



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **06/04/2022** Period start date To **05/04/2023**
Period end date

Charity name: FARMLAND BIRD AID NETWORK

Charity registration number: 1192305

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	- Increasing farmland bird numbers and diversity for the benefit of mankind 60 volunteers, farmers and landowners working together on a local initiative. - Monthly surveys and end of year annual survey submitted to British Ornithological data collection website
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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 information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Farmland Bird Aid Network receives funds from the general public and small grant bodies local to West Oxfordshire. Our largest grant has been £1000 for two years. As yet we do not have a policy on grant making.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Farmland Bird Aid Network has no investments.
		Farmland Bird Aid Network is run and

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	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 21 sites on a monthly basis. Others collect the seed and deliver to the sites.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Farmland Bird Aid Network have been able to provide daily feeding during the 'hungry gap' for farmland birds at 21 sites across West Oxfordshire with 60 volunteers. Monthly surveys and end of year annual survey. Maintained our website https://farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org/ Continued to circulate a monthly newsletter for volunteers and other interested stakeholders. 11 monthly newsletters were produced during the feeding period to 106 contacts. Continued to work with the Northeast Cotswolds Farmer Cluster and received free bird feed 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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Farmland Bird Aid Network continue to feed farmland birds through the hungry gap and to build our profile with local communities and landowners. We were able to increase the number of sites by two this year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	FBAN's fundraising aim is to have enough money to purchase seed for the seven months of feeding each year. This has been achieved.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	FBAN has no investments.

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	FBAN has a balance of £3,773 at the end of this financial year. Enough for a year's supply of birdseed for the following year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This year the Trustees have approved a Reserves Policy which is to have enough funds to cover enough bird seed for one year. FBAN will aim to build this reserve over five years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None as of end of year 2022. The policy will be enacted in 2023
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No fund is in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funding are donations, mainly from our volunteers plus also funding received from local foundations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	FBAN has no investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	All funds are spent on bird seed and storage. FBAN is low risk as all funds are spent only if available. Amounts of seed can be decreased to account for funds available.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution 2020
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	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 information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Farmland Bird Aid Network has four Trustees with varying lengths of term, and with the option to renew the term once. This financial year three new Trustees have joined and this was noted in the minutes of the Board meeting and the Charity Commission was notified. The three new Trustees were given a copy of the Constitution, the Volunteer Policy and the Health and Safety Policy.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	FBAN has four Trustees and 60 volunteers. The Volunteers meet three times a year and are responsible for finding the funds for the bird seed, organising the volunteers to feed at the 21 sites and storing the seed. A monthly newsletter provides information to the volunteers and health and safety advice.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	FBAN works informally with the Northeast Cotswolds Farmer Cluster to support their work feeding farmland birds under their sustainability project.
Other		FBAN gives its bird survey data to the British Ornithological data collection website

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	FARMLAND BIRD AID NETWORK
Other name the charity uses	FBAN
Registered charity number	1192305

Charity's principal address	DENE EDGE, LAUGHTON HILL STONESFIELD WITNEY 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	LOUISE SPICER			ORIGINAL TRUSTEE
2	JANE ELLIS	CHAIR	01/12/2022	APPOINTED BY BOARD
3	GENNY EARLY		01/12/2022	APPOINTED BY BOARD
4	HANNAH BOURNE TAYLOR		01/12/2022	APPOINTED BY BOARD
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

JANE ELLIS

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

04/02/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Farmland Bird Aid Network

No (if any)
1192305

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/6/2022

To

Period end date
4/5/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Previous year balance	2,208	-	-	2,208	2,236
Sinclair Charitable Trust	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Charlbury Town Council	250	-	-	250	250
Donations	1,274	-	-	1,274	1,264
Gift Aid	142	-	-	142	265
Interest	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,880	-	-	4,880	5,015
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,880	-	-	4,880	5,015
A3 Payments					
Bank Account Fees	72	-	-	72	96
Insurance Premium	140	-	-	140	140
Seed Purchase	882	-	-	882	2,223
Sundry - wooden post, storage	13	-	-	13	308
Processing charges	-	-	-	-	34
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,107	-	-	1,107	2,801
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,107	-	-	1,107	2,801
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,773	-	-	3,773	2,214
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,773	-	-	3,773	2,214

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Balance of donations	3,773	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	3,773	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Jane Ellis	4-Feb-24