

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 206084

Details

Other names	SNS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-09-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE STUDY OF FAUNA, FLORA AND GEOLOGY OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Activities: The Society promotes the study, recording and publishing of information concerning the wildlife of Suffolk, along with its geology and geomorphology. Each year the Society publishes two journals in addition to a newsletter. Its wildlife recorders regularly provide information to other similar organisations and conservation bodies within the county.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£437,798	£45,184	-	-
2024-12-31	£25,365	£32,581	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,643	£26,209	-	-
2022-12-31	£39,580	£26,616	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,152	£22,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOAN FRANCES HARDINGHAM	Chair	
Adrian Knowles		2025-04-30
Amanda Valerie Hillier Mrs		2025-10-06
Anne Wright		2025-04-30
Anthony Nicholas Speca		2025-03-03
Dr Simon Jackson		2023-04-26
Emma Aldous		2023-04-26
Gavin Deans		2024-04-24
Hannah Alred		2026-03-02
Howard Barnaby Mottram		2015-04-14
MARTIN NICHOLAS SANFORD		
MR NICK MASON		
Peter John Vincent		2018-04-11
Timothy Holt-Wilson		2025-04-30

Linked charities

- TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY (206084-1)

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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Accounts

**SUFFOLK NATURALISTS SOCIETY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**



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Suffolk Naturalists Society
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the charity are to study and record the fauna, flora and geology of the county; to publish Suffolk Natural History, Suffolk Birds and the newsletter White Admiral; to liaise with other natural history societies and conservation bodies in the county; to promote interest in natural history and the activities of the Society; and to apply the net income of the Society at the Trustees' discretion in such a manner as they think fit in the furtherance of the Society.

The Society continues to look at ways in which it can raise its profile locally and attract new members. Looking to the future, it is anticipated that the Society will continue with its annual publications, members' meetings, and conferences when appropriate. The Society will continue to re-establish and build strong links with other scientific, environmental and conservation bodies. Grant funding will be made available for approved natural history projects and commissioned natural history work. The Society also plans to identify, finance and carry out its own projects within Suffolk, and attempt to recruit additional Council members in order to push ahead with these initiatives.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake in respect of public benefit.

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

The Society's membership stayed virtually the same at 566 (561 2024). A rise in membership rates for 2025 has increased subscription income from £8,956 in 2024 to £10,980 in 2025.

The COIF Ethical Investment fund rose considerably in value from £493,470 at the end of 2024 to £833,349 as the majority of the Hartley legacy* was added halfway through the year. The income from this investment fund increased from £14,511 to £18,831 in 2025. It is expected to rise to over £26,000 in 2026.

Expenditure on publications continued to rise (£26,332 compared to £23,720 in 2024). Distribution costs have stabilised at around £4,000, but issues of both journals and the newsletter were larger than average. The Society will continue to produce its publications on Suffolk natural history as well as seeking to assist in the publications of the work of others. Publication sales fell slightly from £1,663 in 2024 to £2,570 in 2025.

We contracted a part-time administration assistant throughout 2025; this has a cost implication but has meant the Society's business is handled efficiently. We have been able to claim £5,237 in Gift Aid from HMRC; this covers members' contributions for the past 4 years.

We have also invested in new software to integrate website and membership management. The new Beacon system will allow secure handling of the members' details, mailshots, gift aid, direct debits and much more.

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Main Achievements - continued

The Society has been able to invest some of the legacy funds in purchase of field equipment: microscopes, collecting kit, identification guides etc. which will be available for members to use at Field meetings.

Bursaries and grants only amounted to £562 in 2025. The Society will continue to promote its bursaries and grants for research and other projects.

*Legacy:

Ronald Frederick Hartley (d. 05/02/2022) was a founding member of the Lavenham Natural History Group and a very active flora recorder. He left a substantial amount to SNS in his will, we received £400,000 during 2025, but the final amount is likely to be over £500,000. The remaining funds should be received in 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity was founded in 1929 by Claude Morley, as an unincorporated charity. It is registered with the Charity Commission under the reference 206084.

The charity is governed by a written constitution and is managed by its Council, whose members are the trustees of the charity. These comprise of the Society's officers, together with a maximum of eight elected members. Major decisions are taken at the Annual General Meeting. The Council meets approximately every two months to attend to routine and operational matters.

The Society's officers and other Trustees are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting, and hold office for four years, with two of the elected trustees retiring each year in turn. Ex officio officers are appointed as required. The Trustees set out above have held the office during the whole of 2025 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, both operational and financial, and have established appropriate systems designed to mitigate those risks. The Society is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been identified and reviewed-see Risk Register (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Register-revised March 2019.pdf>).

The Trustees took steps to implement the General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 and are satisfied that the Society is compliant with the Regulations. See Data Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Data-Protection-Policy-14 March 2018.pdf>).

