

# THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 206228

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1962-09-22

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** ITS OBJECTS SHALL BE THE STUDY AND RECORDING OF NATURAL HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND OTHER KINDRED SUBJECTS ESPECIALLY WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, THE PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS, THE APPRECIATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLICATION IN THE SOCIETY'S JOURNALS OF SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL PAPERS RELATING PARTICULARLY TO THE LONDON AREA.

**Activities:** Members study and record the plants, birds, insects and other wildlife, and their habitats, in the London area, through field meetings, talks, and publications. The general public is welcome at all events. Grants are available to support research and the conservation of biodiversity.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** WITHIN 20 MILES OF ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
- Buckinghamshire
- Essex
- Hertfordshire
- Kent
- Surrey
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£32,763	£51,508	-	-
2024-06-30	£40,464	£36,903	-	-
2023-06-30	£61,502	£60,334	-	-
2022-06-30	£45,392	£37,932	-	-
2021-06-30	£31,854	£28,656	-	-
2020-06-30	£35,131	£36,738	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annie Elizabeth Wilson		2022-02-10
Dr Anthony John Alexander Madgwick		2024-12-05
Dr Elizabeth Andrew		2020-02-05
James Richard Lovely		2024-12-05
Joanne Louise Maddox		2022-12-12
John Kennedy Cruickshank		2025-12-11
Kat Duke		2021-01-01
Leslie Robert Williams		2026-03-17
Mark Andrew Spencer		2025-12-11
Noel Brock		2002-12-08
Peter Mantel		2022-12-08
Robin Alastair Blades		2021-12-10

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# Accounts

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**Report of the society for the year ending 30 June 2025**

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**Governance: Council, Committees and Sections**

All positions within the Society are undertaken by volunteers. The Society is governed by a Council of Trustees comprising 3 officers, up to ten members' representatives and one representative from each of the Society's five sections.

The President's role has been vacant since AGM 2022. James Lovely was appointed as Treasurer at AGM 2024 to replace Mike West and handover is complete. Annie Wilson continues to act as Secretary. The members are represented by Liz Andrew, Robin Blades, Noel Brock, Wendy Knight, Cassandra Lee, Joanne Maddox, Tony Madgwick and Pete Mantle. The section representatives are Cecilia Derrick (London Bird Club), Maureen Parry (Botany), Anke Marsh (Ecology and Entomology) and Kat Duke (Hampstead Heath Survey). The post of Bookham Commons representative is vacant.

The Administration and Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Wilsdon, meets five times a year to deal with delegated business, and Robin Blades continues to manage our membership despite moving to Harrogate. Council would like to acknowledge the work of Michael and Robin to fill the space left by the absence of a President and keep the society running day-to-day.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to everyone involved in delivering LNHS activities who so generously volunteer their time and expertise. And many thanks to the continuing support of our members. We are very keen to encourage members to help deliver the society's activities, both indoors and outdoors - you do not need to be an expert in natural history.

**Finances**

The annual financial report accompanies this report. Many thanks to Mike West, the retiring Treasurer, and Robin Blades, the Assistant Treasurer, who have helped James Lovely to settle in to the role of Treasurer. The Society continues to benefit from members who subscribe to the gift aid scheme, for which we are very grateful. Members who qualify to use the gift aid scheme but have not signed up are encouraged to consider doing so. The Society has also been the grateful recipient of several generous bequests.

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The Society took part in the Green Meet at Fulham Palace in May. Tony Madgwick, the Society's Hymenoptera (bee and wasp) recorder was invited to lead bee walks. The Council was discussing the logistics of hosting an LNHS Open Day for the first time after Covid, so agreed that this would be a good opportunity to have a trial run. The bee walks proved very successful, as always, and some useful lessons were learnt.

### **Journals and other publications**

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Many thanks to Noel Brock and his team who produce the twice-yearly programme.

At the end of 2024, Leslie Williams (LNHS Butterfly Recorder) completed his major update of 'Butterflies of the London Area', originally published in 1987, and sent it for publication through NatureBureau. It is available at a good nature bookshop near you! Colin Plant (LNHS Moth Recorder) and Les Evans-Hill continue to work on an updated version of 'Larger Moths of the

London Area', and Mark Spencer (LNHS Flowering Plant Recorder & Vascular Cryptogam Recorder) is making good progress on an updated edition of 'Flora of the London Area', both last published in 1983. Each of these publications will contribute to the conservation of London habitats and wildlife. The Publications Committee was reconvened to manage these imminent publications and help bring them to fruition.

We thank all of our social media editors for publicising the Society and its events. All platforms - website, Facebook, BlueSky and Instagram - continue to prove useful in keeping members up to date and attracting new joiners.

### **Membership**

119 new members joined the society during the membership year ending 30/09/2025, up by 21 on the previous year. The total membership at 30/09/25 was 954, down from 963.

While many new members are attracted by our programme and social media presence, we are very grateful to existing members who recruit friends because they think will enjoy what we have to offer. We encourage people to keep doing this and help the Society to continue to grow. Everyone is welcome to join field meetings or virtual talks to get a taste of the Society before they join.

We are very sorry to record the deaths of the following members during the year (date of joining in brackets), and thank them for their support of the Society, in some cases over many decades. The list includes a number of the society's Vice Presidents and Honorary Vice Presidents. Dr Paul Bartlett (1993), Mr Philip Baumber (1957), Mr John Bedford (1952), Dr Colin Bowlt HVP (1975), Mr Rodney Burton HVP (1964), Mr Sean Huggins (1992), Mr Jeremy Ison (2009), Dr Douglas Model (1999), Mr David Montier HVP (1960), Mr Roger G. Payne (1992), Ms Nicola Pyne (1995), Mr Patrick Sellar VP (1957), Mr Raymond Uffen (1955).

### **Recording and research**

Thanks go to all our recorders for their support and continuing hard work. They do an invaluable job of gathering data on most of the species to be found in the London area, ensuring that the information is shared, and generously help individuals with their enquiries.

In 2022, the LNHS was awarded a grant from the City of London Corporation to map key flora, fungi and lichens in the different habitats on Hampstead Heath. The project, known as the Millennial Flora of Hampstead Heath Project 2022, led by Liz Andrew (the Hampstead Heath Survey Chair), completed the survey phase in 2024. This year the project team has worked on analysing the plant, fungi and lichen data resulting from the surveys and producing reports. The project budget has been spent as planned and the final items of work are being completed. Nature's Calendar phenology part of the project will be continued by the Hampstead-based charity Heath Hands and their volunteers.

### **Library**

The LNHS library, located in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity in the Natural History Museum, is an important resource for both the public (for reference) and LNHS members (for borrowing) providing access to a wide range of out of print and hard to find natural

history titles. The library is open every Wednesday and the third Saturday every month, thanks to Leslie Bolsover, the Librarian, and James Lovely and Ron Dionne. The library regularly hosts popular Study Days, making good use of the facilities and specimens in collaboration with the Angela Marmont Centre. Leslie and her team have worked hard to increase borrowing and raise awareness of the collection. In addition to an increase in book borrowing, journals are also being borrowed and the collection is being used regularly for research and identification. Members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this very valuable asset. Anyone interested in helping Leslie to keep the library open is strongly encouraged to step forward – library experience is not essential.

