allows the group to fly either a kestrel, an owl and a hawk or buzzard, or three owls instead. These sessions have proven to be very popular, as they are relatively cheap, allow adults and children to fly the birds together, and can be fitted in around other experiences we may be running. Because they are exclusive to the group booking, meaning we do not put anyone else on with them, they have proven to be more accessible to the disabled and those with special educational needs. This is especially so for those with autism or social anxiety disorders, as they are not put into a group with other children/strangers. We have seen an increase in children and adults with special needs booking onto this session, as they are with their own families/carers, including a blind participant who was thrilled to be able to touch some of the birds – which is not something we would normally encourage, and not something that would normally be possible on other experiences, as other participants would then want to touch/stroke the birds as well.

One of our major new projects is the development of a new seating area and flying arena for daily demonstrations, which was mentioned in our previous report. TFC rents a 7.5 acre field adjacent to the Visitor Centre. Webb's Garden Centre have allowed the development of a walkway between the field and the Centre. This has been split into two separate pathways; one off-show for the easy access of staff and birds, the other for the public. The public path is being developed into a picnic area and Wildlife Walkway, which will feature micro-habitats and information signage about native flora, fauna, and conservation information. This will serve to educate visitors about native species and habitats, and will also feature information about how people can encourage wildlife in their own gardens and other direct conservation measures they can engage with.

The field will be used for a main flying display during the summer months, showcasing the birds' flying abilities in a large, open area. It was hoped that this project would be completed for summer 2022, but the work to remove the asbestos sheds that were obstructing progress was postponed to August 2022. At the time of writing, work is progressing, and it is hoped that the field will be open for flying displays from Easter 2023, which will coincide with TFC's 40th anniversary.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £3,829 (2021: £52,902). Total funds carried forward show £56,731 (2021: £Nil) £52,902 of which £Nil (2021: £Nil) are restricted.

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Principal Sources of Funding

TFC's principal sources of funds are from visitors to the Centre, via gate admissions for a general visit or on a pre-booked Bird Handling Experience. Bird Handling Experiences may be purchased as vouchers online, over the telephone or in person at the Visitor Centre. TFC also raises some money via Donations and Birds Sponsorships. Donations and Sponsorships can be made in person at the Visitor Centre or online via the website.

TFC is eligible for Gift Aid and where possible is able to claim this on gate admission fees, Donations and Sponsorships with the permission of the individual purchaser/donor.

TFC also raises funds via its educational visits to schools, which are paid for either by the relevant Local Authority or Academy Trust.

A nominal amount of funding is also raised through the operation of a small gift shop at the Visitor Centre, which offers a selection of souvenirs for visitors to purchase.

TFC is also aware of the existence of several grant-making charities and other organisations, and while this is something we may pursue further in the future it does not form a significant part of TFC's funding at present.

As mentioned above, TFC has also formed a trading subsidiary to assist with fundraising and non-primary purpose trading, though again this is a nominal part of our income.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks and believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Reserves Policy

As a relatively new charity, TFC does not currently have a reserves policy. We will prepare one in line with the Secretary of States Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, which are currently undergoing extensive revisions and is in the consultation response review stage. This is discussed further below. Once the final draft is published, we will publish our reserves policy in accordance with the legislative requirements for zoos.

Investment Policy

TFC does not currently make any money from investments and, as a new charity, currently has no plans to do so.

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Principal Risks

The principal risks faced by the charity include the ongoing threat of Avian Influenza. This seems to be 'here to stay' and is something that we will probably have to learn to live with – much like Covid-19. Bio-security measures remain active, including disinfectant foot mats at every entrance and exit point of the Centre. Baths in aviaries have all been moved under the solid parts of the roofs to prevent wild bird droppings from contaminating the water. The pond in the Visitor Centre has been removed as there were concerns about it attracting wild waterfowl, which carry the highest risk of spreading the disease, and the paths in front of the vulture aviaries have been widened for visitors as a result. As per our previous report, wild bird casualty admissions have been temporarily halted, with casualties being redirected to either Vale Wildlife Rescue, Manor Vets or Taylor & Marshal Vets. The wild bird hospital is being relocated and extended behind the breeding bird aviaries and some new rehabilitation aviaries are being constructed to ensure complete separation between wild birds and those permanently resident at the Centre.

