

# BRISTOL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1205862

## Details

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**Other names** BOC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2023-11-23

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ORNITHOLOGY AND MATTERS RELATED TO THE CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS IN PARTICULAR WITHIN BRISTOL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY:A) PROMOTING AND TAKING PART IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL STUDIES AND SURVEYS.B) SUPPORTING AND ASSISTING THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF WILD BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS THROUGH CO-OPERATION WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

**Activities:** Each year there are 90 walks plus longer holiday trips and 7 illustrated talksWe publish a monthly bulletin Bird News and assist AOG with the annual Avon Bird ReportExperienced birders pass on their knowledge on the walks and we arrange structured training coursesMembers take part in conservation projects and local and national surveysWe produce a daily Blog of local bird sightings

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£22,159	£21,945	-	-
2024-09-30	£59,738	£61,272	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ROBIN PETER MARTIN</b>	Chair	2024-12-19
CARON JULIE THORNTON-TRIPPIT		2024-12-19
DIANA LYNETTE BUNNISS		2023-12-21
GRAHAM JOHN BLACKER		2023-12-21
JANE MARGARET CUMMING		2023-12-21
JUDY COPELAND		2023-12-21
KEITH WILLIAMS FCA		2023-12-21
MICHAEL ANTHONY JACKSON		2023-12-21
NICHOLAS PAGE		2024-12-19
NICK HAWKRIDGE		2023-12-21
Peter Alexander Bryant		2025-12-18
Robert Lyde Hargreaves		2025-12-18

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# Accounts

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**BRISTOL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

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	2024		2023
	Unrestricted funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
Donations and gifts	244	244	34
Gift Aid	957	957	-
Legacies	750	750	-
Membership subscriptions	8,921	8,921	9,039
Income from club trips	48,174	48,174	31,501
Sale of caps and books	513	513	395
Proceeds of tea, coffee and AGM raffle	32	32	59
Bank Interest	147	147	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,738</b>	<b>59,738</b>	<b>41,108</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>			
Costs of club trips	48,063	48,063	31,177
Bird News - Production and postage Costs	3,853	3,853	3,021
Avon Bird Report	1,440	1,440	1,260
Grants and donations payable	4,252	4,252	785
Indoor Meetings	1,410	1,410	1,018
Printing and Stationery	550	550	374
Other postage	31	31	36
Peregrine Watch	15	15	7
General Expenses	350	350	369
Insurance	160	160	229
Depreciation	183	183	169
Website	586	586	398
Purchase of caps and books	379	379	200
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>61,272</b>	<b>61,272</b>	<b>39,043</b>
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,534)	(1,534)	2,065
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(1,534)</b>	<b>(1,534)</b>	<b>2,065</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward	16,187	16,187	14,122
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>14,653</b>	<b>14,653</b>	<b>16,187</b>

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	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Equipment		430		542
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Deposit Account	14,796		14,250	
Current account	1,921		447	
Co-op Account	2,065		17,105	
PayPal account	273		218	
Cash in Hand	2		2	
Stock of books, stationery, stamps & caps	1,443		1,404	
Prepayments	1,431		670	
Deposits paid for trips	3,110		1,822	
	<u>25,041</u>		<u>35,918</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Subscriptions in advance	2,628		2,281	
Avon Bird Report	1,440		1,260	
Received in advance of club trips	5,270		15,995	
Owed for printing, website, and hall	1,480		737	
	<u>10,818</u>		<u>20,273</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		14,223		15,645
Total Net Assets		<u>14,653</u>		<u>16,187</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		14,653		16,187
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>14,653</u>		<u>16,187</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Keith Williams FCA

11 December 2024

Gareth Roberts

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
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**1 Charity status**

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**2 Accounting policies**

**2.1 Income**

**Income from membership subscriptions**

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Subscriptions are recognised evenly over the period of membership.

**Legacies**

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor has specified otherwise.

**2.2 Expenditure and liabilities**

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Grants payable**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Grants are given where the application matches the founding objectives of the charity to promote, encourage and co-ordinate the scientific study of ornithology in all its branches in the Bristol area.

**Deferred income**

Receipts in respect of club trips taking place after the year end are carried forward as deferred income. Subscriptions for existing members are for the calendar year. For members joining since January 2024, the subscription runs for 12 months from the date of joining. All subscriptions are recognised as deferred income for the period after the year end.

**Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amount.

**2.3 Assets**

**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £30. They are valued at cost. Depreciation is charged at 20% on a straight line basis.

**3 Fixed Assets**

	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 October 2023	3,609
Additions	71
At 30 September 2024	<u>3,680</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 October 2023	3,067
Additions	183
At 30 September 2024	<u>3,250</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1 October 2023	<u>542</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>430</u>

**4 Grantmaking**

**This year:**

Analysis of grants paid from applications to the 50th Anniversary fund

<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Grants to institutions</b>	<b>grants to individuals</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Bird box projects	-	1,250	1,250
Bird ringing training	-	300	300
BRERC cabinets for bird sighting records	1,530	-	1,530
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>3,080</u>

The charity does not identify or allocate support costs.

Other donations made

Contribution towards publication costs of Robin	1,125	
Purchase of nest boxes for Pied Flycatchers	<u>47</u>	
Other donations total		1,172

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") set out on pages 2 to 5 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

11/12/24

Name

MARTYN NEWTON

Qualification

FCCA