### **Conservation of the natural environment**

Rich habitats are still under threat from developers. The Society is often asked to lend its voice to protest against such developments. Council's view is that an appropriate campaigning body in such cases is the London Wildlife Trust, the LNHS being better positioned to provide evidence-based advice if required. Our partnership with GiGL will help ensure that our high-quality validated records are widely available for such purposes.

*This report has been prepared with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.*

## Summarised accounts to 30 June 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Bank and cash	13713	32458
Investments	344949	338587
	<u>358662</u>	<u>371045</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Subscriptions	16827	16804
Donations	1901	1801
Bequests unrestricted	0	6000
Bequests restricted	0	0
Gift Aid	0	3387
Investment income	13149	10567
Other	886	1905
	<u>32763</u>	<u>40464</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
The London Naturalist	5942	5257
London Bird Report	4793	5730
Newsletter	4407	4100
Mailing	12553	10318
Library	1613	1405
Services	4930	4527
Hampstead restricted	2605	2136
Hyatt restricted	11950	0
Other	2715	3430
	<u>51508</u>	<u>36903</u>
<b><u>Surplus(deficit) in year</u></b>	<u><b>-18745</b></u>	<u><b>3561</b></u>

The signed Independent Examiner's Report and full detailed financial accounts can be found on the LNHS website

**London Natural History Society**  
(Charity Registration Number 206228)

**Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2025**

**Hentons**  
Chartered Accountants  
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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY****TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

The Society's accounts are again presented on a Receipts and Payments basis, as permitted by the Charity Commission.

Receipts from members and supporters totalled £18,789 (compared with £28,061 last year) with the decrease due to a legacy of £6,000 received in the previous year. The Charity received no legacy income or bequests in the year. Subscription income increased from £16,804 to £16,827.

The Charity received a bequest in 2023 totalling £26,386, this was given specifically towards the publication of results of research or survey sponsored by the Society and is being held in a restricted fund for future projects meeting this definition. Expenditure totalling £11,950 has been deducted from this restricted fund in the year. As at the end of the year this restricted fund had a balance of £14,436.

In addition to this, no further instalments of a grant awarded by The City of London Corporation were received during the year. The nature of this income is restricted, specifically for the purpose of the Hampstead Heath project for which costs were incurred in the year of £2,605. As at the end of the year this restricted fund had a balance of £10.

Total receipts were £32,763 compared with £40,464 last year. Gift Aid tax reclaim came too late for inclusion in the 2024-25 financial year accounts and will be credited in the 2025-26 financial year accounts.

Overall expenditure totalled £51,508 (compared to £36,903 last year). The main reason for the increase is the £11,950 expenditure on the publication of The Butterflies of London from the restricted fund.

The Charity's investments have increased in value by 1.9% during the year. M&G closed their Charibond fund. The Society agreed to reinvest in M&G Charity Multi Asset Fund and M&G Equities Investment Fund (Charifund), both funds are designed for charities.

At the year end the total net assets of the Society as detailed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities had decreased by £12,383 to £358,662 compared with £371,045 last year.

**Reserves Policy**

The London Natural History Society may hold funds in the form of cash, stocks, shares, bonds, collective funds and other classes of investment deemed from time to time to be appropriate (hereafter 'the reserves'). The reserves will be held for the purpose of providing an income stream to support the Society's activities and publications, and maintain membership rates at affordable levels so as not to exclude people from the educational benefits of the Society, and to encourage increased and informed participation in wildlife recording activity.

Where income from the reserves is sufficient to meet these purposes the Society may make additional payments from the reserves to third parties to fund research and ecological study (with a particular emphasis on the London area) where such research is consistent with the objects of the Society.

The trustees may decide to use amounts held as part of the reserves to fund publications or other projects which further the Society's charitable aims.

The Society uses investments specifically set up for charities, which invest in bonds and deposits, and not directly in the equity of individual companies. Each of these funds has associated ethical policies, and the Society considers this is a prudent and proportionate means of balancing our financial needs and ethical concerns.

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY****TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025****Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
(Charity Registered Number – 206228)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
London Natural History Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London Natural History Society ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Date: 29 September 2025

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 30th June 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
Bank Balances:					
National Westminster current account			-		-
National Westminster reserve account			13,610		32,320
Cash in hand			103		138
			<u>13,713</u>		<u>32,458</u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>					
M&G Charibond			-		129,235
M&G Charity Multi Asset Fund			64,757		-
M&G Equities Investment Fund (Charifund)			64,175		-
CCLA COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund			211,552		204,887
COIF Charities Deposit Fund			4,465		4,465
			<u>344,949</u>		<u>338,587</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>358,662</u>		<u>371,045</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted			344,216		342,044
Restricted – Hampstead Heath Project			10		2,615
Restricted – Research/Survey Publication Bequest			14,436		26,386
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u>358,662</u>		<u>371,045</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on..... *22 SEPT 2025*

A E Wilson  - Secretary

J R Lovely  - Trustee

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th June 2025

RECEIPTS	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		16,827		16,804
Donations		1,901		1,801
Unrestricted Legacy Income		-		6,000
Restricted Legacy income		-		-
Tax recovered on Subscriptions and Donations under Gift Aid		-		3,387
Reading Circle receipts		61		69
		<u>18,789</u>		<u>28,061</u>
<b>Sales:</b>				
Journals		375		612
Butterflies of London		450		-
<b>Other income:</b>				
Refund of hall hire		-		1,224
		<u>825</u>		<u>1,836</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Short Duration Bond Fund	6,482		4,720	
Charities Deposit Fund Interest	208		224	
Income from M&G Charibond	6,141		5,078	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	318		470	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	-		75	
		<u>13,149</u>		<u>10,567</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>32,763</u>		<u>40,464</u>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<u>(51,508)</u>		<u>(36,903)</u>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Receipts for the year</b>		<u>(18,745)</u>		<u>3,561</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024		<u>32,458</u>		<u>28,897</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>		<u>£13,713</u>		<u>£32,458</u>
Unrestricted Net (Expenditure)/Receipts		<u>(4,190)</u>		<u>5,697</u>
Restricted Net (Expenditure)		<u>(14,555)</u>		<u>(2,136)</u>
<b>Total Net (Expenditure)/Receipts for the year</b>		<u>(£18,745)</u>		<u>£3,561</u>

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2025

## PAYMENTS

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Meeting Costs, Sectional &amp; General Expenditure:</b>				
Lecturers' Fees and Expenses,				
Sectional Expenses etc.	10		246	
Reading Circle Journals	269		437	
Postage and Telephone	361		116	
Office Supplies and copying	702		760	
Services	915		761	
Independent Examiners' Fees	2,280		2,190	
Insurance	1,735		1,576	
Expenses allowance	326		100	
Payment processing fees	128		141	
		6,726		6,327
<b>Publications:</b>				
Printing and Expenses:				
London Naturalist No. 103	5,942		-	
London Naturalist No. 102	-		5,257	
London Bird Report 2023	4,793		-	
London Bird Report 2022	-		5,730	
		10,735		10,987
Programme	433		905	
Newsletters	4,407		4,100	
Mailing	12,553		10,318	
Publicity	-		-	
		17,393		15,323
Restricted Fund Payments – Hampstead		2,605		2,136
Restricted Fund Payments – The Butterflies of London		11,950		-
Publications/ Journal Sales expenditure		83		401
Library		1,613		1,405
Website costs		403		324
		51,508		36,903
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>51,508</b>		<b>36,903</b>

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The Administration and Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Wilsdon, meets five times a year to deal with delegated business, whilst Robin Blades continues to soldier away in the background managing our membership. The Library Committee has reconvened following relaxation of Covid restrictions and Michael Wilsdon has restarted the Publications Committee to guide the imminent LNHS publications.

