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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1196505

Neotropical Birding and Conservation

Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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## **Neotropical Birding and Conservation**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The members of the Council of Neotropical Birding and Conservation (hereafter 'NBC'), who are all trustees of NBC, are pleased to present their report with the financial statements of NBC for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Reference and administrative details**

#### ***The charity name.***

The legal name of the charity is:- Neotropical Birding and Conservation.

#### ***The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.***

The Charity is registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1196505)

#### **Registered Company Number**

CEO27163 (England & Wales)

#### ***Legal structure of the charity***

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England and Wales. The governing document of the charity is the constitution of the CIO as approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The governing document is dated 10 November 2021.

### **Charity Constitution**

The CIO was established on 10 November 2021 and registered by the Charity Commission with the number 1196505. It was established in order to acquire the undertaking of the Neotropical Bird Club (an unincorporated association formed under a trust deed and registered as a charity on 16 August 1994 with the number 1040130, NBC acquired that undertaking with effect from 1 April 2022 and accordingly commenced activities on that date.

### **Decision-making**

The charity is managed on a voluntary basis by the trustees, known collectively as NBC's Council.

Trustees are elected to serve until the next AGM. NBC's Council may co-opt trustees until the next AGM.

The trustees are responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and typically meet three times per annum. Areas of activity which generally are discussed at each meeting include updates from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as from individual trustees with specific areas of responsibility. Individual trustees have day-to-day decision-making authority within their dedicated area of responsibility and within the policies and constraints specified at meetings of trustees.

### **Risk management**

NBC's Council is satisfied that it has sought to identify the major risks faced by the charity and believes appropriate measures have been taken to mitigate these risks. This is kept under regular review and discussed at NBC's Council meetings as and when necessary.

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The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

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Website: <https://www.neotropicalbirdingandconservation.org>

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2024 :-

Mr M. D. Dawson Chair (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr R. J. Jeffers Treasurer (appointed 10.11.2021 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr C. S. Balchin Secretary (appointed 10.11.2021 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr C. P. Collins (appointed 10.11.2021, re-elected on 3.5.2023 & resigned on 31.8. 2024)  
Mr J M. Clark (appointed 10.11.2021, re-elected on 3.5.2023 & resigned on 8.4.2024)  
Mr R.P. Clay (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr C. R. Downing (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Ms R. Goodall (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Dr L.N Kajiki (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr M. V. Sanchez Nivicela (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr J.M. Thirtle (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr C.J.G. Wilkins (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)  
Mr R.S. Williams (appointed 1.4.2022 & re-elected on 3.5.2023)

### **Objects and activities of the charity**

#### **The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.**

- 1) To advance the education of the public in Neotropical birds; and
  - 2) to promote, organise, carry on and encourage study and research of Neotropical birds.
- In furtherance of these objects NBC:
- a) fosters an interest in birds of the Neotropics amongst birdwatchers throughout the world;
  - b) increases awareness of the importance of support for conservation in the region;
  - c) mobilises the enthusiasm of birdwatchers active in the region to contribute to the conservation of Neotropical birds;
  - d) acts as a forum for persons interested in Neotropical birds by publishing materials concerning Neotropical birds; and
  - e) makes small grants to fund ornithological and conservation projects in the Neotropics.

#### **The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.**

In the 'Achievements and Performance' below, we describe how in calendar year 2024, we have advanced education of the public in Neotropical birds and the grants for conservation of Neotropical birds.



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**The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities NBC's Council is always mindful of its responsibilities under the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In line with this:

- NBC offers reduced rate digital subscriptions for Neotropical nationals who cannot afford the full subscription rate and operates a sponsored membership scheme allowing nominated individuals to receive NBC's publications for no cost;
- previous papers from older issues of NBC's journal, *Cotinga*, are available for free download from the website; and
- NBC's conservation awards programme prioritises projects run by Neotropical nationals who might not otherwise have ready access to funding.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

**The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.**

During the year, NBC carried forward the publications strategy introduced in 2009 and accordingly by the year end one issue of *Cotinga* and two issues of *Neotropical Birding* had been produced. The option of members receiving their publications in digital format (first introduced in 2018) was continued and by the end of the year, 75 members had chosen this option, with another 84 members having chosen digital and print.