The anticipated increase in energy bills could see some prices rise by 300% or more. Our current average electricity consumption results in a bill of around £200 per month, this could increase next year to £800 - £1,000 per month. As such, TFC is considering the possibility of installing solar panels to offset some of the increase, the costs for which could be at least partially, if not wholly, grant funded. This is something that we will be considering very carefully. We will also be looking at ways to reduce our electricity consumption and other greener energy options.

The anticipated changes to the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP) could have a significant impact on certain operations of the Visitor Centre. This is still in the consultation response review stage and we are awaiting an announcement from DEFRA on the actual content of the new SSSMZP. However, some of the changes we are anticipating include:

- A requirement to hold 6 months' financial resources to sustain operations in the event of closure (which will affect our Reserves Policy, as mentioned above)
- Refuge areas in all aviaries for the birds to hide from public gaze (most aviaries already feature this but some may need alterations)
- A prevention on the breeding of hybrids (not something that TFC currently engages in as there is no conservation benefit at present)
- Veterinary facilities and the requirement for a dedicated examination room for birds (work had already begun to build one before the draft SSSMZP was published but this is now on hold pending confirmation of the exact requirements)

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- Any collection with Category 1 carnivores will be required to keep firearms on site specifically to kill any escaped animals (TFC houses a number of birds currently classed as Cat 1, but the new SSSMZP reduces all of these to Cat 2 except for our breeding pair of Snowy Owls. We have objected to this requirement but if it passes without an exemption for birds, the pair will have to be separated as we will refuse to have firearms on site.)
- Tethering of birds as a routine management practice will be banned, to be phased out by 31st December 2027 (this will not affect us as we are already free-lofting the vast majority of our flying birds, with only two currently tethered as they are in training and will be free-lofted when ready – the date is also likely to change and this is being hotly contested by many falconers and falconry centres, so some amendments and exemptions may be applied)
- Rehabilitation of wild birds must not form an integral part of any zoo (although we engage in rehab it is not integral to our operations so we see no problem in continuing this vital conservation work) and all wild birds must be examined by a vet (not always practical or cost effective and certainly stressful for the bird, this may be amended in the final draft based on consultation responses)
- Extensive record keeping requirements – no less than 85 different policies, procedures, forms and records will need to be kept for small zoos like ours, which will significantly increase our administrative burden, but again we will wait to see the final draft for the actual requirements.

TFC is also mindful that visitor numbers may have been artificially high over the summer again, with people unable and/or unwilling to book holidays or travel abroad, resulting in an increase in those looking for local activities. We also take into account that the rising cost of living may have a negative impact on people's ability to plan days out and event activities, which could affect gate takings and experience bookings. However, we also note that compared to many other local zoos and attractions, TFC is a very cheap day out – an adult ticket costs only £5.50, compared to £25 at West Midlands Safari Park or £18 for Dudley Zoo, making us more affordable for those on lower incomes.

Based on the previous years' takings for the Visitor Centre, TFC believes that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and therefore the charity is financially viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

TFC is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House under Company No. 12682959 and a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, Registered Charity No. 1191207.

TFC is governed by the Articles of Association as incorporated on 19th June 2020.

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The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are selected by the invitation of the existing trustees or by application for consideration. Applications may be made in writing or a candidate may be nominated by an existing Trustee. The Trustees may only refuse an application if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

When considering a nomination or application, the Trustees have regard to maintaining an appropriate range of skills, experience and understanding necessary to promote the aims and objectives of TFC, and to maintain and/or expand on the current range of activities being undertaken. The Trustees will take into account the reasons behind the application and the level of commitment the applicant or nominee is able to make, and are also mindful that a smaller team of dedicated Trustees with specialist knowledge is preferable to a larger, generalised group, to avoid conflicts or stagnation of progress for TFC.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet once per year in person to review the activities and achievements of TFC and to consider any administrative matters. Throughout the year the Trustees remain in touch through email and other mobile communications systems and may call Special General Meetings should the need arise to discuss any urgent matters. All Trustees have some level of active engagement with the TFC as either full or part time members of staff, current or historical volunteering, or in a professional consultancy capacity.