The Trustees would like to thank the army of volunteers who support the Society for their contributions and on-going commitment.

As work patterns have not returned to the pre-covid norm a lot of society business continues to be conducted using Zoom technology.

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## Summarised Accounts for Year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

	<b>2023/2024</b>	2022/2023
ASSETS at year end		
Bank & cash	<b>32,458</b>	28,897
Investments	<b>338,587</b>	323,782
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371,045</b>	352,679
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	<b>16,804</b>	17,790
Donations	<b>1,801</b>	881
Bequests (Unrestricted)	<b>6,000</b>	-
Bequests (Restricted)	-	26,386
Grants (Restricted)	-	3,338
Gift Aid	<b>3,387</b>	3,654
Investment income	<b>10,567</b>	8,664
Investment sales	-	-
Other	<b>1,905</b>	789
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,464</b>	61,502
PAYMENTS		
The London Naturalist	<b>5,257</b>	4,464
London Bird Report	<b>5,730</b>	5,030
Newsletter	<b>4,100</b>	5,451
Mailing	<b>10,318</b>	11,824
Library	<b>1,405</b>	669
Services	<b>4,527</b>	4,908
Hampstead (Restricted)	<b>2,136</b>	4,149
Investment purchases	-	20,000
Other	<b>3,430</b>	3,839
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,903</b>	60,334
<b>Surplus (deficit) in year</b>	<b>3,561</b>	1,168

The signed Independent Examiner's Report, Treasurer's report and full detailed financial accounts can be found on the LNHS website.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the LNHS Secretary (c/o London Natural History Society Library, Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, London SW7 5BD).

**London Natural History Society**  
(Charity Registration Number 206228)

**Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2024**

**Hentons**  
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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY****TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

The Society's accounts are again presented on a Receipts and Payments basis, as permitted by the Charity Commission.

Receipts from members and supporters totalled £28,061 (compared with £48,807 last year) with the decrease due to a legacy of £26,386 received in the previous year. This was given specifically towards the publication of results of research or survey sponsored by the Society and is being held in a restricted fund for future projects meeting this definition. No expenditure from this restricted fund occurred in the year. During the year the Charity received unrestricted legacy income totalling £6,000. Subscription income decreased from £17,790 to £16,804.

In addition to this, no further instalments of a grant awarded by The City of London Corporation were received during the year. The nature of this income is restricted, specifically for the purpose of the Hampstead Heath project for which costs were incurred in the year of £2,136. As at the end of the year this restricted fund had a balance of £2,615.

Total receipts were £40,464 compared with £61,502 last year.

Overall expenditure totalled £36,903 (compared to £60,334 last year) the previous year included an investment of £20,000 made to the Charity's CCLA COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund.

The Charity's investments have increased in value by 4.6% during the year. The CCLA COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund has been renamed as the CCLA COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund.

At the year end the total net assets of the Society as detailed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities had increased by £18,366 to £371,045 compared with £352,679 last year.

**Reserves Policy**

The London Natural History Society may hold funds in the form of cash, stocks, shares, bonds, collective funds and other classes of investment deemed from time to time to be appropriate (hereafter 'the reserves'). The reserves will be held for the purpose of providing an income stream to support the Society's activities and publications, and maintain membership rates at affordable levels so as not to exclude people from the educational benefits of the Society, and to encourage increased and informed participation in wildlife recording activity.

Where income from the reserves is sufficient to meet these purposes the Society may make additional payments from the reserves to third parties to fund research and ecological study (with a particular emphasis on the London area) where such research is consistent with the objects of the Society.

The trustees may decide to use amounts held as part of the reserves to fund publications or other projects which further the Society's charitable aims.

The Society uses investments specifically set up for charities, which invest in bonds and deposits, and not directly in the equity of individual companies. Each of these funds has associated ethical policies, and the Society considers this is a prudent and proportionate means of balancing our financial needs and ethical concerns.

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY****TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024****Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**(Charity Registered Number – 206228)**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
London Natural History Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London Natural History Society ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Date: 10 October 2024

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 30th June 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
Bank Balances:					
National Westminster current account		-		-	
National Westminster reserve account		32,320		28,562	
Cash in hand		138		335	
		<u>32,458</u>		<u>28,897</u>	
<b>Investment Assets</b>					
M&G Charibond		129,235		123,886	
CCLA COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund		204,887		195,431	
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		4,465		4,465	
		<u>338,587</u>		<u>323,782</u>	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>371,045</u></u>		<u><u>£352,679</u></u>	
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted		342,044		321,542	
Restricted – Hampstead Heath Project		2,615		4,751	
Restricted – Research/Survey Publication Bequest		26,386		26,386	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>371,045</u></u>		<u><u>£352,679</u></u>	

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on ..... 6.10.24

A E Wilson  - Secretary

K Duke  - Trustee

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th June 2024

RECEIPTS	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		16,804		17,790
Donations		1,801		881
Unrestricted Legacy Income		6,000		-
Restricted Legacy income		-		26,386
Tax recovered on Subscriptions and Donations under Gift Aid		3,387		3,654
Reading Circle receipts		69		96
		<u>28,061</u>		<u>48,807</u>
<b>Sales:</b>				
Journals		612		693
<b>Other income:</b>				
Refund of hall hire		1,224		-
Restricted Grant income – City of London Corporation		-		3,338
		<u>1,836</u>		<u>4,031</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Short Duration Bond Fund	4,720		4,597	
Charities Deposit Fund Interest	224		242	
Income from M&G Charibond	5,078		3,661	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	470		117	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	75		47	
		<u>10,567</u>		<u>8,664</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>40,464</u>		<u>61,502</u>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<u>(36,903)</u>		<u>(60,334)</u>
<b>Net Receipts for the year</b>		<u>3,561</u>		<u>1,168</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023		<u>28,897</u>		<u>27,729</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>		<u>£32,458</u>		<u>£28,897</u>
Unrestricted Net Receipts/(Expenditure)		<u>5,697</u>		<u>(24,407)</u>
Restricted Net (Expenditure)/Receipts		<u>(2,136)</u>		<u>25,575</u>
<b>Total Net Receipts for the year</b>		<u>£3,561</u>		<u>£1,168</u>

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)  
For the year ended 30th June 2024