*Neotropical Birding 34* was published in March 2024 and covered a range of topics ranging from Steve N G Howell on new field guides for Central America, an account of Rob Jansen's expedition to Northern Peru as part of the *Birding at the Cutting Edge* series, an account of migration in central Chiapas, and a guide to seeing Red-spectacled Parrots in Brazil. David Waugh provided an article concerning the conservation success of Yellow-eared Parrot in Colombia.

This was followed with *Neotropical Birding 35*, published in July 2024 allowing members to collect their copies from Global Birdfair. Articles covered Cuba, vagrancy in the Falkland Islands, seeing Andean Laniisoma in Ecuador, the use of thermal imagers and a tribute to artist Robert Restall who sadly passed away in 2023.

Issue 46 of *Cotinga* comprised a range of science-based content with nine main papers, eight in English plus one in Portuguese, covering research from Bolivia, French Guiana, Peru, Colombia, Brazil and southern Central America. There were ten short communications from an equally diverse range of countries demonstrating the wide reach and appeal of our publications.

Newsletters were emailed to members for whom we have email addresses twice during the year. The intention is to develop these further to fill gaps between the main publications with content of a more news-based nature including NBC activities and events.

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#### **Conservation Awards**

2024 was another highly successful year with a total of nine awards being made (eight in 2023). The grants approved totalled \$25,700 during the year (\$24,000 in 2023), which means that over the last 25 years nearly £275,000 has been provided to support Neotropical bird conservation projects.

Projects approved in 2024 were as follows:

- \$3,000 for a project in relation to grassland species in Argentina;
- \$3,000 for a project in relation to Bare-faced Curassow in Brazil;
- \$1,200 for a project in relation to Peruvian Plantcutter in Peru;
- \$5,000 for a project in relation to Black-fronted Piping-guans in Brazil;
- \$3,000 for a project in relation to Magellanic Plover in Argentina;
- \$3,000 for a project in relation to Great-billed Seed-finch in Bolivia;
- \$3,000 for a project in relation to Marsh Antwren in Brazil;
- \$3,000 for a project in relation to Red-lored Amazon in Ecuador; &
- \$1,500 for a project in relation to woodpeckers in Argentina.

#### **Attendance at Global Birdfair**

NBC attended Global Birdfair at Oakham, UK in July 2024. This provided an opportunity to meet members of the general public and our own members in order to explain the need to conserve threatened Neotropical birds and the work NBC has accomplished in this field. We held our AGM on the Friday evening and after the formal business enjoyed a talk from Costa Rican ornithologist Serge Arias about pioneering pelagic birding trips in both the Pacific and Caribbean.

#### **Essex Birwatching Society Conference**

By way of an experiment, NBC took a stand at this event in Spring 2024. For a fairly modest outlay of £50 several new members were recruited and further funds were raised through sales of books and merchandise.

#### **Avian Odyssey at the Natural History Museum (NHM)**

NBC was one of four regional bird clubs along with the RSPB, Birdlife International and the BTO who attended this day of conservation talks in September, designed to coincide with a major exhibition at the NHM. We were fortunate enough to have one of our founder members, Prof. Joe Tobias of Imperial College London, give a talk entitled "South America, The Bird Continent."

#### **Membership of NBC**

Membership of NBC stood at 564 by the year end.



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### Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### Financial review

#### The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2024

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2024 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	13,731	(649)
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	62,504	58,922
Restricted funds	44,163	34,014
Total Funds (restricted and unrestricted)	106,667	92,936

#### Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2024 .