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Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is
- inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd's Trustees:

Andrew James Plant
Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director
1st March 2023

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of the
THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

R B Welch FCA MA
Chartered Accountant
P&W Social Accountants
10 Newent Road
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1st March 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Period Ending 30 June 2022

		Current Period Unrestricted & Total Funds	Current Period Unrestricted & Total Funds
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Income & Endowments			
Donations and legacies	3	10,994	27,402
Charitable activities	4	145,377	44,592
Total income		<u>156,371</u>	<u>71,994</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	(152,542)	(19,092)
Total expenditure		<u>(152,542)</u>	<u>(19,092)</u>
Net Income for the year		3,829	52,902
Net movement in funds		<u>3,829</u>	<u>52,902</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-			
Total funds brought forward		52,902	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>56,731</u>	<u>52,902</u>

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Company Number 12682959

Balance Sheet**as at 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible assets	9	18,992	25,323
Investments	10	1	-
Total fixed assets		18,993	25,323
Current assets			
Stock	11	25,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		13,564	28,416
Total current assets		38,564	28,416
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	12	(826)	(837)
Net current assets		37,738	27,579
Total assets less current liabilities		56,731	52,902
Net assets		56,731	52,902
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		56,731	52,902
Total unrestricted funds		56,731	52,902
Total charity funds		56,731	52,902

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Signed

Andrew James Plant**Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 1st March 2023

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Notes to the Accounts
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1 General Information

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd (TFC) is a charitable company registered and domiciled in England. It is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up.

Its registered office is The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd, Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0JB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

TFC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in £ Sterling, its functional currency and rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that their funding will be met. Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak as explained in the Trustees Report, there is always some uncertainty with regards to income which relies upon donations, grant income as well as gate receipts, however The Trustees believe that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions are met within the reporting period.

Grant Income

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which related costs are recognised.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Vehicles	25% straight line for each full year of ownership.
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Stock

The bird stock is deemed to be a biological asset and is valued at its fair value less costs to sell. The value is reviewed at each reporting date with changes in fair value less costs to sell recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. They are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds, where they have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	10,994	15,233
Grant income	-	12,169
	10,994	27,402

Of the income received in 2022 £10,994 (2021: £27,402) was unrestricted.

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Visitor admissions	54,868	12,808
Experience and event income	77,202	26,874
Other income	13,307	4,910
	145,377	44,592

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent and service charges	20,231	4,530
Bank and card charges	1,975	538
Rates	1,249	786
Insurance	2,748	2,226
Light, fuel and heat	5,407	1,063
Governance costs	813	813
Bird expenses	16,982	1,132
Costs of employment	64,385	1,460
Repairs and maintenance	12,776	1,542
Event, gift shop and educational expenses	5,113	2,906
Computer and software	772	451
Marketing and promotion	2,400	600
Office and general administrative expenses	8,303	1,045
Vehicle costs inc depreciation	9,388	-
	152,542	19,092

6 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation (note 9)	6,331	-
Independent Examiner's fee	800	800

7 Expenses paid to trustees or persons connected with trustees

During the year no Trustee received reimbursed expenses from the Charity.
No Trustee have received any other remuneration from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Salaries	64,385	1,460
Pension costs	2,611	-
	64,385	1,460

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents

	2022	2021
Engaged on charitable activities	3	-
	3	-

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £
Costs:	
At 1 July 2021	25,323
At 30 June 2022	<u>25,323</u>
Depreciation:	
At 1 July 2021	-
Charge for the year	<u>6,331</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>6,331</u>
Net book value	
At 1 July 2021	<u>25,323</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>18,992</u>

10 Current asset investments

The wholly owned subsidiary, The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd, is a company registered in England and Wales. It is used to operate the non-charities activities of the The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd has only one share of £1 in issue, which is held by The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd.