## PAYMENTS

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Meeting Costs, Sectional &amp; General Expenditure:</b>				
Lecturers' Fees and Expenses, Sectional Expenses etc.	246		238	
Reading Circle Journals	437		432	
Postage and Telephone	116		64	
Office Supplies and copying	760		912	
Services	761		798	
Independent Examiners' Fees	2,190		1,980	
Insurance	1,576		2,130	
Expenses allowance	100		-	
Payment processing fees	141		150	
		<b>6,327</b>		<b>6,704</b>
<b>Publications:</b>				
Printing and Expenses:				
London Naturalist No. 102	5,257		-	
London Naturalist No. 101	-		4,464	
London Bird Report 2022	5,730		-	
London Bird Report 2021	-		5,030	
		<b>10,987</b>		<b>9,494</b>
Programme	905		994	
Newsletters	4,100		5,451	
Mailing	10,318		11,824	
Publicity	-		96	
		<b>15,323</b>		<b>18,365</b>
Restricted Fund Payments – Hampstead		<b>2,136</b>		<b>4,149</b>
Publications/ Journal Sales expenditure		<b>401</b>		<b>557</b>
Library		<b>1,405</b>		<b>669</b>
Website costs		<b>324</b>		<b>396</b>
		<b>36,903</b>		<b>40,334</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases:</b>				
Payment into COIF Fixed Interest Fund		-		20,000
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>36,903</b>		<b>60,334</b>

**THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 206228

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# Accounts

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity 206228**

**Report of the society for the year ending 30 June 2023**

**Objects**

The objects of the London Natural History Society are the study and recording of natural history, archaeology and other kindred subjects within twenty miles of St Paul's Cathedral, the promotion of scientific investigations, the appreciation and conservation of the natural environment and the publication in the Society's journals of scientific and educational papers. Activities and achievements in respect of these objectives are described below.

**Governance: Council, Committees and Sections**

The Society is governed by a Council of Trustees comprising the officers (President - currently vacant, Treasurer Mike West, & Secretary Annie Wilson), up to ten members' representatives - David Bevan, Ian Woodward, Jan Hewlett, Wendy Knight, Robin Blades, Joanne Maddox, Pete Mantle and Noel Brock - and one representative of each of the Society's sections - Liz Andrew (London Bird Club), Maureen Parry (Botany), Anke Marsh (Ecology and Entomology) and Kat Duke (Hampstead Heath Survey). The post of Bookham Commons representative is vacant.

The President's role remains unfilled and this year the Society is very sorry to say goodbye - and a huge thank you - to Mike West who is stepping down as Treasurer after more than thirty years. We are very keen to fill all the vacancies on Council, so please consider joining us to help keep your Society going. We are looking for people with a range of skills and interests, but you do not need to be an expert in natural history.

The Administration and Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Wilsdon, meets five times a year to deal with delegated business, whilst Robin Blades soldiers away in the background managing our membership. We are pleased to welcome Elliot Newton as our Conservation Officer taking over from David Bevan after many years, and Leslie Bolsover taking over the role of Librarian from Julie Berk. The Trustees would like to thank all participants for their contributions and commitment to the Society.

Despite a relaxation of restrictions, people's work patterns have not returned to the pre-covid norm so a lot of society business continues to be conducted using Zoom technology. The 2022 AGM amended the Society's rules to make explicit that General Meetings and meetings of the trustees can be held online or by hybrid methods. On a positive note, this makes attendance possible for those who live further afield. The Society is exploring accessibility considerations for outdoor meetings and plans to arrange some field meetings which are programmed with accessibility in mind.

### **Finances**

The annual financial report accompanies this report. The Society continues to benefit from members who subscribe to the gift aid scheme, for which we are very grateful. Members who qualify to use the gift aid scheme but have not signed up are encouraged to consider doing so. The Society has also been the grateful recipient of several generous bequests.

### **Activities**

The Virtual Talks team continues to host 'online' talks using Zoom, which are available for a limited time on YouTube after the meeting. These talks remain very popular and still attract new audience members from more geographically diverse locations than in-person meetings. The Society thanks our many speakers, who generously share their time and expertise to entertain us and recognises the hard work of the team to facilitate and support the talks.

A full and varied programme of field meetings was offered throughout the year. The walks were well supported, regularly attracting new attendees who sometimes became members. Many thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and knowledge to make these events happen. New leaders and attendees are always welcome.

Regular monthly Saturday field meetings at Bookham Commons continue despite the lack of a committee. The LNHS ecological survey of Bookham Commons, a Site of Special Scientific Interest near Leatherhead in Surrey, has been running continuously for more than eighty years with the result that Bookham Commons is one of the best-documented sites in the UK. Members are strongly encouraged to visit this wonderful site and contribute to the survey. We would love to be able to form a new committee to guide this work.

### **Journals and other publications**

The London Naturalist 101 (2022), ably edited by Clive Herbert for the first time, was distributed to members in December. It comprised annual reports from officers and articles of interest covering natural history of the London area contributed by members. The editorial team continues to produce a high-quality journal of which the Society can be proud.

The London Bird Report No 86 for the year 2021 was published in May 2023. This annual publication is a tribute to the many individuals who contribute significant time and effort to produce a high quality record of London's bird observations for 2021. Thank you to everyone involved.

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In 2022, the Rewild London Programme funded a project to map and improve hedgehog and wildlife populations in north London. Led by the Institute of Zoology and Jeff Waage, on behalf of LNHS, the project focused on the possibility of improving and linking established populations in Regents Park and Hampstead Heath, particularly through local Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINCs). The findings have been shared with local groups to develop connecting corridors around Hampstead Heath.

The Council met with GiGL (Greenspace Information for Greater London) in September 2022 to discuss setting up a data sharing agreement. We know this is not popular with everyone, but several recorders already have very productive relationships with GiGL and a majority of members are in favour. Discussions will, hopefully, reach a positive conclusion very soon.

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## SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

Mike West - Treasurer

	2022/2023	2021/2022
<b>ASSETS at year end</b>		
Bank & cash	28,897	27,729
Investments	<u>323,782</u>	<u>314,491</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>352,679</b></u>	<u><b>342,220</b></u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Subscriptions	17,790	18,919
Donations	881	1,068
Bequests (Restricted)	26,386	-
Grants (Restricted)	3,338	5,562
Gift Aid	3,654	3,552
Investment income	8,664	7,920
Investment sales	-	7,500
Other	<u>789</u>	<u>871</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>61,502</b></u>	<u><b>45,392</b></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
The London Naturalist	4,464	4,920
London Bird Report	5,030	5,567
Newsletter	5,451	3,101
Mailing	11,824	7,108
Library	669	1,608
Services	4,908	4,207
Hampstead (Restricted)	4,149	-
Investment purchases	20,000	7,500
Other	<u>3,839</u>	<u>3,921</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>60,334</b></u>	<u><b>37,932</b></u>
Surplus (deficit) in year	1,168	7,460

**London Natural History Society**  
(Charity Registration Number 206228)

**Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2023**

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Receipts from members and supporters totalled £48,807 (compared with £23,645 last year) with the increase due to a legacy of £26,386 received in the year. This was given specifically towards the publication of results of research or survey sponsored by the Society, and is being held in a restricted fund for future projects meeting this definition. Subscription income decreased from £18,919 to £17,790.

