

THE OUESSANT SHEEP SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1195176

Details

Other names OSS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) The promotion of agriculture through the conservation and preservation of the Ouessant sheep as a distinctive and viable breed for the benefit of future generations. (2) To provide a registration and breeding programme for Ouessant sheep and to encourage and promote the conservation of the Ouessant breed. (3) To advance the education of the public into the attributes and husbandry of Ouessant sheep, improving awareness of the breed and the welfare of its animals.

Activities: The conservation and preservation of the Ouessant sheep as a distinctive and viable breed of heritage sheep in the United Kingdom. Providing a registration and breeding programme to encourage and promote the improvement of the breed. Advancing education of the attributes and husbandry of Ouessant sheep, improving awareness of the breed and the welfare of its animals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Man
- Jersey
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£6,481	£5,908	-	-
2024-08-31	£5,684	£5,785	-	-
2023-08-31	£5,718	£6,026	-	-
2022-08-31	£5,968	£3,621	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sandra Mary Bell	Chair	2025-11-16
Anna Louise Kelly		2023-10-29
John David Kelly		2023-10-29
Michelle Mcillmurray		2025-11-16
Paul Douglas Rose		2023-10-29
Stephanie Jane Nice		2025-10-16
Suzanne Edward		2025-11-16

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Anne Cruikshank

Suzy Edward

Anna Kelly

John Kelly

Mel Loder

Michelle Mcillmurray

Stephanie Nice

Julie Penman

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1.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

	<i>Role</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>
Natasha Arthur		30 Oct 22	10 Nov 24
Sandra Bell	(Chair)	14 Jul 21	29 Oct 23
		29 Oct 23	
Anne Cruikshank	(Secretary)	12 Mar 25	
Suzy Edward		12 Mar 25	
Anna Kelly	(Membership Secretary)	29 Mar 23	29 Oct 23
		29 Oct 23	
John Kelly	(Treasurer)	06 Feb 23	29 Oct 23
		29 Oct 23	
Jacquie L'Etang		29 Oct 23	10 Nov 24
Mel Loder		12 Mar 25	
Michelle Mcillmurray		14 Jul 21	10 Nov 24
		10 Nov 24	
Keith Mower		29 Oct 23	17 Jan 25
Stephanie Nice		12 Mar 25	
Julie Penman		12 Mar 25	
Paul Rose	(Registrar)	29 Oct 23	

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2 Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Type of Governing Document

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2.2 Charitable Objects

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There must be at least 5 charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 10.

In accordance with the Constitution, the existing committee became the first Board of Trustees on the registration of the charity as a CIO. All trustees stood down at the first AGM, on 17 October 2021, to allow election/re-election. Currently one third of Trustees stand for re-election each year in a ballot of all members of the CIO. The charity trustees to stand down by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment.

A new Registrar, an ex officio Trustee, has been appointed. Grassroots continue handling the administration of the flock book.

In appointing Trustees, due consideration is given to ensuring, as far as possible, that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

3 Activities

3.1 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees of the Ouessant Sheep Society CIO confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4 Achievements & Performance

4.1 Outputs and Outcomes for the Charity's Beneficiaries

The Society has been in existence since 2005 and, as at 31st August 2025, has 195 members, 153 of whom are full voting members of the CIO. There are 40 Associate Members and 2 Honorary Members.

63% of the membership own between one and ten registered Ouessant sheep.

The national flock book has been maintained throughout the year; as of the 1st September 2025, the flock book contains a total of 4589 records

This is made up of 2223 animals flagged as 'alive'.

- 1830 Registered Females
- 301 Registered Males
- 151 Registered Castrates

- 63 Notified Females
- 192 Notified males
- 505 Notified castrates

Of the registered / notified animals 34 are Annex Register Females

- 10 Annex Stage A
- 19 Annex Stage B
- 5 Annex Stage C

Total animals recorded for 2024 currently stands at 434, and year to date for 2025 stands at 214.

The Regional Representatives have become for more pro-active this year. Many of them organising local events, such as Loom Weaving Workshops or get-togethers enabling members in their areas to meet up. Out of the 15 regions there are now 12 dedicated Regional Representatives.

Far more Information Sheets have been produced and posted on social media for easy access to members and non-members alike. In addition, the Society is producing Welfare Guides and Heritage Breeds in Modern Society.

The 2025 showing season saw eight exhibitors using the newly developed promotional packs and, for the second year, one show allowed a dedicated show class for Ouessant. Dedicated classes are something that the Society would like to promote throughout the country and next year plan to put more effort into achieving this goal. The Society has been invited to exhibit at South of England Show in June 2026 – which is the main county agricultural show for East and West Sussex. Attending these shows bring Ouessant sheep and the Society to the attention of 10,000s people who other wise would not be aware of the breed.