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mrs J F Hardingham - Chair
Mr M N Sanford - Treasurer
Mrs E Aldous
Mrs D Casey (resigned 30/04/2025)
Mr G Deans
Mr C J Hawes
Mrs J Hawkins (resigned 20/04/2025)
Mr T Holt-Wilson (appointed 30/04/2025)
Mr H Honey
Dr S Jackson
Mr A Knowles (appointed 30/04/2025)

**Suffolk Naturalists Society
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Mr N Mason
Mr H B Mottram
Mr D C Tansley
Mr P J Vincent
Mrs A Wright (appointed 30/04/2025)

Charity Number

206084

Principal Address

The Hold
131 Fore Street
Ipswich
Suffolk
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Independent Examiner

P N van Dijk FMAAT
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Georgian House
34 Thoroughfare
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**Suffolk Naturalists Society
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M N Sanford

Trustee
25/02/2026

Suffolk Naturalists Society
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Suffolk Naturalists Society
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suffolk Naturalists Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

P N van Dijk FMAAT
25/02/2026
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Suffolk Naturalists Society
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	416,397	-	416,397	9,191
Other trading activities	4	2,570	-	2,570	1,663
Investments	5	18,741	90	18,831	14,511
		<u>437,708</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>437,798</u>	<u>25,365</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Charitable Activities		(45,184)	-	(45,184)	(32,581)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)		124,399	268,215	392,614	(7,216)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		364,993	(400,114)	(35,121)	13,101
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>489,392</u>	<u>(131,899)</u>	<u>357,493</u>	<u>5,885</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		489,392	(131,899)	357,493	5,885
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		167,468	351,530	518,998	513,113
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11	<u><u>656,860</u></u>	<u><u>219,631</u></u>	<u><u>876,491</u></u>	<u><u>518,998</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Suffolk Naturalists Society
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	9,191	-	9,191
Other trading activities	4	1,663	-	1,663
Investments	5	14,421	90	14,511
		25,275	90	25,365
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:	6			
Charitable Activities		(32,581)	-	(32,581)
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT LOSSES		(7,306)	90	(7,216)
Net gains on investments		3,736	9,365	13,101
NET EXPENDITURE		(3,570)	9,455	5,885
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(3,570)	9,455	5,885
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		171,038	342,075	513,113
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11	167,468	351,530	518,998

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**Suffolk Naturalists Society
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	9	614,619	218,730	833,349	493,470
Cash at bank and in hand		43,141	901	44,042	26,428
		657,760	219,631	877,391	519,898
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	10	(900)	-	(900)	(900)
		656,860	219,631	876,491	518,998
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)					
		656,860	219,631	876,491	518,998
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		656,860	219,631	876,491	518,998
NET ASSETS					
		656,860	219,631	876,491	518,998
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment Funds				219,631	351,530
Unrestricted Funds				656,860	167,468
TOTAL FUNDS	11			876,491	518,998

On behalf of the board

J. Hardingham



Mrs J F Hardingham

Trustee
25/02/2026

Mr M N Sanford

Trustee

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Suffolk Naturalists Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. General Information

Suffolk Naturalists Society is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 206084. The principal address is The Hold, 131 Fore Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 1LR.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.3. Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

2.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

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	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	180	235
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	10,980	8,956
Gift aid	5,237	-
Legacies	400,000	-
	416,397	9,191

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Publications, newsletters and journals	2,570	1,663
	2,570	1,663

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	2025
	£	£	Total funds
	£	£	£
Interest from investments	18,741	90	18,831
	18,741	90	18,831
	£	£	2024
	£	£	Total funds
	£	£	£
Interest from investments	14,421	90	14,511
	14,421	90	14,511

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	2025
	Support costs
	(see note 7)
)
	£
Charitable Activities	45,184
	45,184

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	2024 Support costs (see note 7) £ <u>32,581</u>
Charitable Activities	<u>32,581</u>

7. Support Costs

	2025 Charitable Activities £ <u>45,184</u>
General administration	<u>45,184</u>

	2024 Charitable Activities £ <u>32,581</u>
General administration	<u>32,581</u>

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

9. Current Asset Investments

	2025 £ <u>833,349</u>	2024 £ <u>493,470</u>
Listed investments	<u>833,349</u>	<u>493,470</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £ <u>900</u>	2024 £ <u>900</u>
Trade creditors	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

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11. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	167,468	437,708	51,684	656,860
Endowment funds				
Permanent:				
Endowment	351,530	90	(131,989)	219,631
Total funds	<u>518,998</u>	<u>437,798</u>	<u>(80,305)</u>	<u>876,491</u>

	As at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	171,038	25,275	(28,845)	167,468
Endowment funds				
Permanent:				
Endowment	342,075	90	9,365	351,530
Total funds	<u>513,113</u>	<u>25,365</u>	<u>(19,480)</u>	<u>518,998</u>

12. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

13. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

Suffolk Naturalists Society
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	180	235
Membership subscriptions	10,980	8,956
Gift aid	5,237	-
Legacies	400,000	-
	416,397	9,191
Other trading activities		
Publication sales	2,570	1,663
	2,570	1,663
Investments		
Interest from other current asset investments - listed	18,831	14,511
	18,831	14,511
	437,798	25,365
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Charitable Activities		
Suffolk Bird Report	(9,510)	(9,398)
Suffolk Natural History	(7,450)	(7,825)
SNS Newsletter	(5,351)	(2,540)
Distribution costs	(4,021)	(3,957)
Direct Debit processing	(160)	(234)
Bursaries and grants	(562)	(750)
Honorarium	(450)	(300)
Field Equipment	(2,565)	-
Insurance	(986)	(960)
Website costs	(2,503)	(990)
Accountancy fees	(900)	(900)
Legal fees	-	(390)
Admin expenses	(8,434)	(2,361)
Paypal fees	(88)	(96)
General expenses	(2,204)	(1,880)
	(45,184)	(32,581)
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)	392,614	(7,216)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		
Fair value (deficit)/surplus on revaluation of investments	(35,121)	13,101
	(35,121)	13,101
NET INCOME	357,493	5,885



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake in respect of public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Society's membership stayed virtually the same at 561 (559 2023). The Society is conscious it must continue to actively promote membership as there has been a steady decline over the years.

The COIF Charities Ethical Investment fund rose slightly in value from £480,369 at the end of 2023 to £490,513; interest rates were relatively stable so there was a slight increase in investment income from £14,172 in 2023 to £14,511 in 2024.

Expenditure on publications continued to rise (£23,720 compared to £20,628 in 2023). Distribution costs were higher, but issues of both journals were larger than average. The Society will continue to produce its publications on Suffolk natural history as well as seeking to assist in the publications of the work of others. Publication sales fell slightly from £2,131 in 2023 to £1,663 in 2024.

We employed a part-time administration assistant throughout 2024, this has a cost implication but has meant the Society's business is handled much more efficiently.

No bursaries were given out in 2024, but the Society gave a grant of £750 to support upgrading of the Suffolk Moth Group website.

The Society will continue to promote its bursaries and grants for research and other projects.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was founded in 1929 by Claude Morley, as an unincorporated charity. It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference 206084.

The charity is governed by a written constitution, and is managed by its Council, whose members are the trustees of the charity. These comprise the Society's officers, together with a maximum of eight elected members. Major decisions are taken at the Annual General Meeting. The Council meets approximately every two months to attend to routine and operational matters.

The Society's officers and other Trustees are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting, and hold office for four years, with two of the elected trustees retiring each year in turn. Ex officio officers are appointed as required. The Trustees set out above have held office during the whole of 2021 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, both operational and financial, and have established appropriate systems designed to mitigate those risks. The Society is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been identified and reviewed see Risk Register (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Register-revised-Mar-2019.pdf>) and Risk Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Management-Policy-Jan-2019.pdf>)

The Trustees took steps to implement the General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 and are satisfied that the Society is compliant with the Regulations. See Data Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Data-Protection-Policy-14-Mar-2018.pdf>)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Suffolk Naturalists' Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suffolk Naturalists' Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

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.

P N van Dijk FMAAT

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20 February 2025

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,191	-	9,191	10,340
General income	2	<u>16,084</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>16,174</u>	<u>16,303</u>
Total		<u>25,275</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>25,365</u>	<u>26,643</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Costs		<u>32,581</u>	-	<u>32,581</u>	<u>26,209</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>3,734</u>	<u>9,367</u>	<u>13,101</u>	<u>43,347</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,572)	9,457	5,885	43,781
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>171,040</u>	<u>342,073</u>	<u>513,113</u>	<u>469,332</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>167,468</u>	<u>351,530</u>	<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

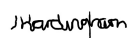
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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	6	142,753	350,717	493,470	480,369
Cash at bank		<u>25,617</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>26,428</u>	<u>33,644</u>
		168,370	351,528	519,898	514,013
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(900)	-	(900)	(900)
		<u>167,470</u>	<u>351,528</u>	<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>167,470</u>	<u>351,528</u>	<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>167,470</u>	<u>351,528</u>	<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>167,470</u>	<u>351,528</u>	<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				167,468	171,040
Endowment funds				<u>351,530</u>	<u>342,073</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>518,998</u>	<u>513,113</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee



J Hardingham - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment-3 years straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. GENERAL INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Investment income	14,511	14,172
Publication sales	<u>1,663</u>	<u>2,131</u>
	<u>16,174</u>	<u>16,303</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	10,340	-	10,340
General income	<u>16,215</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>16,303</u>
Total	<u>26,555</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>26,643</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs	<u>26,209</u>	-	<u>26,209</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>12,354</u>	<u>30,993</u>	<u>43,347</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	12,700	31,081	43,781
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>171,040</u></u>	<u><u>342,073</u></u>	<u><u>513,113</u></u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>1,264</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>1,264</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>-</u></u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
COIF income units		<u>493,470</u>	<u>480,369</u>
7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
Trade creditors		<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net	
	At 1.1.24	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.24
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,040	(3,572)	167,468
Endowment funds			
Endowment	342,073	9,457	351,530
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>513,113</u>	<u>5,885</u>	<u>518,998</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,275	(32,581)	3,734	(3,572)
Endowment funds				
Endowment	90	-	9,367	9,457
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,365</u>	<u>(32,581)</u>	<u>13,101</u>	<u>5,885</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	158,340	12,700	171,040
Endowment funds			
Endowment	310,992	31,081	342,073
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>469,332</u>	<u>43,781</u>	<u>513,113</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,555	(26,209)	12,354	12,700
Endowment funds				
Endowment	88	-	30,993	31,081
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,643</u>	<u>(26,209)</u>	<u>43,347</u>	<u>43,781</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	158,340	9,128	167,468
Endowment funds			
Endowment	310,992	40,538	351,530
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>469,332</u>	<u>49,666</u>	<u>518,998</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	51,830	(58,790)	16,088	9,128
Endowment funds				
Endowment	178	-	40,360	40,538
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>52,008</u>	<u>(58,790)</u>	<u>56,448</u>	<u>49,666</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	235	125
Legacies	-	657
Conference	-	1,061
Subscriptions	<u>8,956</u>	<u>8,497</u>
	9,191	10,340
General income		
Investment income	14,511	14,172
Publication sales	<u>1,663</u>	<u>2,131</u>
	<u>16,174</u>	<u>16,303</u>
Total incoming resources	25,365	26,643
EXPENDITURE		
Costs		
Insurance	960	944
Webhosting and internet	990	346
Suffolk Bird Report	9,398	7,139
Suffolk Natural History	7,825	4,726
SNS Newsletter	2,540	4,257
General expenses	1,880	619
Paypal fees	96	111
Distribution costs	3,957	4,506
Admin expenses	2,361	310
Direct Debit processing	234	171
Bursaries and grants	750	550
Honorarium	300	250
Conference	-	1,380
Accountancy	900	900
Legal fees	390	-
	<u>32,581</u>	<u>26,209</u>
Total resources expended	<u>32,581</u>	<u>26,209</u>
Net income/loss before gains and losses	(7,216)	434
Unrealised recognised gains and losses		
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	<u>13,101</u>	<u>43,347</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>5,885</u></u>	<u><u>43,781</u></u>

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 206084

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are to study and record the fauna, flora and geology of the county; to publish Suffolk Natural History, Suffolk Birds and the newsletter White Admiral; to liaise with other natural history societies and conservation bodies in the county; to promote interest in natural history and the activities of the Society; and to apply the net income of the Society at the Trustees' discretion in such manner as they think fit in the furtherance of the Society.

The Society continues to look at ways in which it can raise its profile locally and attract new members. Looking to the future, it is anticipated that the Society will continue with its annual publications, members' meetings, and conferences when appropriate. The Society will continue to re-establish and build strong links with other scientific, environmental and conversation bodies. Grant funding will be made available for approved natural history projects and commissioned natural history work. The Society also plans to identify, finance and carry out its own projects within Suffolk, and to attempt to recruit additional Council members in order to push ahead with these initiatives.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake in respect of public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Society's membership fell significantly (8%) from 607 to 559, this has reduced our income from subscriptions by £730. The Society is conscious it must continue to actively promote membership as there has been a steady decline over the years.

The COIF Charities Ethical investment fund increased significantly in value from £437,022 at the end of 2022 to £480,369; interest rates were relatively stable so there was a slight increase in investment income from £13,662 in 2022 to £14,172 in 2023.

Expenditure on publications was a little more than the previous year (£20,628 compared to £20,027 in 2022) but these figures mask a significant (43%) rise in distribution costs. The Society will continue to produce its publications on Suffolk natural history as well as seeking to assist in the publications of the work of others. Publication sales were good, particularly for the Bird Report, with an increase from £1,634 in 2022 to £2,131 in 2023.

In March, the Society held its first online conference "Into the Wild" on the theme of rewilding. Tickets were sold at £8 for the two morning sessions (or £5 a single session) raising £1,061 which covered most of the expenditure on the event (£1,380).

A Morley Bursary of £300 was awarded for research on Bumblebee nestboxes in arable farmland. A Simpson Bursary of £500 over two years was awarded for research on seedbanks in Ghost Ponds in NE Suffolk.

The Society will continue to promote its bursaries and grants for research and other projects.

The Society is very grateful for a donation of £657 in memory of our late member Ben Perkins (See obituary TSNS 59:201).

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, both operational and financial, and have established appropriate systems designed to mitigate those risks. The Society is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been identified and reviewed see Risk Register (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Register-revised-Mar-2019.pdf>) and Risk Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Management-Policy-Jan-2019.pdf>)

The Trustees took steps to implement the General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 and are satisfied that the Society is compliant with the Regulations.