The charity has made a surplus of income over expenditure during the year of £13,731. Of this, £10,000 is a donation for website improvements

#### Policies on reserves.

NBC's Council has adopted a policy of maintaining NBC's unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to at least one year's normal unrestricted expenditure. NBC's Council believes this provides appropriate and sufficient funds to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding or increase in expenditure. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed accordingly should such an event occur.

#### Grant making policy

Grants are made to fund ornithological and conservation projects in the Neotropics and are made both to locally based institutions (typically non-governmental organisations) and to individuals undertaking relevant research on threatened species or habitats. Preference is given to projects undertaken by Neotropical nationals and where NBC's contribution pays for a significant percentage of the work. In return for providing funding, NBC requests recipients to provide a paper for possible publication in *Cotinga* or *Neotropical Birding* detailing the results of the project.

#### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019, (The SORP).

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In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

- prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law);
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The law requires that the Trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 7 June 2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Mr M D Dawson (Chair)



Mr R J Jeffers (Treasurer)  
7 June 2025



## **Neotropical Birding and Conservation**

### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity on pages (9) to (17) for the year ended 31 December 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 11 to 13..

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report**

As described on page 6, you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken**

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide.

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

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I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

### Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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

Signed:-



Maurice John Phillips

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Chartered Institute of Taxation

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This report was signed on

7 June 2025

**Neotropical Birding and Conservation - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024**

***Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024***

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b>					
Donations & Legacies	A1	30,195	34,325	64,520	53,504
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	B2	19,823	23,415	43,238	42,741
Governance costs	B3	6,790	761	7,551	11,412
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>26,613</b>	<b>24,176</b>	<b>50,789</b>	<b>54,153</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>(649)</b>
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b>A-B-C</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>(649)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>(649)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>	<b>E</b>				
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>(649)</b>



## Neotropical Birding and Conservation - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

			Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	
	SORP Note Ref	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	
<b>Current assets</b>	B					
Cash at bank and in hand	B4	75,332	44,163	119,495	108,423	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6 C1	(12,828)		(12,828)	(15,487)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		62,504		62,504	92,936	
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>		<b>62,504</b>	<b>44,163</b>	<b>106,667</b>	<b>92,936</b>	

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Earnings brought forward</b>		58,922	34,014	92,936	93,585
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		3,582	10,149	13,731	(649)
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>62,504</b>	<b>44,163</b>	<b>106,667</b>	<b>92,936</b>

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 8.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Mr M D Dawson (Chair)  
Trustee



Mr R J Jeffers (Treasurer)  
Trustee



Approved by the board of trustees on 7 June 2025

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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### *Policies relating to the production of the accounts.*

##### **Basis of preparation and accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission for England & Wales (CCEW), and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

##### **Risks and future assumptions**

The charity is a public benefit entity.

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern.

##### *Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.*

##### **Nature of income**

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

##### **Categories of Income**

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

**Income from exchange transactions** is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

**Income from a non-exchange transaction** is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.



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### **Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### **Income recognition**

Income, whether from exchange or non-exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

#### **Accounting for deferred income and income received in advance**

Where terms and conditions relating to income have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet any terms or conditions otherwise within its control, income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met.

Any grant that is subject to performance-related conditions received in advance of delivering the goods and services required by that condition, or is subject to unmet conditions wholly outside the control of the recipient charity, is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related or other conditions that limit recognition are met.

When income from a grant or donation has not been recognised due to the conditions applying to the gift not being wholly within the control of the recipient charity, it is disclosed as a contingent asset if receipt of the grant or donation is probable once those conditions are met.

Where time related conditions are imposed or implied by a funder, then the income is apportioned to the time periods concerned, and, where applicable, is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. When grants are received in advance of the expenditure on the activity funded by them, but there are no specific time related conditions, then the income is not deferred.