The Society continues to work with European Ouessant Breeders, and attended the meeting in Brussels in October 2024. The next meeting will be in Brittany, France later in the year.

Whilst, in January 2024, Grassroots took responsibility for the Flock Book, it was decided that a dedicated Registrar was needed to communicate directly with members and to oversee the flock book. In addition, the Registrar will be responsible for the Inspection Scheme which is now being established.

The Height Measuring Scheme got off to a slow start in 2024 and there is still limited response. However more effort will go into gathering this important information in the coming year.

In January 2025 the OSS became Associate members of the National Sheep Association.

In July a small gift was sent to all members to celebrate the Society's 20th anniversary.

The Annex and Reinstatement Annex were reviewed and discussed at the AGM in 2024. It was felt that the Annex should remain but re-named Ewe Up-Grading Annex to avoid confusion. The Reinstatement Annex was felt to be no longer necessary due to the stringent record keeping of the flock book.

4.2 How the Public Have Benefitted.

As in previous years, the Society continues to bring the breed to public attention through social media and exhibiting at shows. Due to the outbreak of Blue Tongue some shows were cancelled or animals were not allowed on site. The promotion pack, used at shows, is creating a great deal of interest, with 10,000s of the public meeting Ouessant sheep for, perhaps, the first time. It is hoped to increase the contents of these packs to further engage the public.

The Society now has a presence across all social media platforms. The open group on social media is receiving far more posts than previously and much more interest is being shown in the breed with the aid of lively guides and information.

4.3 Trustee Development

In its fourth full year as a registered charity, the OSS Board has seen more changes in its trustee membership and has placed emphasis on support for, and education and development of, trustees particularly in the area of data protection. Resources – principally those provided by the Charity Commission and Small Charity

Support – have been provided to all trustees who are encouraged to participate in development opportunities.

4.4 Plans for the Future

The Trustees are keen to build on the firm base of the charity's previous years as a CIO and to maintain the momentum of increased membership and greater interest in the breed. Further on-line information, support and educational resources will be published including, if possible Zoom talks and lectures on fleece processing and crafts.

More information sheets are planned. Members will be encouraged to exhibit at agricultural shows and it is hoped to increase the contents of the promotional packs to further engage the public.

The Remote Inspection and a voluntary Ram Approval schemes have proved more complex to establish than first thought. However, the schemes are moving slowly forward.

The Trustees are exploring the possibility of collaborating with an emerging Ouessant society in the USA (AOA). This is at a very early stage as yet and a lot of work will need to be done before anything could be decided.

5 Financial Review

5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

5.2 Policy on Reserves

The charity's Reserves Policy is designed to provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of the Society's core work and provides cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income. The Society's core work is assessed as the provision of the online flock book, member services and other resources via the Society website. These services, plus the essentially administration required to support them currently cost around £3,000 per year. As income is mainly derived from subscription and registration fees, the Society is less susceptible to variation in income than charities which depend on fundraising. Unforeseen expenditure is unlikely to exceed £1,000, except in the event of a regional or national outbreak of a notifiable disease when the Society may be called upon to help protect and support the breed. The Trustees therefore judge that the Society must retain minimum reserves of £6,000.

5.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

The principal sources of funding are members' subscriptions, upon which Gift Aid is claimed where applicable, and fees for services provided, principally registration fees. Major outgoings are the delivery of charitable activities, in the form of education and information via the charity's website and events and the provision of the national flock book, breeding and inspection programmes, and the administration and support of the charity. Administrative costs are kept to a minimum and remain significantly less than the expenditure on charitable activities.

5.4 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

5.5 Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They review those risks regularly and take action to manage them where appropriate. Major risks include a loss of confidence in the charity, resulting in a reduction of donation and fee income, accidental or malicious compromise of IT systems, including the membership database and online flock book, and an epidemic of serious ovine disease. All the charity's actions are designed to increase trust and confidence in the charity and its management, which will be reinforced by the charity's recent registration with the Charity Commission and zootechnical accreditation. The Trustees place the highest importance in online security and Data Protection and have invested in the latest versions of software, and use only reputable commercial providers, to maintain the integrity of systems and reduce the risk of compromise.

5.6 Financial Status

Though modest, the Ouessant Sheep Society's current income from unrestricted donations (subscriptions) and fees for services provided are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

All the indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

5.7 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement.
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Sandra Bell (Chair)
27th October 2025

6 Statement of Financial Activity

6.1 Report on the Accounts

6.1.1 Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees note that, as the charity's income is less than £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts is not mandated.

The trustees confirm that

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts presented below accord with those records.