In addition to this, further instalments of a grant awarded by The City of London Corporation were received during the year, totalling £3,338. The nature of this income is restricted, specifically for the purpose of the Hampstead Heath project for which costs were incurred in the year of £4,149. As at the end of the year this restricted fund had a balance of £4,751.

Total receipts were £61,502 compared with £45,392 last year.

Overall expenditure totalled £60,334 (compared to £37,932 last year) which included an investment of £20,000 made to the Charity's CCLA COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund. Increases in the costs of Newsletters and mailing are prompting consideration of acceptable economies.

Despite a 7.5% fall in the value of the Charity's investment in its M&G Charibond Fund the overall value of the Society's investment assets increased by 2.9% as a result of the £20,000 further investment made during the year to its CCLA COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund.

At the year end the total net assets of the Society as detailed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities had increased by £12,733 to £352,679 compared with £339,946 last year.

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**(Charity Registered Number – 206228)**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London Natural History Society ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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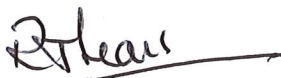
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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 30th June 2023

Notes	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>				
Bank Balances:				
National Westminster current account		-		-
National Westminster reserve account		28,562		27,270
Cash in hand		335		459
		28,897		27,729
<b>Investment Assets</b>				
M&G Charibond		123,886		134,018
COIF Fixed Interest Fund		195,431		176,008
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		4,465		4,465
		323,782		314,491
Trade Creditor		-		(2,274)
<b>Net Assets</b>		352,679		£339,946
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted		321,542		334,384
Restricted – Hampstead Heath Project		4,751		5,562
Restricted – Research/Survey Publication Bequest		26,386		-
<b>Total Funds</b>		352,679		£339,946

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 25 September 2023

A E Wilson

- Secretary

M J West

- Treasurer

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th June 2023

RECEIPTS	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		17,790		18,919
Donations		881		1,068
Restricted Legacy income		26,386		-
Tax recovered on Subscriptions and Donations under Gift Aid		3,654		3,552
Reading Circle receipts		96		106
		<u>48,807</u>		<u>23,645</u>
<b>Sales:</b>				
Journals		693		436
<b>Other income:</b>				
“The London Bird Atlas” - Royalty Income		-		65
Refund of contribution from the London Bird Club		-		264
Restricted Grant income – City of London Corporation		3,338		5,562
		<u>4,031</u>		<u>6,327</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Fixed Interest Fund	4,597		5,330	
Charities Deposit Fund Interest	242		8	
Income from M&G Charibond	3,661		2,565	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	117		8	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	47		9	
		<u>8,664</u>		<u>7,920</u>
<b>Asset and Investment disposals</b>				
Disposal of COIF Investment		-		7,500
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>61,502</u>		<u>45,392</u>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<u>(60,334)</u>		<u>(37,932)</u>
<b>Net Receipts for the year</b>		<u>1,168</u>		<u>7,460</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022		<u>27,729</u>		<u>20,269</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>		<u>£28,897</u>		<u>£27,729</u>
Unrestricted Net (Expenditure)/ Receipts		<u>(24,407)</u>		<u>1,898</u>
Restricted Net Receipts		<u>25,575</u>		<u>5,562</u>
<b>Total Net Receipts for the year</b>		<u>£1,168</u>		<u>£7,460</u>

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)  
For the year ended 30th June 2023

## PAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Meeting Costs, Sectional &amp; General Expenditure:</b>				
Lecturers' Fees and Expenses, Sectional Expenses etc.	238		466	
Reading Circle Journals	432		435	
Postage and Telephone	64		93	
Office Supplies and copying	912		1,176	
Services	798		611	
Independent Examiners' Fees	1,980		1,800	
Insurance	2,130		1,846	
Expense Allowance and Honoraria payment	-		59	
Paypal account charges	150		180	
		<u>6,704</u>		<u>6,666</u>
<b>Publications:</b>				
Printing and Expenses:				
London Naturalist No. 101	4,464		-	
London Naturalist No. 100	-		4,920	
London Bird Report 2022	5,030		-	
London Bird Report 2021	-		5,567	
		<u>9,494</u>		<u>10,487</u>
Programme	994		605	
Newsletters	5,451		3,101	
Mailing	11,824		7,108	
Publicity	96		-	
		<u>18,365</u>		<u>10,814</u>
Restricted Fund Payments – Hampstead		4,149		-
Publications/ Journal Sales expenditure		557		497
Library		669		1,608
Website costs		396		360
		<u>40,334</u>		<u>30,432</u>
<b>Asset and investment purchases:</b>				
Payment into M&G Charibond investment account		-		7,500
Payment into COIF Fixed Interest Fund		20,000		-
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<u><u>60,334</u></u>		<u><u>37,932</u></u>



**THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 206228

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# Accounts

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity 206228**

**Report of the society for the year ending 30 June 2022**

**Objects**

The objects of the society are the study and recording of natural history, archaeology and other kindred subjects within twenty miles of St Paul's Cathedral, the promotion of scientific investigations, the appreciation and conservation of the natural environment and the publication in the society's journals of scientific and educational papers. Activities and achievements in respect of these objectives are described below.

**Governance: Council, Committees and Sections**

A Council of Trustees, comprising the officers (President Maria Roberts, Treasurer Mike West, & Secretary David Howdon handing over to Annie Wilson mid-term), up to ten members' representatives and one representative of each of the society's Sections (currently five) governs the society. Jo Hatton, Angela Linnell, David Bevan, Ian Woodward, Jan Hewlett, Wendy Knight and Robin Blades represent the members. Liz Andrew represented the London Bird Club section; Maureen Parry the Botany section, Anke Marsh the Ecology and Entomology section and Kat Duke the Hampstead Heath Survey section. The post of Bookham Commons representative remained unfilled.

As the President can serve for only two years, Maria will be stepping down at the end of the year and taking a break from the council. We thank her for the selfless energy and enthusiasm with which she has led the society. In accordance with rule 17(6), which limits elected membership of council to a continuous period of five years, we will also be saying farewell and thank you to Jo and Angela at the end of this year.

We would love to fill all the vacancies on Council, so we would welcome people coming forward to join us. We are looking for people with a range of skills and interests, but you do not need to be an expert in natural history.

The Administration and Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Wilsdon, meets five times a year to deal with delegated business.

Despite a relaxation of restrictions, most people's work patterns have not returned to the pre-covid norm and not everyone feels comfortable to use public transport, so the majority of society business has been conducted using Zoom technology. This can also make attendance easier for those who live further afield.

The society is exploring accessibility considerations for outdoor meetings and plans to arrange some field meetings which are programmed with accessibility in mind.

### **Finances**

The annual financial report accompanies this report. The society continues to receive a significant amount of income from members who pay under the gift aid scheme, and we are very grateful to them for doing this. Members who pay sufficient tax to be eligible to use the gift aid scheme but are not signed up are encouraged to consider doing so.

### **Activities**

The society continued to host fortnightly 'virtual' talks using Zoom. The talks remain very popular and continue to attract new audience members from more geographically diverse locations than in-person meetings. We extend our thanks to all of our speakers, who have generously shared their time and expertise to entertain us, and acknowledge the hard work of the virtual talks team to facilitate and support the talks.