See Data Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Data-Protection-Policy-14-Mar-18.pdf>)

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

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N Mason

C J Hawes

B Heather (resigned 26.4.23)

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P J Vincent

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Suffolk Naturalists' Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suffolk Naturalists' Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

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.

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9 April 2024

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		10,340	-	10,340	24,284
General income	2	16,215	88	16,303	15,296
Total		<u>26,555</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>26,643</u>	<u>39,580</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Costs		26,209	-	26,209	26,616
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>12,354</u>	<u>30,993</u>	<u>43,347</u>	<u>(61,539)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		12,700	31,081	43,781	(48,575)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		158,340	310,992	469,332	517,907
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>171,040</u></u>	<u><u>342,073</u></u>	<u><u>513,113</u></u>	<u><u>469,332</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	6	139,017	341,352	480,369	437,022
Cash at bank		32,923	721	33,644	35,713
		<u>171,940</u>	<u>342,073</u>	<u>514,013</u>	<u>472,735</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(900)	-	(900)	(3,403)
		<u>171,040</u>	<u>342,073</u>	<u>513,113</u>	<u>469,332</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>171,040</u>	<u>342,073</u>	<u>513,113</u>	<u>469,332</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>171,040</u>	<u>342,073</u>	<u>513,113</u>	<u>469,332</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>171,040</u></u>	<u><u>342,073</u></u>	<u><u>513,113</u></u>	<u><u>469,332</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			171,040	158,340
Endowment funds				342,073	310,992
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>513,113</u></u>	<u><u>469,332</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee

J Hardingham - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment-3 years straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. GENERAL INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Investment income	14,172	13,662
Publication sales	2,131	1,634
	<u>16,303</u>	<u>15,296</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	24,284	-	24,284
General income	15,210	86	15,296
Total	39,494	86	39,580
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs	26,616	-	26,616
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(17,539)	(44,000)	(61,539)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,661)	(43,914)	(48,575)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	163,001	354,906	517,907
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	158,340	310,992	469,332

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	1,264
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	1,264
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	-
At 31 December 2022	-

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

6.	CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	COIF income units	480,369	437,022
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Trade creditors	900	3,403
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
8.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		At
	General fund	158,340	31.12.23
			£
	Endowment funds		
	Endowment	310,992	31,081
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>469,332</u>	<u>43,781</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,555	(26,209)	12,354	12,700
Endowment funds				
Endowment	88	-	30,993	31,081
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,643</u>	<u>(26,209)</u>	<u>43,347</u>	<u>43,781</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,001	(4,661)	158,340
Endowment funds			
Endowment	354,906	(43,914)	310,992
	<u>517,907</u>	<u>(48,575)</u>	<u>469,332</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,494	(26,616)	(17,539)	(4,661)
Endowment funds				
Endowment	86	-	(44,000)	(43,914)
	<u>39,580</u>	<u>(26,616)</u>	<u>(61,539)</u>	<u>(48,575)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,001	8,039	171,040
Endowment funds			
Endowment	354,906	(12,833)	342,073
	<u>517,907</u>	<u>(4,794)</u>	<u>513,113</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,049	(52,825)	(5,185)	8,039
Endowment funds				
Endowment	174	-	(13,007)	(12,833)
TOTAL FUNDS	66,223	(52,825)	(18,192)	(4,794)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	125	50
Legacies	657	15,007
Conference	1,061	-
Subscriptions	8,497	9,227
	10,340	24,284
General income		
Investment income	14,172	13,662
Publication sales	2,131	1,634
	16,303	15,296
Total incoming resources	26,643	39,580
 EXPENDITURE		
Costs		
Insurance	944	631
Webhosting and internet	346	2,209
Suffolk Bird Report	7,139	7,825
Suffolk Natural History	4,726	5,426
SNS Newsletter	4,257	3,630
General expenses	619	248
Paypal fees	111	94
Distribution costs	4,506	3,146
Admin expenses	310	-
Direct Debit processing	171	630
Bursaries and grants	550	1,618
Honorarium	250	250
Conference	1,380	-
Accountancy	900	900
Bank charges	-	9
	26,209	26,616
Total resources expended	26,209	26,616
Net income before gains and losses	434	12,964
Unrealised recognised gains and losses		
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	43,347	(61,539)
Net income/(expenditure)	43,781	(48,575)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 206084

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are to study and record the fauna, flora and geology of the county; to publish Suffolk Natural History, Suffolk Birds and the newsletter White Admiral; to liaise with other natural history societies and conservation bodies in the county; to promote interest in natural history and the activities of the Society; and to apply the net income of the Society at the Trustees' discretion in such manner as they think fit in the furtherance of the Society.

The Society continues to look at ways in which it can raise its profile locally and attract new members. Looking to the future, it is anticipated that the Society will continue with its annual publications, members' meetings, and conferences when appropriate. The Society will continue to re-establish and build strong links with other scientific, environmental and conservation bodies. Grant funding will be made available for approved natural history projects and commissioned natural history work. The Society also plans to identify, finance and carry out its own projects within Suffolk, and to attempt to recruit additional Council members in order to push ahead with these initiatives.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake in respect of public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Society's membership increased from 605 to 607 with over half of members having joint membership with the Suffolk Bird Group, but the Society is conscious it must continue to actively promote membership as there has been a steady decline over the years.