The trustees have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the accounts to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

6.1.2 Treasurer's Report

Comments on Budget Report:

1. 2024/25 Budget was developed on assumptions based on historical actuals
2. Increase in Subscription income is aligned to increases in charges to members for 2025 and the move away from Grassroots managing the memberships.
3. Registration income is down due to less lambs being registered than in the previous year
4. Gift Aid application submission to HMRC, await final access codes from HMRC to submit, estimated value to society is approx. £1000.00 to end of April 2025. This has been more difficult and taken far more time than estimated but should be easier once this initial submission is complete.
5. Professional Membership fee for National Sheep Association.
6. Increases in IT and Internet Expenses due to the increased use of IT and Web based systems within the Society.
7. Other expenses include the costs of the anniversary gifts sent out to all members.
8. Meeting expenses are for attendance to the International Society meeting which was held in Brussels.

As always, the society finances remain in a healthy, stable condition with very little movement in the various accounts over the period.

The proposed budget for 2025/26 is included as a part of this report with relevant notes on proposed changes.

The proposed Fees and Charges for 2025/26 are included as a part of this report with relevant notes on proposed changes.

Memberships are showing a gradual upwards trend, and the plan is for this to continue into the next financial period with board focus on marketing the society through attendance at various shows and events throughout the country. The expense associated to this has been built in to the proposed budget figures.

Report Prepared by:
John Kelly
Treasurer
2nd October 2025

6.2 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31-Aug-25

Receipts & Payments



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ouessant Sheep Society	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2024	To	Period end date 31/08/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Subscriptions	4,511	-	-	4,511	3,288
Registrations	1,587	-	-	1,587	1,723
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Interest (Bank Accounts)	87	-	-	87	130
Other Income	296	-	-	296	543
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,481	-	-	6,481	5,684

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,481	-	-	6,481	5,684

A3 Payments

Professional Membership/Fees	263	-	-	263	-
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-	-	413
Bank fees & Charges	-	-	-	-	159
IT & Internet Expenses	3,062	-	-	3,062	1,965
Administration Expenses	629	-	-	629	1,194
Other Expenses	687	-	-	687	2,054
Refunds	107	-	-	107	-
European Meeting	1,160	-	-	1,160	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,908	-	-	5,908	5,785

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	5,908	-	-	5,908	5,785
Net of receipts/(payments)	573	-	-	573	101
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,488	-	-	13,488	13,589
Cash funds this year end	14,061	-	-	14,061	13,488

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	Current Account	2,865	-	-
	Deposit Account	9,260	-	-
	PayPal Account	1,936	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,061	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Registrations Laptop Computer		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Details			
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Kelly	17/09/2025
	Sandra Bell	17/09/2025

6.2.2 Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Sandra Bell (Chair)

27th October 2025

6.3 Notes to the Accounts

- a) Accounting Policies
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the Zoho Books accounting software.
- b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.
- c) Salaries & Professional Fees
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;

- d) Fixed Assets
The charity has not purchased and has not disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;
- e) Creditors & Debtors
Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.
- f) Rounding Discrepancies
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.

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- 3 Annex Stage C

The new website is now live, easier access to information for both members and the public. The website allows members to list their flock websites and craft or service support websites, thereby allowing members and public to see what is available in their area.

Logos have been updated and are now consistent across all the promotion material.

The various regions have been reduced in size and there are now 15 regions and most of them with dedicated representatives, enabling more effective support for existing and potential members.

Promotional packs have been developed for members use at shows and various information sheets and guides have been written to aid dissemination of information to the public, new sheep keepers and members in a consistent manner.

The annual International Meeting of European Associations Ouessant Breeders meeting in Brussels was postponed from March 2024 until October 2024 when it is planned that a Trustee should attend.

In January 2024, Grassroots took responsibility for the Flock Book and we have not had a need for a dedicated Registrar this year.

On February 17th there was an informative Zoom talk on Colour Genetics in Sheep.

A long-term Height Measuring Scheme has been set up to monitor the height of Ouessant sheep. It will take place over three years and, at the end of that period it is hoped that it will give an indication as to whether the breed is maintaining its height.

4.2 How the Public Have Benefitted.

The Society's members have continued to bring the breed to the attention of the public through its new website and social media platforms and by members showing Ouessant sheep at agricultural shows and similar events using the new promotional packs and information sheets. The charity continues to provide support to members by providing updated information leaflets about the breed. A new open group on social media for both members and non-members has proved very popular. The charity's website contains information on the breed, husbandry and welfare and contact details for advice and support.

4.3 Trustee Development

In its third full year as a registered charity, the OSS Board has seen changes in its trustee membership and has placed emphasis on support for, and education and development of, trustees particularly in the area of data protection. Resources – principally those provided by the Charity Commission and Small Charity

Support – have been provided to all trustees who are encouraged to participate in development opportunities.