For the period ending 24 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, the activities and results of The Falconry Centre Displays Ltd were:

	2022 £
Turnover	6,398
Donations to The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd	(1,500)
Profit for the period	<u>4,898</u>

11 Stock

	2022 £	2021 £
Bird Stock	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	800	800
Other creditors	<u>26</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>826</u>	<u>837</u>

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12 Operating Leases

	2022	2021
	£	£
The future minimum lease payments for operating leases which expire:		
within one to five years	63,500	11,458
over five years	85,417	-
	<u>148,917</u>	<u>11,458</u>

Two operating leases relate to rental for land and premises.

13 Related Party Transaction

During the 2021 1 Trustee donated £12,000 to the charity to support the purchase of a vehicle.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1191207

Accounts

Registered Company Number
12682959
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(A company limited by guarantee)

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30 June 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details

Directors

Andrew James Plant BSc. (Chairman and Managing Director), appointed on 19th June 2020

Fiona Garvey BSc., appointed on 22nd July 2020

Justina Gibbs BSc., appointed on 22nd July 2020

Marie Louise Kubiak BVSC MRCVS, appointed on 22nd July 2020

Heather Jennifer Brynmore-Jones, appointed on 22nd July 2020

Samantha Jane Ashfield RVN VNES, appointed on 23rd April 2021

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12682959

Registered Charity Number

1191207

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD

The report of the trustees for the period ended 30 June 2021

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the period 19th June 2020 to 30th June 2021.

Objectives and Activities

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd ("TFC") has the following objectives, as set out in the Articles of Association:

4.1.To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and preservation of all species of raptors (birds of prey) together with their varying habitats worldwide, through but not exclusively by captive breeding programmes, the treatment and rehabilitation of wild injured raptors and contributing to research into the breeding, habitat and health of all birds of prey.

4.2.The advancement of education of the public generally in the conservation, preservation and welfare of raptors together with the heritage and history of falconry in the United Kingdom and worldwide, through but not exclusively by conducting exhibitions, flying displays and demonstrations together with the production of educational literature and materials to instil amongst other things the importance of species of raptors and their diverse habitat in the wild.

4.3.To advance such other charitable purposes as may be conducive to the conservation, protection and preservation of raptors as the directors may in their discretion from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public.

The main activities in relation to these purposes for the public benefit include operating as a Visitor Centre open to the public. Education is the key to conservation and TFC works to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of birds of prey in the UK and worldwide. TFC is open to the public and engages in educational activities around the Visitor Centre including daily flying displays (weather permitting), question and answer sessions with visitors, educational signage around the Visitor Centre and a wide variety of birds to view in aviaries. TFC also runs Bird Handling Experiences for adults and children aged 5+ to promote public engagement with birds of prey and owls while continuing to educate a wider audience about birds of prey and conservation.

TFC also carries out educational visits in schools, taking a small team of birds to fly indoors in school halls for children of all ages. Children are encouraged to ask questions throughout the demonstrations. Educational visits often tie in with National Curriculum topics being studied at the time, or with particular books being read by the children, to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are learning.

Additionally, TFC operates a hospital for sick and injured wild birds of prey, engaging in direct, hands-on conservation work. An average of 30 to 50 wild birds are brought into the Centre each year, suffering from trauma, malnourishment, disease, parasitic infection and other medical conditions. These birds are assessed, treated, rehabilitated and returned to the wild as soon as possible. TFC has a great deal of success with these conservation efforts, with an estimated 80% of wild birds returning to the wild. The other 20% either succumb to their condition or are humanely euthanised in accordance with TFC's Vet, Euthanasia, Post Mortem and Ethical Review Policy.