Any condition that allows for the recovery by the donor of any unexpended part of a grant does not prevent recognition of the income concerned, but a liability to any repayment is recognised when repayment becomes probable.

#### **Membership subscriptions**

The income and any associated Gift Aid or other tax refund from a membership subscription received by the charity in the nature of a gift, is accounted for on the same basis as a donation.

The income from a membership subscription received by the charity where the subscription purchases the right to services or benefits is recognised as income from charitable activities.

#### **Recognition of liabilities and expenditure**

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated.

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.



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#### Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described in Note 4.

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors are reported if a liability exists in respect of future expenditure.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and bank balance represents cash and balances held in bank accounts.

#### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

There are no endowment funds.

#### 2 Liability to taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### 3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

#### 4 The contribution of volunteers

The charity depends on the support of its volunteers, which is much appreciated.

#### 5 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

#### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	960	4,800
Other creditors	4,578	4,728
Deferred income (2025 membership payments in advance)	7,290	5,959
	<u>12,828</u>	<u>15,487</u>

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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### 7 Guarantees made by the charity on behalf of trustees

No guarantees have been made on behalf of the trustees by the charity.

#### 8 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2024 £	2023 £
Retained earnings at 1 January 2024	92,936	93,585
Surplus after tax for the year	13,731	(649)
Retained earnings at 31 December 2024	<u>106,667</u>	<u>92,936</u>

#### 9 Post balance sheet events

There are no post Balance Sheet events to report.

#### 10 No related party transactions

There are no related party transactions

#### 11 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Current Assets	75,332	44,163	119,495
Current Liabilities	(12,828)	-	(12,828)
	<u>62,504</u>	<u>44,163</u>	<u>106,667</u>
At 1 January 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
	<u>58,922</u>	<u>34,014</u>	<u>92,936</u>

#### 12 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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### Activity analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### 13 Analysis of income by activity

Activity	SOFA ref	Funds 2024	Funds 2024	Total 2024 £	2023 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>					
Donations		5,029	34,325	39,354	33,259
Advertising		2,350		2,350	-
Subscriptions		21,673		21,673	18,966
Raffle		672		672	596
Sale of merchandise		426		426	648
Interest income		45		45	35
<b>Total Donations and Legacies</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>30,195</b>	<b>34,325</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>53,504</b>

#### 14 Analysis of charitable expenditure by activity

Activity	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Purchases	-	-	-	287
Publication costs	16,283	-	16,283	15,761
Postage	3,540	-	3,540	3,102
Grants to institutions	-	4,615	4,615	12,519
Grants to individuals	-	18,800	18,800	11,072
<b>Total Charitable activities</b>	<b>19,823</b>	<b>23,415</b>	<b>43,238</b>	<b>42,741</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Bird fair, meetings and raffle	2,620	-	2,620	2,645
Insurance	181	-	181	181
Website expenses	606	-	606	763
Stationery & sundry expenses	630	-	630	71
Admin of conservation awards	-	499	499	499
Administration of membership	685	-	685	600
Foreign exchange loss	-	-	-	932
Bank charges	286	262	548	359
Stripe charges	822	-	822	562
Accountancy and legal fees	960	-	960	4,800
<b>Total Governance costs</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>7,551</b>	<b>11,412</b>



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### Activity analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Summary</b>				
Income	30,195	34,325	64,520	53,504
Charitable activities	(19,823)	(23,415)	(43,238)	(42,741)
Governance costs	(6,790)	(761)	(7,551)	(11,412)
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>(649)</b>

### 15 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities for the calendar year to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments:			
Income and endowments	22,026	31,478	53,504
Total expenditure:	<u>29,845</u>	<u>24,308</u>	<u>54,153</u>
Net income for the year	<u>(7,819)</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>(649)</u>
Net income after transfers	<u>(7,819)</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>(649)</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(7,819)</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>(649)</u>
Reconciliation in funds			
Total funds carried forward	<u>(7,819)</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>(649)</u>