4.4 Plans for the Future

The Society has continued to struggle with training inspectors due to the small size of the Society and the wide spread of the membership. It is imperative that the Society can inspect sheep. It is now hoped to have a Remote Inspection Panel consisting of 3 Trustees, one European inspector and one national inspector. With the aid of photographs and videos the five members of the Panel should have enough information to be able to inspect the sheep. It also means any member, no matter where they are located, will have access to the inspectors for the same standard fee. With the membership's approval, it is hoped to have this scheme in place from January 1st 2025. It is also hoped that the inspection panel will provide for a voluntary ram approval process, also to be in place from January 1st 2025.

More information sheets are planned The Trustees are keen to build on the firm base of the charity's previous years as a CIO and to maintain the momentum of increased membership and greater interest in the breed. Further on-line information, support and educational resources will be published including Zoom talks and lectures on fleece processing and crafts.

The Board has investigated DNA testing for all rams in the flock book but it is not planned to introduce this in the immediate future.

The Annex and Reinstatement Annex have both been looked at and both have been paused pending further investigation and discussion with the membership at the AGM.

5 Financial Review

5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

5.2 Policy on Reserves

The charity's Reserves Policy is designed to provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of the Society's core work and provides cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income. The Society's core work is assessed as the provision of the online flock book, member services and other resources via the Society website. These services, plus the essentially administration required to support them currently cost around £3,000 per year. As income is mainly derived from subscription and registration fees, the Society is less susceptible to variation in income than charities which depend on fundraising. Unforeseen expenditure is unlikely to exceed £1,000, except in the event of a regional or national outbreak of a notifiable disease when the Society may be called upon to help protect and support the breed. The Trustees therefore judge that the Society must retain minimum reserves of £6,000.

5.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

The principal sources of funding are members' subscriptions, upon which Gift Aid is claimed where applicable, and fees for services provided, principally registration fees. Major outgoings are the delivery of charitable activities, in the form of education and information via the charity's website and events and the provision of the national flock book, breeding and inspection programmes, and the administration and support of the charity. Administrative costs are kept to a minimum and remain significantly less than the expenditure on charitable activities.

5.4 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

5.5 Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They review those risks regularly and take action to manage them where appropriate. Major risks include a loss of confidence in the charity, resulting in a reduction of donation and fee income, accidental or malicious compromise of IT systems, including the membership database and online flock book, and an epidemic of serious ovine disease. All the charity's actions are designed to increase trust and confidence in the charity and its management, which will be reinforced by the charity's recent registration with the Charity Commission and zootechnical accreditation. The Trustees place the highest importance in online security and Data Protection and have invested in the latest versions of software, and use only reputable commercial providers, to maintain the integrity of systems and reduce the risk of compromise.

5.6 Financial Status

Though modest, the Ouessant Sheep Society's current income from unrestricted donations (subscriptions) and fees for services provided are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

All the indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

5.7 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement.
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Sandra Bell (Chair)
9th October 2024

6 Statement of Financial Activity

6.1 Report on the Accounts

6.1.1 Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees note that, as the charity's income is less than £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts is not mandated.

The trustees confirm that

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts presented below accord with those records.

The trustees have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the accounts to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

6.1.2 Treasurer's Report

The society accounts continue to be maintained in Zoho Books on a receipts and payments basis. This report has been compiled using the Charity Commission template for non-company charities with gross income of £250K or less (CC16a).

Income across the financial period remained consistent with the previous reporting period and showed a slight reduction in subscriptions while an increase in registrations helped balance income over the period.

No gift aid was collected this reporting period as the move to Grassroots for subscriptions administration impacted the ability to identify and collect this, however members of the Board of Trustees are currently working with Grassroots in an attempt to correct this issue and once resolved the society will be in a position to claim Gift Aid for the 2023/24 period, this is in line with HMRC Gift Aid regulations. Any Gift Aid for the 2023/24 period will be reported as a separate income line item in the 2024/25 report.

Society expenses over the period were lower than the previous period, however there is an increase in both IT & Internet Expenses and Administration expenses. These increases reflect the change of membership and registration management across to Grassroots and the work done by the societies Board of Trustees to improve communications within the society and to the wider general public. This included a new society website which was commissioned and developed by a third-party provider and an increased attendance at livestock events across the UK.

I remain confident that the charity's finances remain in a very healthy position and have no concerns regarding the coming period.