The COIF Charities Ethical Investment fund decreased significantly in value from £495,520 to £437,022, but a concomitant rise in interest rates meant investment income was maintained at £13,662.

Expenditure on publications was slightly less than the previous year (£20,027 in 2022 compared to £22,839 in 2021). The Society will continue to produce its publications on Suffolk natural history as well as seeking to assist in the publications of the work of others.

A Cranbrook Bursary of £150 was awarded for the study of Nathusius' Pipistrelle and Yellow-browed Warbler migration, and another £500 went to Norwich Bat group for a Nathusius' Pipistrelle migration study.

A bursary of £500 was awarded to Patrick Barker for purchase of moth traps used to monitor farmland wildlife. A grant of £432 was paid to cover 50% of the costs of a Flora survey at Shingle Street and a grant of £36 was paid for a Mapmate licence for a new Bird Recorder. The Society will continue to promote its bursaries and grants for research and other projects.

The Society expects to resume its programme of biennial conferences in 2023. The Society is very grateful for a legacy of £15,000 from our late member Alan Hubbard (See obituary TSNS 57:126).

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was founded in 1929 by Claude Morley, as an unincorporated charity. It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference 206084.

The charity is governed by a written constitution, and is managed by its Council, whose members are the trustees of the charity. These comprise the Society's officers, together with a maximum of eight elected members. Major decisions are taken at the Annual General Meeting. The Council meets approximately every two months to attend to routine and operational matters.

The Society's officers and other Trustees are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting, and hold office for four years, with two of the elected trustees retiring each year in turn. Ex officio officers are appointed as required. The Trustees set out above have held office during the whole of 2021 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, both operational and financial, and have established appropriate systems designed to mitigate those risks. The Society is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been identified and reviewed see Risk Register (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Register-revised-Mar-2019.pdf>) and Risk Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Management-Policy-Jan-2019.pdf>)

The Trustees took steps to implement the General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 and are satisfied that the Society is compliant with the Regulations.

See Data Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Data-Protection-Policy-14-Mar-18.pdf>)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

206084

Principal address

The Hold
131 Fore Street
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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Trustees

J Hardingham
Ms G Broad
M Sanford
J Hawkins
N Mason
A C Chalkley (resigned 1.4.22)
C J Hawes
B Heather
H Mottram
P J Vincent
E Jackson (resigned 1.7.22)
D Tansley
D Casey
M Deans
H Honey (appointed 1.4.22)

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Independent Examiner

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Investment advisors

CCLA Investment Management Limited
Client Service Team
COIF Charity Deposit Funds
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Suffolk Naturalists' Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suffolk Naturalists' Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

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.

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22 August 2023

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		24,284	-	24,284	10,081
General income	2	15,210	86	15,296	15,071
Total		<u>39,494</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>39,580</u>	<u>25,152</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Costs		26,616	-	26,616	22,839
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(17,539)</u>	<u>(44,000)</u>	<u>(61,539)</u>	<u>58,987</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(4,661)</u>	<u>(43,914)</u>	<u>(48,575)</u>	<u>61,300</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		163,001	354,906	517,907	456,607
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	6	126,663	310,359	437,022	495,520
Cash at bank		35,080	633	35,713	23,287
		<u>161,743</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>472,735</u>	<u>518,807</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,403)	-	(3,403)	(900)
		<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>158,340</u>	<u>310,992</u>	<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				158,340	163,001
Endowment funds				310,992	354,906
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>469,332</u>	<u>517,907</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 August 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee



G Broad - Trustee

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

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Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. GENERAL INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Investment income	13,662	13,356
Publication sales	1,634	1,715
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	<u>15,296</u>	<u>15,071</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	10,081	-	10,081
General income	14,986	85	15,071
Total	25,067	85	25,152
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs	22,839	-	22,839
Net gains on investments	16,811	42,176	58,987
NET INCOME	19,039	42,261	61,300
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	143,962	312,645	456,607
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	163,001	354,906	517,907

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	1,264
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	1,264
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	-
At 31 December 2021	-

