

Annual Report 2021

1. Society Organisation

With the Covid pandemic in its second year, the Society had adjusted to the restrictions that had become an accepted part of our lives and most of our activities were able to continue, if not as normal, then at least in a functional semblance of normality. A full programme of indoor meetings took place on Zoom and field meetings were able to take place from April onwards. The AGM took place on Zoom on Wed 17th March. The following were elected to serve the Society.

President: Ray Barnett

Hon. Secretary: Lesley Cox

Hon. Treasurer: Mary-Jane Steer

Hon. Membership Sec: Margaret Fay

Hon. Librarian: Jim Webster

Hon Bulletin Editor: David Davies

Hon. Archivist: Clive Lovatt

Hon. Publicity Sec: Alex Morss

Hon. Proceedings Receiving Editor: Dee Holladay

Members: Tim Corner

Robert Muston

Steve Nicholls

Section Reps:

Geology: Richard Ashley

Invertebrates: Maico Weites

Ornithology: Giles Morris

Botany: David Hawkins

2. Grants and Legacies

There were no applications to the Society for major grants this year. Council will be looking at ways by which we can make this aspect of the Society's charitable work more widely known to local natural scientists and naturalists. The Society was also honoured and grateful to be remembered in legacies left by two sadly departed members.

Grants

- £62 for sign on Gordano Ringing Group's hut to acknowledge the BNS contribution to its rebuilding.

Legacies

- £5000 received from estate of Paul Chadwick (March)
- £10,000 received from estate of Mr Niblett (September)

3. The Library

The Society's Library, situated within the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, was closed for the first half of the year due to strict Covid regulations. With the gradual reopening of the Museum, which required prebooking of time slots, a few members of the committee were able to visit the basement library to check on the post and the dehumidifier. It also enabled us to bring in all the newly purchased books that were then accessioned onto the computer.

We ended the year with a booking system for members wishing to visit the library and this has enabled all overdue books to be returned safely. Whilst a quiet year for the library, BNS members have been kept fully informed and entertained by the "Library News" in the BNS Bulletin written by Clive Lovatt, our Library Chair.

Jim Webster

Hon. Librarian

4. Annual Section Reports for 2021

Botany Section

The committee remained the same as it was in 2020: Clive Lovatt as President; David Hawkins as Secretary; and Helena Crouch, Jenny Greenwood, and David Hill, as ordinary members.

Indoor meetings were impracticable during the Covid-19 lockdown in the early part of the year. We did not run any online 'Zoom' lecture-format meetings but instead held two 'out of season' field meetings in late October and November (see below). Four of the nine (2020: 3) field meetings were on the Gloucestershire side of the BNS area and five on the Somerset side; there were six leaders. It is clear that meetings closer to Bristol are better attended and we are pleased to be attracting younger botanists as well as the long-standing members.

All of the meetings are announced and then written up in the monthly BNS bulletin, known as *Bristol Naturalist News*, together with botanical notes and in recent times a running commentary on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on us all. An average of about 4½ pages appeared in each of the bulletins published in 2021. These can be accessed on the BNS website, currently with an archive of about five years.

For the meeting in the northern part of Leigh Woods on 25 April we were confined by the 'rule of six': five plus Clive Lovatt leading. We were interested to see Broom *Cytisus scoparius* flowering on the sides of the cutting immediately north of 'Sandstone Tunnel'. At Uley Bury on 26 May we were at last unrestricted, and seven friends were able to catch up and tell tales while admiring the extent of the local speciality Wall Whitlow-grass *Drabella muralis*, albeit mostly in seed, among many other items of interest.

On 13 June Helena Crouch and three others met at the Avon Wildlife Trust reserve Bathampton Meadows, the party including someone involved in the conception and design of the site (then agricultural land) when a bypass was built in the 1990s. It was good for orchids, sedges and aquatics, and the 'splendid but terrible' leaves of *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Giant Hogweed were admired but not touched.

On 25 July David Hawkins led a group of six to Nailsea Moor, part of the 'wild west of North Somerset – bleak, desolate and remote'. Luckily, 'the ditch gods were kind' and there was much in flower. Two umbellifers, similar in leaf, were carefully distinguished and 'the collective knowledge of the group made for a most enjoyable and informative jaunt'. Then on 1 August we returned to dry ground as Neill Talbot made his debut as a meeting leader for the Botany Section at that always interesting spot for anyone tiring of limestone habitats, Trooper's Hill. We were seven this time and aside from the suite of calcifuges, we were close enough to habitation to find garden escapes as well.

On 22 August David Hawkins and Jenny Greenwood led six others to the Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group's (YACWAG's) Stowey Reserve at Yatton, finding five sorts of duckweeds and Yellow Loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris* and its eponymous bee, which were on the cover of the latest edition (80) of our *Nature in Avon*. Indeed, the authors of the paper referenced inside, Faith and Tony Moulin, representing the landowners, joined the group for a while to talk about the history and management of the site, and their ongoing plans for it.