In July 2021 most of our outdoor activities were suspended due to the pandemic (although some individuals continued to survey Hampstead Heath) so we were delighted when field meetings resumed in September and very pleased that they have been well supported. Many thanks to the walk leaders, new and old, and programme planners who volunteer their time and knowledge to make these events happen. New leaders and attendees are always welcome.

Regular monthly Saturday field meetings at Bookham Commons resumed in March 2022. The LNHS ecological survey of Bookham Commons, a Site of Special Scientific Interest near Leatherhead in Surrey, has been running continuously for eighty years with the result that Bookham Commons is one of the best-documented sites in the UK. The London Naturalist 100 included Steve Mellor's report on botanical records at Bookham Commons since 2002, comparing these with the three previous surveys back to 1953. Members are strongly encouraged to visit this wonderful site and contribute to the survey. We would love to be able to form a new committee to guide this work.

### **Journals and other publications**

The London Naturalist 100 (2021), ably edited by Nick Rutter for the final time, was distributed to members in December. It comprises annual reports from officers and articles of interest covering natural history and archaeology of the London area contributed by members. The editorial team continues to produce a high-quality journal of which the society can be proud.

The London Bird Report No 85 for the year 2020 was published in May 2022. This annual publication is a tribute to the many individuals who contribute, from the record submissions, verification, data manipulation, species accounts write up and review, to photo selection and design for printing and final dispatch. We thank everyone involved.

The Newsletter edited by Mark Burgess and published four times a year continued to provide members with regular news on the activities and operation of the society, and members' contributions. We encourage all members, old and new, to consider submitting items for publication. The August 2021 Newsletter was accompanied by the redesigned programme of events which has been well received.

Leslie Williams (LNHS Butterfly Recorder) is leading the project to update 'The Butterflies of the London Area', originally published in 1987. Colin Plant (LNHS Moth Recorder) and Les Evans Hill are updating the 'Larger Moths of the London Area' published in 1993 using data recorded up to 31st December 2022. Mark Spencer (LNHS Flowering Plant Recorder & Vascular Cryptogam Recorder) is working on an update to 'Flora of the London Area' published in 1983. Each of these publications will contribute to the conservation of London habitats and wildlife.

Keiron Brown and Anke Marsh have made great progress with the LNHS website re-design. The events calendar and news sections are proving very useful in keeping members and non-members up to date. And we thank our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram editors for their contributions too – they do achieve results in publicising the Society and its events! Mike Trier has also been creative in his exploration of new avenues for making the Society more widely known.

### **Membership**

177 new members joined the society during the year. This was down from last year's exceptionally high number of 245, but still significantly higher than the average of 98 new members per annum in the previous five years. We believe that many of the new members have joined because of the virtual talks programme and hope some have participated in field meetings and other in-person events as they resumed.

The total membership at 30 September 2022 was 1020, up slightly from 1008 at the same time in the previous year. This is a welcome increase from an average of 899 in the five years before that and continues to reverse a declining trend. We hope that the quality of our events and publications will continue to demonstrate the fascination of London's natural history and encourage people to maintain their membership.

While many new members are attracted by our website and social media presence, we are very grateful to existing members who recruit friends who they think will enjoy what we have to offer. We encourage people to keep doing this and help the Society to continue to grow. Everyone is welcome to join field meetings or virtual talks to get a taste of the Society before they join.

We are very sorry to record the deaths of the following members (date of joining in brackets) during the year and thank them for their support of the society, in several cases over many decades: Mrs Sue Adshead (1991), Mrs Margaret Bagley (2021), Mr Bruce Carson (2015), Mr Michael Deans (1980), Mr John Fitzpatrick (1975), Mr David Harris (1957), Dr Geoffrey Joyce (2004), Mr Peter Jupp (1979), Mrs Jean Neal (1964), Miss Mary Rawitzer (1998), Professor Richard Robinson (2004), Mr Colin Turner (1947), Mr Anthony Vaughan (1958), Mr Philip Vines (1991), Mr Jeffery Wheatley (1964), Dr Stephen Wood (1978).

### **Recording and research**

Thanks go to all of our recorders for their continuing hard work. They do an invaluable job of gathering data on most of the species to be found in the London area, ensuring that the information is shared, and generously help individuals with their enquiries.

In early 2022, the London Natural History Society was awarded a 30-month grant from the City of London Corporation for a pilot study to map key flora, fungi and lichens in the different habitats on the Heath. This study, known as the Millennial Flora of Hampstead Heath Project 2022 (in reference to the Society's previous survey in 2000), led by Liz Andrew (the Hampstead Heath Survey Chair) will provide a baseline to monitor changes that might occur in the future due to habitat degradation or/ or climate change.

In 2022, the Rewild London Programme awarded LNHS and partners a project to map and improve hedgehog and wildlife populations in north London. Led by the Institute of Zoology and Jeff Waage, on behalf of LNHS, the project focuses on the possibility of improving and linking established populations in Regents Park and Hampstead Heath, particularly through local Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINCs). Camera traps have been set up in local SINCs and an online survey with local residents' associations had 200 responses, with about 25% of respondents reporting sightings in the past five years.

### **Library**

The LNHS library, located in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity in the Natural History Museum, is an important resource for both the public (for reference) and LNHS members (for borrowing) providing access to a wide range of out of print and hard to find natural history titles. Following reduction of covid restrictions, under the care of Julie Berk the LNHS Librarian, the library re-opened to visitors in November 2021 on Wednesdays. From April 2022 the library also opened every third Saturday per month. We are now running additional activities such as visiting the wildlife garden and looking at specimens in collaboration with the Angela Marmont Centre, to attract more LNHS members to attend. Members are strongly encouraged to make use of this very valuable asset. Many thanks to Julie Berk for all her hard work.

### **Conservation of the natural environment**

Rich habitats are still under threat from developers. The society is often asked to lend its voice to protest against such developments. Council's view is that an appropriate campaigning body in such cases is the London Wildlife Trust, the LNHS being better placed to provide evidence-based advice if required. Our partnership with GiGL helps ensure that our high-quality validated records are available for such purposes.

*This report has been prepared with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.*

**London Natural History Society**  
**(Charity Registration Number 206228)**

**Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2022**

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY****TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

The Society's accounts are again presented on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted by the Charity Commission.

The COVID-19 restrictions continued to impact on the Society's activities through the year, and as a result income from potential sponsorship and expenditure on hall hire relating to a normal programme of events did not materialise.

Overall expenditure totalled £37,932 (compared to £28,656 last year). Receipts from members and supporters totalled £23,645 (compared with £21,856 last year). Subscription income again increased from £17,826 to £18,919 as significant numbers of new members were again attracted through the Society's successful programme of virtual online talks. In addition to this, a grant was awarded by The City of London Corporation for a survey of Flora on Hampstead Heath with the first two instalments received during the year, totalling £5,562. The nature of this income is restricted. Total receipts were £45,392 compared with £31,854 last year.