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Furthermore, TFC undertakes captive breeding, to maintain the collection of birds housed at the Centre and, where acceptable, to provide birds for demonstration, captive breeding, falconry, and conservation projects both in the UK and further afield. By way of example, TFC has a breeding pair of Rüppell's Griffon Vultures, a Critically Endangered species. It is hoped that the offspring of this pair will be loaned out to other falconry centres for training and educational purposes before being placed in breeding programmes upon reaching maturity. It is eventually hoped that young from this pair, and from any future pairs, will be taken to Africa for release into the wild to boost the declining population.

TFC also engages in actively supporting other raptor charities and conservation projects, including A Future for Falconry and VulPro, by direct fundraising and/or donations at the discretion of the Trustees.

Non-invasive research is encouraged and undertaken at the Centre. TFC has worked with college and university students to provide information for research projects, including an observational study of the Rüppell's Griffon Vultures and providing statistical information on wild raptor admissions for research purposes.

TFC also maintains a website and Facebook page to promote the activities of TFC and to directly engage the wider public. A selection of free educational resources and activities are published on the website to promote active learning and engagement with birds of prey and conservation for those unable to visit TFC in person or benefit from an educational visit.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. TFC exists to help people understand the importance of birds of prey and wildlife conservation in the UK and worldwide.

Volunteers

TFC also acknowledges the significant contribution made by our volunteers, who work to support us by assisting with routine cleaning, maintenance, and husbandry tasks in and around the Centre. The enthusiastic support and assistance of our volunteers is greatly appreciated by the staff and trustees of TFC.

Achievements and Performance

TFC achieved its charitable status in September 2020. TFC was formed in June 2020 by the now inactive West Midlands Falconry Display Team Ltd (formerly known as The Falconry Centre Ltd) partially in response to Covid-19, to ensure the protection of the birds in our care and the continuation of the invaluable education and conservation work being undertaken. TFC achieved charitable status in September 2020.

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2020 saw the Rüppell's Griffon Vultures successfully breed for the second time; the egg was naturally incubated for 10 days before being removed and placed in an incubator. After hatching, the baby was hand-reared for a few days to ensure it was healthy, before being returned to the parents, who continued to successfully rear it. Their baby, who has been named "Stitches", is being trained to fly at TFC for educational purposes. Having been parent reared, it is hoped that the baby will be paired up for breeding in the future upon reaching sexual maturity at around 6 or 7 years old. This was a huge success for the future conservation efforts of this critically endangered species.

During the first lockdown in 2020, TFC took the opportunity to completely remodel the entrance to the Visitor Centre, making it larger and installing concrete ramps in and out, with Perspex counter screens and better lighting. Not only has this made the entrance more attractive, it is now fully wheelchair and pushchair accessible for visitors.

TFC re-opened to visitors after the first national lockdown on 4th July 2020. We immediately resumed our daily flying displays and gradually reintroduced our full range of Bird Handling Experiences, which are hugely popular and one of the main educational and outreach tools used to engage the general public.

In November, we were forced to close again due to the second national lockdown, we opened for December but closed again in January 2021 for the third lockdown. We re-opened on 12th April. WMFDT and therefore TFC were fortunate to benefit from DEFRA's Zoo Animals Fund, which paid for all the birds' food and primary care costs, staff wages and essential maintenance projects during the national restrictions. This has meant that we were able to survive the pandemic while remaining financially healthy and viable.

One of our major new projects is the development of a new seating area and flying arena for daily demonstrations. TFC now rents a 7.5 acre field adjacent to the Visitor Centre. Webb's Garden Centre have allowed the development of a walkway between the field and the Centre. This has been split into two separate pathways; one off-show for the easy access of staff and birds, the other for the public. The public path is being developed into a picnic area and Wildlife Walkway, which will feature micro-habitats and information signage about native flora, fauna, and conservation information. This will serve to educate visitors about native species and habitats, and will also feature information about how people can encourage wildlife in their own gardens and other direct conservation measures they can engage with.

The field will be used for a main flying display during the summer months, showcasing the birds' flying abilities in a large, open area. It is hoped that this project will be completed for summer 2022, although at the time of writing this is dependent on Webb's Garden Centre undertaking work to remove some asbestos sheds that are currently blocking safe access to the field for the general public.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £52,902. Total funds carried forward show £52,902 of which £Nil are restricted.