Report Prepared by:
John Kelly
Treasurer
8th October 2024

6.2 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31-Aug-24

Receipts & Payments



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ouessant Sheep Society	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Subscriptions	3,288	-	-	3,288	3,631
Registrations	1,723	-	-	1,723	929
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	466
Interest (Bank Accounts)	130	-	-	130	57
Other Income	543	-	-	543	635
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,684	-	-	5,684	5,718

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,684	-	-	5,684	5,718

A3 Payments

Accounting Fees	-	-	-	-	284
Advertising & Marketing	413	-	-	413	-
Bank fees & Charges	159	-	-	159	189
IT & Internet Expenses	1,965	-	-	1,965	1,272
Administration Expenses	1,194	-	-	1,194	735
Other Expenses	2,054	-	-	2,054	1,574
Workshops	-	-	-	-	805
European Meeting	-	-	-	-	1,167
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,785	-	-	5,785	6,026

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	5,785	-	-	5,785	6,026
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 101	-	-	- 101	- 308
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,589	-	-	13,589	13,897
Cash funds this year end	13,488	-	-	13,488	13,589

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	Current Account	2,009	-	-
	Deposit Account	10,172	-	-
	PayPal Account	1,307	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,488	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Registrations Laptop Computer		-	100
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

- d) Fixed Assets
The charity has not purchased and has not disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;
- e) Creditors & Debtors
Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.
- f) Rounding Discrepancies
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1195176

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Ouessant Sheep Society

DEFRA recognised breed society

Registered Charity, No: 1195176

Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Trustees

Natasha Arthur

Sandra Bell (Chair)

Julie Bukowczan

Susan Hughes

Anna Kelly

John Kelly

Adrian Lloyd

Michelle Mcillmurray



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1 Reference and Administration Details

1.1 Charity Name & Registration

Ouessant Sheep Society

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration no: 1195176, registered with the Charity Commission on 14 July 2021.

The charity is registered with HM Revenue & Customs

1.2 Charity's Address

Germoe Veor, Germoe, Penzance, TR20 9QX

e-mail: info@ouessantsheep.org.uk

website: www.ouessantsheep.org.uk

1.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

	<i>Role</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>
Natasha Arthur		30 Oct 22	
Christine Bamford	(Secretary)	14 Jul 21	30 Oct 22
Sandra Bell	(Chair)	14 Jul 21	
Julie Bukowczan		06 Feb23	
Antonia Clements	(Chair)	14 Jul 21	25 Nov 22
Nina Dowler	(Secretary)	30 Oct 22	31 May 23
Joanne Fulham		17 Oct 21	27 Jun 23
Val Grainger		30 Oct 22	16 Apr 23
Sally Hoppins		12 Jun 22	18 Jan 23
Susan Hughes		14 Jul 21	
Anna Kelly		29 Mar 23	
John Kelly		06 Feb 23	
Adrian Lloyd	(Registrar)	14 Jul 21	
Michelle Mcillmurray		14 Jul 21	
Wendy Thompson		17 Oct 21	26 Mar 23

1.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

None

1.5 Bank

Lloyds Bank, 41-43 South Street, Worthing BN11 3AU

2 Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution – based on the Charity Commission’s Association model governing document for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees

2.2 Charitable Objects

As defined in the Ouessant Sheep Society’s Constitution (Governing Document):

The following objects are for the public benefit:

- (1) The promotion of agriculture through the conservation and preservation of the Ouessant sheep as a distinctive and viable breed for the benefit of future generations.
- (2) To provide a registration and breeding programme for Ouessant sheep and to encourage and promote the improvement of the Ouessant breed.
- (3) To advance the education of the public into the attributes and husbandry of Ouessant sheep, improving awareness of the breed and the welfare of its animals.

2.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least 5 charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 11.

In accordance with the Constitution, the existing committee became the first Board of Trustees on the registration of the charity as a CIO. All trustees stood down at the first AGM, on 17 October 2021, to allow election/re-election. In future, one third of Trustees will stand for re-election each year in a ballot of all members of the CIO.

There is one ex-officio Trustee, the Registrar, who is appointed by the Board of Trustees, with the appointment confirmed at the first Trustee meeting after the AGM.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

3 Activities

3.1 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees of the Ouessant Sheep Society CIO confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4 Achievements & Performance

4.1 Outputs and Outcomes for the Charity’s Beneficiaries

The charity has been in existence since 2005 and, as at 31st August 2023, has 225 members, 185 of whom are voting members of the CIO. The national flock book has been maintained throughout the year; it now contains a total of 2750 sheep, 2203 of which are owned by members of the society. There are 2182 sheep in the main register, 27 at various stages of registration in the annex to the flock book and 37 that came through the amnesty registration. There are 504 sheep included that have been notified at birth. 115 sheep were birth-notified and 115 were fully registered in the twelve months to 31 August 2023.