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
COIF income units	437,022	495,520
	<u>437,022</u>	<u>495,520</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,403	900
	<u>3,403</u>	<u>900</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,001	(4,661)	158,340
Endowment funds			
Endowment	354,906	(43,914)	310,992
	<u>517,907</u>	<u>(48,575)</u>	<u>469,332</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,494	(26,616)	(17,539)	(4,661)
Endowment funds				
Endowment	86	-	(44,000)	(43,914)
	<u>39,580</u>	<u>(26,616)</u>	<u>(61,539)</u>	<u>(48,575)</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,962	19,039	163,001
Endowment funds			
Endowment	312,645	42,261	354,906
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>456,607</u>	<u>61,300</u>	<u>517,907</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,067	(22,839)	16,811	19,039
Endowment funds				
Endowment	85	-	42,176	42,261
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,152</u>	<u>(22,839)</u>	<u>58,987</u>	<u>61,300</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,962	14,378	158,340
Endowment funds			
Endowment	312,645	(1,653)	310,992
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>456,607</u>	<u>12,725</u>	<u>469,332</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	64,561	(49,455)	(728)	14,378
Endowment funds				
Endowment	171	-	(1,824)	(1,653)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,732</u>	<u>(49,455)</u>	<u>(2,552)</u>	<u>12,725</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	50	1,025
Legacies	15,007	-
Subscriptions	9,227	9,056
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	24,284	10,081
 General income		
Investment income	13,662	13,356
Publication sales	1,634	1,715
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	15,296	15,071
 Total incoming resources		
	39,580	25,152
 EXPENDITURE		
Costs		
Insurance	631	639
Webhosting and internet	2,209	508
Suffolk Bird Report	7,825	6,525
Suffolk Natural History	5,426	8,573
SNS Newsletter	3,630	1,953
General expenses	248	-
Paypal fees	94	74
Distribution costs	3,146	2,131
Direct Debit processing	630	-
Bursaries and grants	1,618	985
Honorarium	250	300
Conference	-	187
Accountancy	900	900
Bank charges	9	-
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	26,616	22,775
 Support costs		
Other		
Depreciation of plant and machinery	-	64
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Total resources expended	26,616	22,839
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Net income before gains and losses	12,964	2,313
 Unrealised recognised gains and losses		
Carried forward	12,964	2,249

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Unrealised recognised gains and losses		
Brought forward	12,964	2,249
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	(61,539)	58,987
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Net (expenditure)/income	(48,575)	61,300
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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 206084

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
FOR
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

van Dijk Accountants Limited
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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are to study and record the fauna, flora and geology of the county; to publish Suffolk Natural History, Suffolk Birds and the newsletter White Admiral; to liaise with other natural history societies and conservation bodies in the county; to promote interest in natural history and the activities of the Society; and to apply the net income of the Society at the Trustees' discretion in such manner as they think fit in the furtherance of the Society.

The Society continues to look at ways in which it can raise its profile locally and attract new members. Looking to the future, it is anticipated that the Society will continue with its annual publications, members' meetings, and conferences when appropriate. The Society will continue to re-establish and build strong links with other scientific, environmental and conversation bodies. Grant funding will be made available for approved natural history projects and commissioned natural history work. The Society also plans to identify, finance and carry out its own projects within Suffolk, and to attempt to recruit additional Council members in order to push ahead with these initiatives.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake in respect of public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

In spite of the impact of the Covid pandemic, the financial situation and activities of the Society generally improved.

The Society's membership increased from 560 to 605 with over half of members having joint membership with the Suffolk Bird Group, but the Society is conscious it must continue to actively promote membership as there has been a steady decline over the years.

The COIF Charities Ethical Investment fund performed well resulting in an increase in value from £456,607 to £517,907 i.e. £61,300 giving an increase in investment income to £13,356.

Expenditure on publications was lower than the previous year (£22,839 in 2021 compared to £40,211 in 2020) but this was due to the timing of payments. The Society will continue to produce its publications on Suffolk natural history as well as seeking to assist in the publications of the work of others.

A Morley Bursary of £215 was awarded for the study of Orthoptera and bumble bees for a rewilding project and a grant of £500 for the production of wildlife videos aimed at young people. The Society will continue to promote its bursaries and grants for research and other projects.

The Society expects to resume its programme of biennial conferences in 2023.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was founded in 1929 by Claude Morley, as an unincorporated charity. It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference 206084.

The charity is governed by a written constitution, and is managed by its Council, whose members are the trustees of the charity. These comprise the Society's officers, together with a maximum of eight elected members. Major decisions are taken at the Annual General Meeting. The Council meets approximately every two months to attend to routine and operational matters.

The Society's officers and other Trustees are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting, and hold office for four years, with two of the elected trustees retiring each year in turn. Ex officio officers are appointed as required. The Trustees set out above have held office during the whole of 2021 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, both operational and financial, and have established appropriate systems designed to mitigate those risks. The Society is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been identified and reviewed see Risk Register (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Register-revised-Mar-2019.pdf>) and Risk Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Risk-Management-Policy-Jan-2019.pdf>)

The Trustees took steps to implement the General Data Protection Regulations May 2018 and are satisfied that the Society is compliant with the Regulations.

See Data Management Policy (<https://sns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/sns-Data-Protection-Policy-14-Mar-18.pdf>)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
206084

Principal address

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Ms G Broad
M Sanford
J Hawkins
N Mason
A C Chalkley
C J Hawes
B Heather
H Mottram
P J Vincent
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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. N. Sanford', written in a cursive style.