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Principal Sources of Funding

TFC's principal sources of funds are from visitors to the Centre, via gate admissions for a general visit or on a pre-booked Bird Handling Experience. Bird Handling Experiences may be purchased as vouchers online, over the telephone or in person at the Visitor Centre. TFC also raises some money via Donations and Birds Sponsorships. Donations and Sponsorships can be made in person at the Visitor Centre or online via the website.

TFC is eligible for Gift Aid and where possible is able to claim this on gate admission fees, Donations and Sponsorships with the permission of the individual purchaser/donor.

TFC also raises funds via its educational visits to schools, which are paid for either by the relevant Local Authority or Academy Trust.

A nominal amount of funding is also raised through the operation of a small gift shop at the Visitor Centre, which offers a selection of souvenirs for visitors to purchase.

TFC is also aware of the existence of several grant-making charities and other organisations, and while this is something we may pursue further in the future it does not form a significant part of TFC's funding at present. However, TFC has already benefitted from two funding grants, one from Animal Friends Pet Insurance for general maintenance work at the Visitor Centre and the other from Bromsgrove Council under the Covid-19 general funding support available to local businesses.

TFC is considering forming a trading subsidiary to assist with fundraising and non-primary purpose trading. We are currently taking advice on this proposal.

Going Concern

Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, there is always some uncertainty with regards to the principal sources of funding. The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks and believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Reserves Policy

As a new charity, there is no particular policy on reserves.

Investment Policy

TFC does not currently make any money from investments and, as a new charity, currently has no plans to do so.

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Principal Risks

The principal risks faced by the charity reflect those of many organisations at present, with the ongoing global pandemic of Covid-19, which has been exacerbated by the presence of Avian Influenza in the UK. Whilst at the time of writing things remain uncertain, with mass vaccinations and boosters having been undertaken the Trustees note that August 2021 was the busiest month ever seen at TFC with over 350 people doing Bird Handling Experiences and the highest takings on the gate admissions ever recorded.

The threat of Avian Influenza has resulted in bio-security measures being enacted, including disinfectant foot mats at every entrance and exit point of the Centre. Baths in aviaries have all been moved under the solid parts of the roofs to prevent wild bird droppings from contaminating the water. The pond in the Visitor Centre has been removed as there were concerns about it attracting wild waterfowl, which carry the highest risk of spreading the disease, and the paths in front of the vulture aviaries have been widened for visitors as a result. Wild bird casualty admissions have been temporarily halted, with casualties being redirected to either Vale Wildlife Rescue, Manor Vets or Taylor & Marshal Vets. The wild bird hospital is being relocated and extended behind the breeding bird aviaries and some new rehabilitation aviaries are being constructed to ensure complete separation between wild birds and those permanently resident at the Centre.

TFC is also mindful that visitor numbers may have been artificially high over the summer with people unable and/or unwilling to book holidays or travel abroad, resulting in an increase in those looking for local activities. However, based on the previous years' takings for the Visitor Centre under the administration of West Midlands Falconry Display Team Ltd., TFC believes that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

TFC is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House under Company No. 12682959 and a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, Registered Charity No. 1191207.

TFC is governed by the Articles of Association as incorporated on 19th June 2020.

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The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are selected by the invitation of the existing trustees or by application for consideration. Applications may be made in writing or a candidate may be nominated by an existing Trustee. The Trustees may only refuse an application if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

When considering a nomination or application, the Trustees have regard to maintaining an appropriate range of skills, experience and understanding necessary to promote the aims and objectives of TFC, and to maintain and/or expand on the current range of activities being undertaken. The Trustees will take into account the reasons behind the application and the level of commitment the applicant or nominee is able to make, and are also mindful that a smaller team of dedicated Trustees with specialist knowledge is preferable to a larger, generalised group, to avoid conflicts or stagnation of progress for TFC.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet once per year in person to review the activities and achievements of TFC and to consider any administrative matters. Throughout the year the Trustees remain in touch through email and other mobile communications systems and may call Special General Meetings should the need arise to discuss any urgent matters. All Trustees have some level of active engagement with the TFC as either full or part time members of staff, current or historical volunteering, or in a professional consultancy capacity.