During the year the Society withdrew £15,000 from its CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund and reinvested £7,500 in its CCLA COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund and £7,500 in its M&G Charibond Fund. The value of the Society's investment assets fell by 11% during the year, and at the year end the total net assets of the Society as detailed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities had decreased by £33,038 to £339,946 compared with £372,984 last year.

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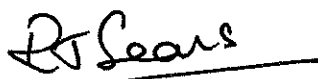
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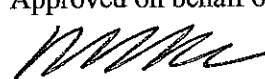
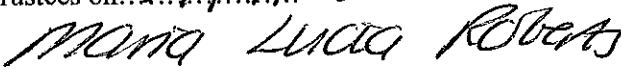
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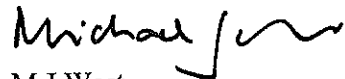
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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**As at 30th June 2022**

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		314,491	352,715
Trade Creditor		(2,274)	-
<b>Net Assets</b>		339,946	£372,984
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted		334,384	372,984
Restricted		5,562	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		339,946	£372,984

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on... 27/9/2022

   
M L Roberts - President

  
M J West - Treasurer

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
For the year ended 30th June 2022

RECEIPTS	2022		2021	
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<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		18,919		17,826
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Journals		436		426
<b>Other income:</b>				
“The London Bird Atlas” - Royalty Income		65		122
Refund of contribution from the London Bird Club		264		-
Refund of cancelled Hall and Room booking		-		60
Restricted Grant income – City of London Corporation		5,562		-
		<u>6,327</u>		<u>608</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Fixed Interest Fund	5,330		6,010	
Charities Deposit Fund Interest	8		9	
Income from M&G Charibond	2,565		3,360	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	8		2	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	9		9	
		<u>7,920</u>		<u>9,390</u>
<b>Asset and Investment disposals</b>				
Disposal of COIF Investment		7,500		-
		<u>45,392</u>		<u>31,854</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>45,392</b>		<b>31,854</b>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<b>(37,932)</b>		<b>(28,656)</b>
		<u>7,460</u>		<u>3,198</u>
<b>Net Receipts for the year</b>		<b>7,460</b>		<b>3,198</b>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021		<u>20,269</u>		<u>17,071</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>		<b>£27,729</b>		<b>£20,269</b>
		<u>1,898</u>		<u>3,198</u>
Unrestricted Net Receipts		1,898		3,198
Restricted Net Receipts		5,562		-
		<u>£7,460</u>		<u>£3,198</u>
<b>Total Net Receipts for the year</b>		<b>£7,460</b>		<b>£3,198</b>

## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)**  
**For the year ended 30th June 2022**

**PAYMENTS**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Meeting Costs, Sectional &amp; General Expenditure:</b>				
Lecturers' Fees and Expenses,				
Sectional Expenses etc.	466		360	
Reading Circle Journals	435		328	
Postage and Telephone	93		131	
Office Supplies and copying	1,176		614	
Services (including Zoom costs)	611		419	
Independent Examiners' Fees	1,800		1,800	
Insurance	1,846		1,810	
Expense Allowances and Honoraria payment	59		-	
Paypal account charges	180		165	
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		6,666		5,627
<b>Publications:</b>				
Printing and Expenses:				
London Naturalist No. 100	4,920		-	
London Naturalist No. 99	-		4,389	
London Bird Report 2020	5,567		-	
London Bird Report 2019	-		4,522	
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		10,487		8,911
Programme	605		-	
Newsletters	3,101		3,427	
Mailing	7,108		7,809	
Publicity	-		288	
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		10,814		11,524
Publications/ Journal Sales expenditure		497		471
Library		1,608		1,632
Website costs		360		491
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		30,432		28,656
<b>Asset and investment purchases:</b>				
Payment into M&G Charibond investment account		7,500		-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>37,932</b>		<b>£28,656</b>
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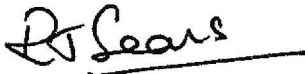
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**THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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# Accounts

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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity 206228**

**Report of the society for the year ending 30 June 2021**

**Objects**

The objects of the society are the study and recording of natural history, archaeology and other kindred subjects, especially within twenty miles of St Paul's Cathedral, the promotion of scientific investigations, the appreciation and conservation of the natural environment and the publication in the society's journals of scientific and educational papers. Activities and achievements in respect of these objectives are described below.

**Governance: Council, Committees and Sections**

A Council of Trustees, comprising the officers (President Maria Roberts, Treasurer Mike West, & Secretary David Howdon), up to ten representatives of the members at large and one representative of each of the society's Sections (currently five) governs the society. During the year Liz Andrew represented the London Bird Club section; Frances Dismore the Botany section, Anke Marsh the Ecology and Entomology section and Kat Duke the Hampstead Heath Survey section. The post of Bookham Common representative remained unfilled.

Rule 17(6) which limits a continuous period of elected membership to five years, and came into force in December 2017 replacing rule 4(c) which made similar provision and had been in effect since December 2005. This limitation on terms for council members was first implemented at the AGM in 2010.

The Administration and Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Wilsdon, dealt with much delegated business.

The majority of society business (including the 2020 AGM) was conducted by Zoom videoconference given the restrictions in place, although some subcommittee meetings were able to take place in person during less restricted phases of the year. The technology has allowed us to run, and take forward new activities for, the society during a time that would otherwise be impossible. Nevertheless we appreciate that the technology is not fully accessible to everyone and are hopeful of resuming in person meetings in the coming reporting year.

Formal Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies were introduced this year.

**Finances**

## LNHS Annual Report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The annual financial report accompanies this annual report. The society continues to receive a significant amount of income as a result of members who pay under the gift aid scheme, and members are thanked for doing so. Any members who pay sufficient tax to be eligible for the gift aid scheme but currently not signed up to it are encouraged to consider doing so.

### **Activities**

The society entered this reporting year with all its activities suspended due to restrictions on activities associated with the covid-19 pandemic and the response of the Government thereto. Field meetings and indoor meetings have remained suspended throughout the period covered by this annual report. Individual members have, subject to the various iterations of 'lockdown', been able to carry out their own recording activities and so recording for the flora project and the Hampstead Heath survey has been able to continue to some extent.

During the year the society trialled and subsequently rolled out a series of fortnightly 'virtual' talks using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. This has allowed us to provide talks on ecological subjects to a wide audience which have proved popular with members both old and new with attendees frequently in the hundreds, and have allowed us to reach a more geographically diverse audience than we have previously. The society is intending to continue with some online activities of this form even when in person meetings resume. We would extend our thanks to all our speakers who gave their time and expertise for these.

### **Journals and other publications**

The London Naturalist 99 (2020) edited by Nick Rutter was distributed to members in December. The editorial team are continuing to produce a high quality journal of which the society can be proud.

The London Bird Report No 84 for the year 2019 was published in April 2021. The editorial board continued its hard work getting these reports out in a timely fashion. There are a lot of stages necessary in getting these out involving record submission, verification, validation, processing, and subsequent writing up so it is a tribute to their work that this all gets turned around so effectively.

The Newsletter edited by Mark Burgess continued to provide members with regular news on the activities and operation of the society.

Work on the London Flora and Butterflies of the London Area continued and have been discussed in the Activities report above. During the year the society started exploring options for publishing an update to the Larger Moths of the London Area.