A membership survey was undertaken in 2023 to gain a better understanding of the types of members which showed that there was an even spread between 'pet keepers', 'small scale

breeders' and the 'larger scale breeders'. The survey also provided further evidence of members' training and advice requirements which is now being addressed.

In March, two board members attended the International Ouessant Meeting in the Netherlands and produced a report for members. Points discussed included

- stud book and registration, including DNA testing
- Ouessant colours
- Sizes of sheep
- Neck wattles
- European confederation

Plans are being evolved to organise a training course for inspectors, to enable the Society to have its own shows and judges. Measuring devises have been designed and are available for members.

A new website is being developed in order to make it easier for members and the public to access information. The Breed Standards Committee has produced a new BS booklet, which is available as a hard copy and will be available on the new society website. Work is on-going to review the Society Rules and Regulation and the Constitution in order to make it simpler and clearer.

4.2 How the Public Have Benefitted.

The Society's members have continued to bring the breed to the attention of the public through its website and social media platforms and by members showing Ouessant sheep at agricultural shows and similar events. The charity continues to provide support to members by providing information leaflets about the breed and is embarking on a training programme for potential judges. The charity's website contains information on the breed, husbandry and welfare and contact details for advice and support. Trustees are planning to increase the role of regional representatives to enable more effective support for existing and potential members.

4.3 Trustee Development

In its second full year as a registered charity, the OSS Board has seen changes in its trustee membership and has placed significant emphasis on support for, and education and development of, trustees. Resources – principally those provided by the Charity Commission and Small Charity Support – have been provided to all trustees who are encouraged to participate in development opportunities. Trustee Development is a standing agenda item for the Board.

4.4 Plans for the Future

The Trustees are keen to build on the firm base of the charity's first year as a CIO and to maintain the momentum of increased membership and greater interest in the breed. The charity plans to support and encourage newly trained inspectors to also train as judges making it possible to have dedicated Ouessant classes at shows. The charity will also encourage more inspectors to be trained by having workshops around the country. In addition, the Trustees will continue to work to reduce the size of the various regions making it easier for members and potential members to receive more effective support. Further on-line information, support and educational resources will be published including access to fleece workshops. The Trustees will investigate new software to replace Grassroots for the Flock Book

5 Financial Review

5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

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The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They review those risks regularly and take action to manage them where appropriate. Major risks include a loss of confidence in the charity, resulting in a reduction of donation and fee income, accidental or malicious compromise of IT systems, including the membership database and online flock book, and an epidemic of serious ovine disease. All the charity's actions are designed to increase trust and confidence in the charity and its management, which will be reinforced by the charity's recent registration with the Charity Commission and zootechnical accreditation. The Trustees place the highest importance in online security and Data Protection and have invested in the latest versions of software, and use only reputable commercial providers, to maintain the integrity of systems and reduce the risk of compromise.

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Though modest, the Ouessant Sheep Society's current income from unrestricted donations (subscriptions) and fees for services provided are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

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The Trustees declare that:

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Sandra Bell (Chair)
17th September 2023

6 Statement of Financial Activity

6.1 Report on the Accounts

6.1.1 Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees note that, as the charity's income is less than £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts is not mandated.

The trustees confirm that

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
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6.1.2 Treasurer's Report

As with previous years, the society accounts have been maintained in Zoho Books on a receipts and payments basis. This report has been compiled using the Charity Commission template for non-company charities with gross income of £250K or less (CC16a).

Income is broadly in line with forecasts, with lower subscription income being offset by other sources of income through sales of measuring devices, calendars etc. Expenditure is up on previous years through increased expenses for attendance of international meetings and the holding of a number of workshops across the UK.

It should be considered that income through subscriptions will continue to grow steadily over the coming year while expenditure in areas that are beneficial to the society and its members should be encouraged.

I am confident that the charity remains in a very healthy position and continues to grow.

Report Prepared by:

John Kelly

Treasurer

Date 25th September 2023

6.2 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31-Aug-23

6.2.1 Receipts & Payments

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	3,631	-	-	3,631	4,129
Registrations	929	-	-	929	1,307
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	466	-	-	466	531
Interest (Bank Accounts)	57	-	-	57	1
Other Income	635	-	-	635	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,718	-	-	5,718	5,968
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,718	-	-	5,718	5,968
A3 Payments					
Accounting Fees	284	-	-	284	17
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-	-	67
Bank fees & Charges	189	-	-	189	254
IT & Internet Expenses	1,272	-	-	1,272	1,456
Administration Expenses	735	-	-	735	136
Other Expenses	1,574	-	-	1,574	569
Workshops	805	-	-	805	1,123
European Meeting	1,167	-	-	1,167	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,026	-	-	6,026	3,622
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,026	-	-	6,026	3,622
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 308	-	-	- 308	2,346
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,897	-	-	13,897	11,551
Cash funds this year end	13,589	-	-	13,589	13,897