On 22 September David Hawkins and Clive Lovatt took 11 members and guests onto the saltmarsh at Pill. The rare Long-stalked Orache *Atriplex longipes* was found in small quantity at the back of the marsh, whilst its hybrid with Spear-leaved Orache *Atriplex prostrata* seemed to form a yellow straggling mid-marsh strandline. A heap of disturbed soil just north of the Avonmouth Bridge attracted much attention. We failed to find Slender Hare's-ear *Bupleurum tenuissimum* on the track by the boundary fence where it has been seen in recent years but are reliably informed it turns up on tracks where motorcycles have been ridden across the marsh.

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The last two meetings of the year focused on the so-called lower plants. On 24 October, David Hill, a former President of the British Lichen Society, led six of us for a slow walk around part of Lower Woods, Wickwar, to show some of the lichens he had found during recent surveys, one species of which was new to the 'traditional' county of Gloucestershire. We are always pleased to accommodate guests, either because of their special expertise and interests, or as potential new members for the Society – and on this occasion we were joined by the county recorder for lichens in Gloucestershire. On 28 November David Hawkins took more than a dozen of us to see the 'charismatic bryophytes of the Gully' in the Avon Gorge. We were also shown two of the county rarities there. This was the third winter bryophyte meeting delivered for BNS members and the level of attendance is very pleasing.

Botanical notes were submitted by five members under the editorship of Clive Lovatt. Photographs taken by 12 members and friends were published in the bulletin. Several notes were written about plant finds and observations made by around 20 members and others in the Society's area of interest. The most important of these was the discovery of Sea Stork's-bill *Erodium maritimum* in Clifton Wood, its first known record in botanical Gloucestershire since 1854. After seeing and talking to one of us admiring the extensive population in their pavements and gutters, local residents have become committed to its conservation.

Dee Holladay wrote about her lockdown hobby of learning to identify garden and street conifers and the 'pocketful of needles' that she accumulated. David Hawkins often wrote about his discoveries of Charophytes and other ditch species, and he occasionally mentioned invertebrates as well. Jean Oliver and Lois Pryce submitted images of named fungi and Graham Balfry reported Basil Thyme *Clinopodium acinos* Basil Thyme in flower in the Avon Gorge even after January frosts and light snow. Helena Crouch contributed on two species of Medick *Medicago* on the Somerset coast, one an alien tree and the other a rare native annual herb. Several pieces by Clive Lovatt came from his ongoing work on the Historical Flora of the Avon Gorge and erstwhile Bristol botanists, with occasional delvings into plant names and growth aberrations.

Annual reports of plant discoveries in the traditional Gloucestershire and Somerset halves of the BNS area are published for their members by the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society and the Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society respectively. A PDF copy of the Gloucestershire list is usually available from the undersigned mid-year. A pre-print of the Somerset list appears in the Somerset Rare Plants Group's newsletter, which is usually available on their website at the end of March. Three papers with botanical content were published in *Nature in Avon*, one on learning botany during lockdown, and two focused on different Somerset nature reserves, the Sharpham Moor Plot and the land owned by YACWAG.

With grateful thanks to the Section Committee, all of whom led meetings during the year, and to our members and friends for their support and interest.

Clive Lovatt
President, Botany Section

Geology Section

Due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the consequent inability of the Geology Section to hold indoor meetings, a brief Annual General Meeting was held by Zoom immediately prior the Society AGM on 17th March. In the absence of any other nominations Richard Arthur agreed to continue as Section President and Richard Ashley as Section Secretary and Field Secretary.

A Zoom talk on "Fish, Fossils and Evolution" by Dr Sam Giles of Birmingham University was held on 24th of February and attracted a good number of members. An account of this talk written by Richard Arthur was published in *Nature in Avon*.

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For the rest of the year the Section concentrated on holding field meetings that could be attended by members without too much risk of infection. An evening meeting to Ladye Bay, Clevedon on 30th June, led by Richard Ashley, examined lacustrine Triassic Oolites, the Ladye Bay fault, and fluvial cycles in the Old Red Sandstone. On 14th August a meeting, led by Mark Howson, was held at Middle Hope near Weston-super-Mare to examine the Carboniferous Limestone, and associated volcanic rocks. This included a visit to the newly accessible sections at St Thomas's Head that had recently been vacated by the Ministry of Defence.

The final meeting of the year was held on Sunday 12th December at Clifton Downs near the Observatory. This showed how much detailed and varied geology is present within a very small area of the City of Bristol and how this geology lies within arm's reach of anyone unfortunate enough to have to conduct their fieldwork from a wheelchair. One wheelchair user did take part. The meeting concluded with mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by the leader and Section President Richard Arthur.

These field meetings were well supported by members of the West of England group of the Geologists Association, and Bath Geological Society. In return BNS members were able to attend meetings organised by these Societies that included visits to Thornbury, Clevedon, and the Yorkshire Coast. This is an arrangement that is working well.