M Sanford - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Suffolk Naturalists' Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suffolk Naturalists' Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

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.

P N van Dijk FMAAT
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11 October 2022

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		10,081	-	10,081	9,286
General income	2	14,986	85	15,071	19,106
Total		<u>25,067</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>25,152</u>	<u>28,392</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Costs		22,839	-	22,839	39,973
Other		-	-	-	238
Total		<u>22,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,839</u>	<u>40,211</u>
Net gains on investments		16,811	42,176	58,987	25,964
NET INCOME		19,039	42,261	61,300	14,145
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		143,962	312,645	456,607	442,462
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>163,001</u></u>	<u><u>354,906</u></u>	<u><u>517,907</u></u>	<u><u>456,607</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	-	-	-	64
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	6	141,161	354,359	495,520	436,618
Cash at bank		22,740	547	23,287	21,282
		<u>163,901</u>	<u>354,906</u>	<u>518,807</u>	<u>457,900</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(900)	-	(900)	(1,357)
		<u>163,001</u>	<u>354,906</u>	<u>517,907</u>	<u>456,543</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>163,001</u>	<u>354,906</u>	<u>517,907</u>	<u>456,543</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>163,001</u>	<u>354,906</u>	<u>517,907</u>	<u>456,607</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>163,001</u>	<u>354,906</u>	<u>517,907</u>	<u>456,607</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			163,001	143,962
Endowment funds				354,906	312,645
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>517,907</u>	<u>456,607</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Sanford - Trustee



G Broad - Trustee

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment-3 years straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. GENERAL INCOME

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Conference	-	1,947
Investment income	13,356	13,053
Other income	-	320
Publication sales	1,715	3,786
	<u>15,071</u>	<u>19,106</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	9,286	-	9,286
General income	19,022	84	19,106
Total	<u>28,308</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>28,392</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs	39,973	-	39,973
Other	238	-	238
Total	<u>40,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,211</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>7,400</u>	<u>18,564</u>	<u>25,964</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,503)	18,648	14,145
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	148,465	293,997	442,462
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>143,962</u></u>	<u><u>312,645</u></u>	<u><u>456,607</u></u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

5.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings £
	COST		
	At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021		1,264
	DEPRECIATION		
	At 1 January 2021		1,200
	Charge for year		64
	At 31 December 2021		1,264
	NET BOOK VALUE		
	At 31 December 2021		-
	At 31 December 2020		64
6.	CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
		31.12.21	31.12.20
		£	£
	COIF income units	495,520	436,618
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.21	31.12.20
		£	£
	Trade creditors	900	1,357
8.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		At 31.12.21
	General fund	143,962	£
	Endowment funds		
	Endowment	312,645	42,261
	TOTAL FUNDS	456,607	517,907

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,067	(22,839)	16,811	19,039
Endowment funds				
Endowment	85	-	42,176	42,261
	<u>25,152</u>	<u>(22,839)</u>	<u>58,987</u>	<u>61,300</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	148,465	(4,503)	143,962
Endowment funds			
Endowment	293,997	18,648	312,645
	<u>442,462</u>	<u>14,145</u>	<u>456,607</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	28,308	(40,211)	7,400	(4,503)
Endowment funds				
Endowment	84	-	18,564	18,648
	<u>28,392</u>	<u>(40,211)</u>	<u>25,964</u>	<u>14,145</u>

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	148,465	14,536	163,001
Endowment funds			
Endowment	293,997	60,909	354,906
	<u>442,462</u>	<u>75,445</u>	<u>517,907</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>442,462</u>	<u>75,445</u>	<u>517,907</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	53,375	(63,050)	24,211	14,536
Endowment funds				
Endowment	169	-	60,740	60,909
	<u>53,544</u>	<u>(63,050)</u>	<u>84,951</u>	<u>75,445</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>53,544</u>	<u>(63,050)</u>	<u>84,951</u>	<u>75,445</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	1,025	184
Subscriptions	9,056	9,102
	10,081	9,286
General income		
Conference	-	1,947
Investment income	13,356	13,053
Other income	-	320
Publication sales	1,715	3,786
	15,071	19,106
Total incoming resources	25,152	28,392
EXPENDITURE		
Costs		
Insurance	639	579
Webhosting and internet	508	527
A Flora of Suffolk	-	270
Suffolk Bird Report	6,525	12,801
Suffolk Natural History	8,573	4,648
Stock write off	-	6,335
SNS newsletter and cost of publications sold	1,953	3,252
Staff costs	-	464
Paypal fees	74	98
Distribution costs	2,131	4,343
Bursary	985	859
Honorarium	300	-
Conference	187	4,441
Accountancy	900	1,356
	22,775	39,973
Support costs		
Other		
Depreciation of plant and machinery	64	238
	64	238
Total resources expended	22,839	40,211
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses	2,313	(11,819)

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SUFFOLK NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Unrealised recognised gains and losses		
Unrealised gain on investments	58,987	25,964
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Net income	61,300	14,145
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