6.3 Notes to the Accounts

- a) Accounting Policies
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the Zoho Books accounting software.
- b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.
- c) Salaries & Professional Fees
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;
- d) Fixed Assets
The charity has not purchased and has not disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;
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6 Patney Road, Chirton, Devizes SN10 3QT

e-mail: info@ouessantsheep.org.uk

website: www.ouessantsheep.org.uk

1.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

	<i>Role</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>
Christine Bamford	(Secretary)	14 Jul 21	
Sandra Bell	(Treasurer)	14 Jul 21	
Antonia Clements	(Chair)	14 Jul 21	
Joanne Fulham		17 Oct 21	
Val Grainger		14 Jul 21	17 Oct 21
Sally Hoppins		12 Jun 22	
Susan Hughes		14 Jul 21	
John Kelly		14 Jul 21	17 Oct 21
Philip Letts		17 Oct 21	12 Jun 22
Adrian Lloyd	(Registrar)	14 Jul 21	
Willow Lohr		17 Oct 21	12 Jun 22
John Mcillmurray		12 Jun 22	
Michelle Mcillmurray		14 Jul 21	
Claire Occardi		14 Jul 21	17 Oct 21
Wendy Thompson		17 Oct 21	

1.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

None

1.5 Bank

Lloyds Bank, 41-43 South Street, Worthing BN11 3AU

2 Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution – based on the Charity Commission’s Association model governing document for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees

2.2 Charitable Objects

As defined in the Ouessant Sheep Society’s Constitution (Governing Document):

The following objects are for the public benefit:

- (1) The promotion of agriculture through the conservation and preservation of the Ouessant sheep as a distinctive and viable breed for the benefit of future generations.
- (2) To provide a registration and breeding programme for Ouessant sheep and to encourage and promote the improvement of the Ouessant breed.
- (3) To advance the education of the public into the attributes and husbandry of Ouessant sheep, improving awareness of the breed and the welfare of its animals

2.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least 5 charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 11.

In accordance with the Constitution, the existing committee became the first Board of Trustees on the registration of the charity as a CIO. All trustees stood down at the first AGM, on 17 October 2021, to allow election/re-election. In future, one third of Trustees will stand for re-election each year in a ballot of all members of the CIO.

There is one ex-officio Trustee, the Registrar, who is appointed by the Board of Trustees, with the appointment confirmed at the first Trustee meeting after the AGM.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

3 Activities

3.1 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees of the Ouessant Sheep Society CIO confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4 Achievements & Performance

4.1 Outputs and Outcomes for the Charity’s Beneficiaries

The charity has been in existence since 2005 and now has 225 members, 179 of whom are voting members of the CIO. The national flock book has been maintained throughout the year; it now contains 2077 registered sheep, 1788 of which are owned by members of the Society. 171 sheep were birth-notified and 344 were registered in the twelve months to 31 August 2022. The second Ouessant Workshop – an educational event to improve understanding and husbandry of the breed - was held in September 2021 but a third workshop was cancelled during the fuel crisis. During the year, the charity gained zootechnical accreditation from DEFRA and was complimented on the quality of its registration regulations and management of the national flock book. The charity subsequently obtained ‘third country’ recognition by the EU, allowing the movement of sheep between the UK flock book and other EU zootechnically-approved societies. The charity is working

alongside European societies, and good progress was made during the year towards agreeing a European standard for the breed.

4.2 How the Public Have Benefitted.

Ouessant sheep have continued to be shown, and the charity will continue to provide support to members showing. The charity's website contains information on the breed, husbandry and welfare and will continue to be developed. The charity has answered an increased number of queries from members of the public about keeping the breed and continues to provide advice and support to new keepers. The number of registered sheep continues to increase. The charity actively promotes the health and welfare of sheep, highlighting poor practices and encouraging correct breeding and husbandry. It has launched a major campaign in 2022 to raise awareness of the problems caused by some identification methods in small sheep. The charity is liaising with manufacturers and regulators, and will continue to educate on the correct application of identifiers. Additionally, the charity continues to offer checks on the lineage and kinship of all sheep, to reduce close line breeding and improve animal health.

4.3 Trustee Development

In its first full year as a registered charity, the education and development of trustees has been a high priority. Resources – principally those provided by the Charity Commission and Small Charity Support – have been provided to all trustees who are encouraged to participate in development opportunities. Trustee Development is a standing agenda item for the Board.

