



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Charity name: Derbyshire Swift Conservation

Charity registration number: 1206439

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation of the Common Swift (<i>Apus apus</i>) in Derbyshire by raising general awareness of the declining status of this species, identifying and protecting existing nest sites and by encouraging the provision of additional nest sites across the county
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Raising general awareness of the declining status of this species: talks, events, social media, website Identifying existing nest sites: extensive surveying in breeding season Protecting existing nest sites: raising awareness, establishing links with landlords, community housing associations, residents Encouraging the provision of supplementary nest sites across the county: -facilitating the installation of swift nest boxes by means of raising awareness, provision of advice on location & box type, financial incentives (i.e. providing subsidies to those buying boxes) and the provision of professional installation -lobbying for the routine installation of Swift breeding bricks into new housing developments across the county by reviewing planning applications, engaging with planning authorities and biodiversity officers to insist on Swift bricks being a condition of planning approval
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	As set out by the Charity Commission (Guidance on Public Benefit in respect of the public benefit requirement in running a charity and its reporting), the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All our activities in 2024 were conducted by volunteers, whether trustees of the CIO or not
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Raised general awareness of the declining status of this species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- we organised display stands and Swift walks across the county to inform the public and showcase the excitement of observing Swifts at their colonies- we established our website, facebook and twitter feeds to inform and interact with Swift enthusiasts across the county and beyond- we gave several Swift talks to local conservation and community groups- we extended our activities more generally by means of articles on Swifts in local newspapers, parish magazines and other publications <p>Identifying existing nest sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- by extensive use of volunteer groups to survey in the breeding season we contributed over 500 Swift nest records to the Derbyshire Swift Survey nest site location database and, subsequently, the Derbyshire Biological Records Centre <p>Protecting existing nest sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- we worked with a brewery chain and a community housing association with properties in a Swift "hotspot" to ensure the Swifts breeding on buildings owned by both organisations would be protected <p>Encouraging the provision of additional nest sites across the county:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- we installed over 150 Swift nest boxes across the county on private homes, schools and churches- lobbying of the 10 planning authorities in the county resulted in several hundred Swift bricks being conditioned on new developments

		<p>Successfully applied for substantial funding from the Heritage Lottery for the Derbyshire Dales Swift Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approx £250k was awarded to DSC to employ 3 staff and install substantial mitigation across the Derbyshire Dales over a 2 year period, starting in early 2025.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		<p>We are founder members of the Swifts Local Network Swifts & Planning Group; this was set up to establish optimal methods of interacting with local planning authorities. The Swifts Local Network is a national informal network of over 100 Swift groups located across the UK.</p> <p>In 2024 we attended the 7th International Swift Conference held in Trieste, Italy</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	All transactions recorded on a spreadsheet. as of 31 Dec 2024, balance of £109,461.31 as an amount of £107855.55 got transferred in from TNLHF on 16/12/2024
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves held
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No risks identified
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Award of grant for swift conservation in DDDC is a game changer - funds will be ring-fenced. (restricted)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Small local government grants, personal donations, contributions from trustees. At the end of 2024, a substantial grant was received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (TNLHF)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The 3 biggest risks to maintaining meaningful conservation activities are factors which may impact the (in decreasing order of potential impact): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. continued availability of motivated and informed volunteers across the region 2. continued availability of competent trustees 3. availability of funding for box installation schemes
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A in 2024
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Derbyshire Swift Conservation
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1206439
Charity's principal address	(current address, not that used to register the CIO in 2024) c/o 5 Marsden Close Duffield, Belper DE56 4DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andy Broadhurst	Chair		
2	Nick Brown			
3	Mick Hardwick	Treasurer		
4	Claire Mead			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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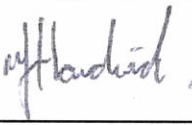
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andy Broadhurst	Mick Hardwick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	15 October 2025	



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Derbyshire Swift Conservation

1206439

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/8/2024

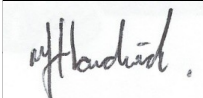
To

12/31/2024

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					
Donations	2,988	-	-	2,988	-
Sales	330	-	-	330	-
Grant funding	-	107,856	-	107,856	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,318	107,856	-	111,174	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,318	107,856	-	111,174	-
A3 Payments					
Purchase of boxes	150	-	-	150	-
Expenses and consumables	1,562	-	-	1,562	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,712	-	-	1,712	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,712	-	-	1,712	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,606	107,856	-	109,462	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,606	107,856	-	109,462	-

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	Cash (NatWest charity account)	1,606	107,856	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,606	107,856	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			M. J. Hardwick	10/15/2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DERBYSHIRE SWIFT CONSERVATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31-12-2024

Charity no
(if any)

1206439

Set out on pages

1 AND 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report 1.5

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

under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ 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

have followed ~~only the applicable provisions of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008~~ and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Marie-Anne Rose

Date:

17-10-2024

Name:

MARIE-ANNE ROSE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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