Advisors

TFC wishes to thank Rachel Paget of Polkadot & Ellis Accountants, The Barn, 173 Church Road, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2LX for her invaluable advice and assistance in preparing TFC's annual accounts and helping the Trustees comply with their reporting requirements. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and support throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

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Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to the fact that the trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd's Trustees:

Andrew James Plant
Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director
16th February 2022

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of the
THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

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16th February 2022

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Period Ending 30 June 2021

		Current Period Unrestricted & Total Funds
	Notes	2021 £
Income & Endowments		
Donations and legacies	3	27,402
Charitable activities	4	44,592
Total income		<u>71,994</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	(19,092)
Total expenditure		<u>(19,092)</u>
Net Income for the year		52,902
Net movement in funds		<u>52,902</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-		
Total funds brought forward		-
Total funds carried forward		<u>52,902</u>

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Company Number 12682959

**Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 £
Tangible assets	9	25,323
Total fixed assets		<u>25,323</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		28,416
Total current assets		<u>28,416</u>
Creditors:-		
amounts due within one year	10	(837)
Net current assets		<u>27,579</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>52,902</u>
Net assets		<u>52,902</u>
The funds of the charity :		
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		52,902
Total unrestricted funds		52,902
Total charity funds		<u>52,902</u>

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities

Signed

Andrew James Plant**Chairman of the Trustees & Managing Director**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th February 2022

THE FALCONRY CENTRE, HAGLEY LTD
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 30th June 2021

1 General Information

The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd (TFC) is a charitable company registered and domiciled in England. It is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up.

Its registered office is The Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd, Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0JB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

TFC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in £ Sterling, its functional currency and rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that their funding will be met. Due to the nature of cash flows, as well as the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 outbreak as explained in the Trustees Report, there is always some uncertainty with regards to income which relies upon donations, grant income as well as gate receipts, however The Trustees believe that income over the next 12 months should remain stable and the charity is financially viable.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either the conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions are met within the reporting period.

Grant Income

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which related costs are recognised.

2 Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Vehicles	25% straight line for each full year of ownership.
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Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. They are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds, where they have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

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2 Accounting policies continued

Financial Instruments

The charity only has basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2021
	£
Donations	13,981
Gift aid reclaimed	1,252
Grant income	12,169
	27,402

Of the income received in 2021, £27,402 was unrestricted.

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021
	£
Visitor admissions	12,808
Experience and event income	26,874
Other income	4,910
	44,592

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2021
	£
Rent	4,530
Bank and card charges	538
Grounds and gardens	786
Insurance	2,226
Light, fuel and heat	1,063
Governance costs	813
Bird expenses	1,132
Costs of employment	1,460
Repairs and maintenance	1,542
Event, gift shop and educational expenses	2,906
Computer and software	451
Marketing and promotion	600
Office and general administrative expenses	1,045
	19,092

6 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2021
	£
Independent Examiner's fee	800

7 Expenses paid to trustees or persons connected with trustees

During the year no Trustee received reimbursed expenses from the Charity.
 No Trustee have received any other remuneration from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2021
	£
Gross Salaries	1,460
	1,460

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents **2021**

Engaged on charitable activities	-
	-

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £
Costs:	
Additions	<u>25,323</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>25,323</u>
Depreciation:	
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 30 June 2021	<u>25,323</u>

The asset was purchased on 16th June 2021 and was not depreciated in the current period.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £
Trade creditors	800
Other creditors	<u>37</u>
	<u>837</u>

11 Operating Leases	2021 £
The future minimum lease payments for operating leases which expire:	
within one to five years	15,100
over five years	-
	<u>15,100</u>

The operating lease relates to rental for premises with a break clause on 1st May 2022. The lease expires 1st May 2024.

12 Related Party Transaction

During the year 1 Trustee donated £12,000 to the charity to support the purchase of a vehicle.