

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 12	Month Nov	Year 2020		Day 5	Month Apr	Year 2022

Charity name Farmland Bird Aid Network

Other names charity is known by Bird Aid, FBAN

Registered charity number (if any) 1192305

Charity's principal address Dene Edge, Laughton Hill

Stonesfield

Witney

Postcode

OX29 8DY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Alan Larkman	Chair	12/11/2020	Original trustee
2 Louise Spicer		12/11/2020	Original trustee
3 Michael Kettlewell		12/11/2020	Original trustee
4 Jonathon Gomm		03/08/2021	Appointed by Board
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO Constitution 2020

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

As per CIO new trustees are appointed by current trustees and are chosen with regard to skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Farmland Bird Aid Network has four Trustees with varying lengths of term, and with the option to renew the term once. Since the founding of the charity, one new Trustee has joined and this was noted in the minutes of the Board meeting and the Charity Commission was notified. The new Trustee was given a copy of the Constitution. Other policies already approved by the Trustees are the Volunteer Policy and Health and Safety Policy.

Volunteer Policy

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/10OlkCs8c8Z2KP_yQXpO1LN5jq1X4QM9

Health and Safety Policy

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The trustees are aware that the present economic situation may mean that donations could become more difficult to obtain over the next year or two. However, most of our donations come from committed volunteers, and FBAN has only minimal fixed costs. Apart from bank charges, insurance costs and website hosting costs all our expenditure has gone towards the purchase of bird seed and storage containers. If necessary, the scale of our feeding programme could easily be adjusted to match available funds.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the conservation of farmland bird species, particularly those in decline or at risk of extinction, by working with local communities and landowners, through supplementary feeding, monitoring and habitat restoration and conservation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Working to increase farmland bird numbers and diversity
- 60 volunteers, farmers and landowners working together on a local initiative.
- Monthly surveys and end of year annual survey submitted to British Trust for Ornithology data collection website
- Previous Trustee Chair, Alan Larkman and Board member Mike Kettlewell with others, have published a paper on farmland bird feeding providing detailed data on increased bird numbers due to supplementary feeding. The article was published in British Birds (Vol 115)
<https://britishbirds.co.uk/content/supplementary-winter-feeding-farmland-birds>
- All trustees are given the Public Benefit Requirement documents PB1 and 2. Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Farmland Bird Aid Network is run and mostly funded by its volunteers. The majority feed the birds on a weekly basis from November to May every year. Some count the birds at the 19 sites on a monthly basis. Others collect the seed and deliver to the sites.

Two volunteers are responsible for the financial and administrative responsibilities for the organisation and Charity Commission and lead on additional activities such as the communications, networking and building the profile of the organisation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Farmland Bird Aid Network have been able to provide daily feeding during the 'hungry gap' for farmland birds at 19 sites across West Oxfordshire with 60 volunteers.

Monthly surveys and end of year annual survey.

Developed and launched our website
<https://farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org/>

Produced an annual survey
https://farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/fban_survey_180721.pdf

Created a monthly newsletter for volunteers and other interested stakeholders. Seven monthly newsletters were produced during the feeding period to 102 contacts.

Made contact with the Northeast Cotswolds Farmer Cluster to support the farmers who are feeding farm birds over winter under their sustainability project.
<https://www.cotswoldfarmers.org/about>

Attended the annual [Wychwood Forest Fair](#) as a stallholder to help raise our profile and increase numbers of volunteers and interested landowners.

Farmland Bird Aid Network was contacted by Dr Oliver Paget from the Zoology Department at Oxford University. Dr Paget was interested in ringing birds at several of our sites as part of a larger research project. He began ringing at our sites in November 2021.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Fundraising covers the cost of bird seed, storage and online services. We are able to adjust the scale of our feeding operation to match the available funds. There is no reserves policy as yet but this will be created next year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

As mentioned above FBAN receives most of its funding from its volunteers. In addition, we have received funding from two local foundations, the Sinclair Charitable Trust and the Royal Alfred Lodge Charity Fund. After essential bank charges, insurance premiums and website hosting costs, all funds have been spent on the purchase of bird seed and storage containers.

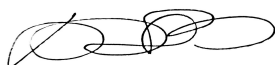
Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jane Ellis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date 9 December 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Farmland Bird Aid Network

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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 12 Nov 2020	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ 06/04/21 - 05/04/22	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Previous year balance	2,236	-	
Sinclair Charitable Trust	1,000	-	
Royal Alfred Lodge Charity Fund	250	-	
Donations	1,261	-	
Gift Aid	264	-	
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,011	-	-
(see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,011	-	-
A3 Payments			
Donation Processing Charges	25	-	-
Gift Aid Processing Charges	5	-	-
Bank Account Management Fees	96	-	-
Insurance Premium	140	-	-
Seed Purchase	2,223	-	-
Storage Bins	308	-	-
Website Hosting	-	-	-
Difference to Bank Reconciliation	5	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	2,802	-	-
A4 Asset and investment			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	2,802	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,209	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,209	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Balance of donations	2,209
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		-
	Total cash funds	2,209
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
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B3 Investment assets		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
B5 Liabilities		

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature



Print Name

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Period end date
5 Apr 2022

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £ 12/11/20 - 05/04/21
2,236	-
1,000	-
250	-
1,261	2,626
264	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
5,011	2,626
-	-
-	-
-	-
5,011	2,626
25	-
5	-
96	16
140	23
2,223	214
308	-
-	137
5	-
-	-
2,802	390
-	-
-	-
-	-
2,802	390
2,209	2,236
-	-
-	-
2,209	2,236

the period

**Restricted
to nearest £**

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**Endowment
to nearest £**

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funds
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**Current value
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**Current value
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Amount due

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When due

name	Date of approval
Ellis	9 December 2022