## LNHS Annual Report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Our longstanding webmaster Malcolm Kendall stood down towards the end of the year, we thank him for all the work he has done over the years and the support he provided in transferring responsibilities. Keiron Brown and Anke Marsh have started to work on reviewing the website and introduced the news section <https://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/news> which helps members and non-members know what we are doing.

### **Membership**

245 new members joined during the year, compared with 96 last year. The number of individual members currently stands at 1008, compared with 798 at the same time last year, and 895 the previous year. The significant increase in membership is welcomed and although we've not undertaken formal research on this it is highly likely that this increase is in part or whole due to the new members we attracted from the virtual talk programme.

The increase in membership more than totally reverses the decline we saw last year which was in part a result of a conscious choice not to chase payments when we were not undertaking any activities. The resumption of in person activities and continuation of virtual ones provides a good base for retaining and growing this membership.

Remember that the society is not just for experts – meetings and workshops are planned with beginners in mind, and newcomers are always encouraged to play an active part in the society's affairs. If you know someone who is unsure whether to join invite them along to one of the field or indoor meetings (when they are running again) or to attend one of our virtual talks.

We have been notified of and record with regret the deaths of the following members during the year to 30 June (date of joining in brackets): Mr Bill Budd (2014), Ms Janet Dobbie (2013), Mr Roger Evans (1994), Mr John Hollingdale (1996), Mr Keith Hyatt (1947), Mrs Stella Luce (1975), Miss Eileen Taylor (1993), Mrs Pat Verrall (1992), Rev Marion Warman (1990).

### **Recording and research**

Thanks go to our recorders for all their continuing hard work.

The society has an ongoing project at <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/gigl/london-bird-records> to convert the society's old record cards into a modern digital format. Members are encouraged to sign up and help out (full instructions are provided and you don't need to be technically skilled to make a contribution).

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Mark Spencer our botany recorder is leading a project looking at digitising wildlife records from previous London Naturalists and getting them into a database format.

In the year, led by Kennedy Cruikshank, we launched a research grant aimed at students working on projects involving any aspect of natural history in London, preferably for fieldwork within the Greater London area, but possibly for relevant, archival research.

### **Library**

Access to the Angela Marmon Centre for UK Biodiversity in the Natural History Museum was essentially restricted or impossible for the period covered by this report. Nevertheless David Allen the LNHS continued to manage acquisitions and keeping the administration of the library operating. . The library is an important resource for both the public (for reference) and LNHS members (for borrowing) providing access to a wide range of out of print and hard to find natural history titles. In normal times, and unlike many other libraries, the Angela Marmont Centre is very welcoming of people bringing in specimens to try to identify. When access is possible again members are encouraged to make use of it.

### **Conservation of the natural environment**

Rich habitats are still under threat from developers. The society is often asked to lend its voice to protests against such developments. Council's view is that an appropriate campaigning body in such cases is the London Wildlife Trust, the LNHS being better placed to provide evidence-based advice if required. Our partnership with GiGL helps ensure that our high quality validated records are available for such purposes.

*This report has been prepared with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.*

**London Natural History Society**  
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**Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2021**

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## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th June 2021

RECEIPTS	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		17,826		14,047
Donations		1,027		1,222
Legacy income		-		5,000
Tax recovered on Subscriptions and Donations under Gift Aid		2,849		3,262
Reading Circle receipts		154		156
		<u>21,856</u>		<u>23,687</u>
<b>Sales:</b>				
Journals		426		581
Previous publications		-		9
<b>Other income:</b>				
“The London Bird Atlas” - Royalty Income		122		122
Sundry receipt		-		20
Sponsorship of Meetings and Events		-		1,188
Refund of cancelled Hall and Room booking		60		-
		<u>608</u>		<u>1,920</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Fixed Interest Fund	6,010		6,234	
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Bank Deposit Account Interest	2		35	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	9		11	
		<u>9,390</u>		<u>9,524</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>31,854</u>		<u>35,131</u>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<u>(28,656)</u>		<u>(36,738)</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year</b>		<u>3,198</u>		<u>(1,607)</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020		<u>17,071</u>		<u>18,678</u>
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## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2021

## PAYMENTS

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
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Grant towards publication of Hawkweed book		-		500
Bookham hut expenses		-		423
Website costs		491		182
		28,656		31,738
<b>Asset and investment purchases:</b>				
Payment into COIF charities deposit fund account		-		5,000
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>£28,656</b>		<b>£36,738</b>

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## LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th June 2021

RECEIPTS	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts from Members and Supporters:</b>				
Subscriptions		17,826		14,047
Donations		1,027		1,222
Legacy income		-		5,000
Tax recovered on Subscriptions and Donations under Gift Aid		2,849		3,262
Reading Circle receipts		154		156
		<u>21,856</u>		<u>23,687</u>
<b>Sales:</b>				
Journals		426		581
Previous publications		-		9
<b>Other income:</b>				
“The London Bird Atlas” - Royalty Income		122		122
Sundry receipt		-		20
Sponsorship of Meetings and Events		-		1,188
Refund of cancelled Hall and Room booking		60		-
		<u>608</u>		<u>1,920</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Charities Fixed Interest Fund	6,010		6,234	
Charities Deposit Fund Interest	9		108	
Income from M&G Charibond	3,360		3,136	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	2		35	
Interest on Gift Aid tax recovered	9		11	
		<u>9,390</u>		<u>9,524</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>31,854</u>		<u>35,131</u>
<b>Less: Total Payments (Page 6)</b>		<u>(28,656)</u>		<u>(36,738)</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year</b>		<u>3,198</u>		<u>(1,607)</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020		<u>17,071</u>		<u>18,678</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>		<u>£20,269</u>		<u>£17,071</u>

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2021

## PAYMENTS

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Meeting Costs, Sectional &amp; General Expenditure:</b>				
Hire of Halls and Rooms	-		2,121	
Lecturers' Fees and Expenses, Sectional Expenses etc.	360		953	
Reading Circle Journals	328		345	
Postage and Telephone	131		126	
Office Supplies and copying	614		689	
Services	419		179	
Independent Examiners' Fees	1,800		1,800	
Insurance	1,810		1,764	
Expense Allowances	-		148	
Paypal account charges	165		49	
		<b>5,627</b>		<b>8,174</b>
<b>Publications:</b>				
Printing and Expenses:				
London Naturalist No. 98	-		5,019	
London Naturalist No. 99	4,389		-	
London Bird Report 2018	-		4,401	
London Bird Report 2019	4,522		-	
		<b>8,911</b>		<b>9,420</b>
Programme	-		688	
Newsletters	3,427		3,407	
Mailing	7,809		6,874	
Publicity	288		-	
		<b>11,524</b>		<b>10,969</b>
Publications/ Journal Sales expenditure		471		354
Library		1,632		1,716
Grant towards publication of Hawkweed book		-		500
Bookham hut expenses		-		423
Website costs		491		182
		<b>28,656</b>		<b>31,738</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases:</b>				
Payment into COIF charities deposit fund account		-		5,000
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>£28,656</b>		<b>£36,738</b>