4.4 Plans for the Future

The Trustees are keen to build on the firm base of the charity's first year as a CIO and to maintain the momentum of increased membership and greater interest in the breed. Further workshops will be held in 22/23, new online educational resources will be published and support given to publicize the breed at shows across the UK. The charity plans to hold the first-ever Ouessant online show in the second half of 2022, and establish the first Ouessant class at a physical show in 2023.

5 Financial Review

5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

5.2 Policy on Reserves

The charity's Reserves Policy is designed to provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of the Society's core work and provides cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income. The Society's core work is assessed as the provision of the online flock book, member services and other resources via the Society website. These services, plus the essentially administration required to support them currently cost around £3,000 per year. As income is mainly derived from subscription and registration fees, the Society is less susceptible to variation in income than charities which depend on fundraising. Unforeseen expenditure is unlikely to exceed £1,000, except in the event of a regional or national outbreak of a notifiable disease when the Society may be called upon to help protect and support the breed. The Trustees therefore judge that the Society must retain minimum reserves of £6,000.

5.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

The principal sources of funding are members' subscriptions, upon which Gift Aid is claimed where applicable, and fees for services provided, principally registration fees. Major outgoings are the delivery of charitable activities, in the form of education and information via the charity's website and events and the provision of the national flock book, breeding and inspection programmes, and

the administration and support of the charity. Administrative costs are kept to a minimum and remain significantly less than the expenditure on charitable activities.

5.4 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

5.5 Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They review those risks regularly and take action to manage them where appropriate. Major risks include a loss of confidence in the charity, resulting in a reduction of donation and fee income, accidental or malicious compromise of IT systems, including the membership database and online flock book, and an epidemic of serious ovine disease. All the charity's actions are designed to increase trust and confidence in the charity and its management, which will be reinforced by the charity's recent registration with the Charity Commission and zootechnical accreditation. The Trustees place the highest importance in online security and Data Protection and have invested in the latest versions of software, and use only reputable commercial providers, to maintain the integrity of systems and reduce the risk of compromise.

5.6 Financial Status

Though modest, the Ouessant Sheep Society's current income from unrestricted donations (subscriptions) and fees for services provided are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

All the indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

5.7 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement.
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Antonia Clements (Chair)
11 September 2022

6 Statement of Financial Activity

6.1 Report on the Accounts

6.1.1 Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees note that, as the charity's income is less than £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts is not mandated.

The trustees confirm that

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts presented below accord with those records.

The trustees have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the accounts to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

6.1.2 Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been maintained in Zoho Books on a receipts and payments basis. This report has been compiled using the Charity Commission template for non-company charities with gross income of £250K or less (CC16a).

Income is broadly in line with forecasts; lower subscription income reflecting reduced fees due to the Society's healthy bank balance. Expenditure is significantly less than forecast due to the cancellation of events and delays in a return to the Society's full programme.

Whilst income is likely to increase slightly and expenditure significantly in the coming year, I am confident that the charity remains in a very healthy position and is a 'going concern'.

Report Prepared by:

Sandra Bell
Treasurer

6.2 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31-Aug-21

6.2.1 Receipts & Payments

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	4,129	-	-	4,129	4,239
Registrations	1,307	-	-	1,307	1,179
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	531	-	-	531	609
Donations	-	-	-	-	100
Interest	1	-	-	1	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,968	-	-	5,968	6,128
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,968	-	-	5,968	6,128
A3 Payments					
Accounting Fees	17	-	-	17	300
Advertising and Marketing	67	-	-	67	149
AGM Expenses	-	-	-	-	70
Bank Fees and Charges	254	-	-	254	254
IT and Internet Expenses	1,456	-	-	1,456	1,070
Administration Expenses	136	-	-	136	199
Other Expenses	569	-	-	569	2,128
Workshops	1,123	-	-	1,123	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,621	-	-	3,621	4,169
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	391
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	391
Total payments	3,621	-	-	3,621	4,560
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,347	-	-	2,347	1,567

6.2.2 Summary of Receipts & Payments Accounts

Net of receipts/(payments)	2,347	-	-	2,347	1,567
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,551	-	-	11,551	9,984
Cash funds this year end	13,899	-	-	13,899	11,551

6.2.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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	Current Account	962	-	-
	Savings Account	12,685	-	-
	PayPal Account	252	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,899	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Registrations Laptop Computer	Fixed Assets	391	200
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

6.2.4 Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Antonia Clements (Chair)

11 September 2022

6.3 Notes to the Accounts

a) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the Zoho Books accounting software.

b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.

c) Salaries & Professional Fees

No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity. In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;

d) Fixed Assets

The charity has not purchased and has not disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;

e) Creditors & Debtors

Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.

f) Rounding Discrepancies

All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.