Outside the formal meetings of the section members shared other fieldwork. One notable achievement of the year has been the production of a well-illustrated leaflet "Saltford Walking through the geological past" by our member Simon Carpenter with some support from other members of the section. It was pleasing to see an increasing number of geological papers being published in *Nature in Avon* and there is every reason to hope that this will continue in the future.

Richard Ashley
Secretary, Geology Section

Invertebrate Section

The Invertebrate Section saw a very successful 2021 with several field meetings, great invert records, lots of learning, and new connections. After a period of limited participation outdoor meetings, restrictions on social gatherings were eased and in 2021 the Invertebrate Section was able to hold several field meetings again.

We had our first field meeting on 12 June when we were shown around the woodlands in the Avon Valley by Peter Smithers. The focus of this field meeting were the arachnids, and we found many interesting species including the rare harvestmen *Sabacon viscayanus*. In true naturalist fashion we spent several hours beating bushes and looking under rocks and accordingly we ended up barely a five-minute walk away from our starting point! For me this was the first opportunity to see many members, as I had only joined the Society a few months before.

The Gully below the Bristol Downs was visited by two of us on 10 July. The weather forecast wasn't great and understandably kept most people inside. However after a bit of drizzle we experienced a lovely sunny day. Even the Marbled Whites were flying! We were able to find our target species the bristletail *Dilta chateri*, which until 2021 was considered a Welsh endemic. Sorry Wales, Bristol has them too! Furthermore we saw Lesser Stag Beetles (*Dorcus parallelipipedus*) and many of the limestone-loving isopods such as *Armadillidium nasatum* and *Androniscus dentiger*.

On 13 August Mike Hutchinson and Steve Nicholls led a field meeting on dragonflies and damselflies in the University of Bristol Botanic Garden. This was clearly the most popular field meeting of the year and over 16 people attended. Despite the rain we were still able to see Southern Hawker (*Aeshna*

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cyanea), Emperor Dragonfly (*Anax imperator*) and Common Darter (*Sympetrum striolatum*) amongst others. Luckily Mike and Steve were well-prepared for the intermittent rainy weather and (indoors) Steve showed us informative slides on how to separate the species in our area and Mike had some beautiful footage to share. A meeting well worth repeating!

Our final field meeting of the year was on 22 August at Troopers Hill. This rather unusual heather-clad hill in St George was visited by six of us. The heathland was home to many specialists that are rare in the Bristol region as heathland is not a common habitat here. We found several Broom Treehoppers (*Gargara genistae*) as well as weevils such as *Andrion regensteinense* and *Exapion fuscirostre* that feed on broom. True bugs such as *Kleidocerys ericae* and *Orthotylus ericetorum* are bound to heather and seemed to be abundant on the hill. With 95 species recorded that day, we did a very good job!

One of the things I like about our meetings is that there is such a wide spectrum at attendees: from those who have only recently dipped their toes in the world of insects to those who have been obsessively looking through their microscopes counting hairs on beetle legs for years. The meetings are a great way of connecting people and they have been a great way of for all of us to learn about invertebrates. Several meetings are already planned for 2022 so perhaps see you there!

I would like to thank all the field meeting leaders, the attendees, the Botanic Gardens, the Friends of Troopers Hill, and all those who have otherwise contributed. Here's to another bug-infested field season!

Maico Weites
President, Invertebrate Section

Ornithology Section

This was another year disrupted by Covid restrictions, at least in the early months, but the Ornithology section managed to hold a fairly full programme of events. Our committee remained unchanged following the brief AGM in January with Giles Morris (President) and Lesley Cox (Secretary), plus Mary Hill, Alastair Fraser, Mike Johnson, and Mel Parker as members. My thanks for their help throughout the year.

Once again Zoom enabled our indoor meetings to proceed more or less as normal, with the system having both advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, we can engage speakers from anywhere in the country (or world?) without the expense or inconvenience of them having to travel; and the Zoom programme has also opened up our meetings to a number of members who are not able or are reluctant to travel to a venue on dark winter evenings. Conversely, I'm sure that many members miss the opportunity for social contact and discussion that is impossible online. Hopefully next autumn will provide an opportunity to restart face-to-face indoor meetings once again.

Our indoor meetings were as follows:

January – Orchard Song by Ben Macdonald: a glimpse of the richness of birdlife now lost along with most of our traditional orchards.

February – Scottish Birds & Wildlife by Mike Read: a natural tour of the highlands.

March – Spot the Difference by Josh Tyler: an introduction to the concept of cryptic species and speciation amongst the Antarctic's penguins.

October – New Zealand's Birds by Mike Read: a photo safari to a country with a unique bird population.

November – Cancelled at short notice.

December – Shropshire Birder's Year by Jim Almond: an exploration of the variety of birds and habitats of one county.

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Outdoor meetings were not possible for the first three months of the year due to Covid restrictions, but we managed a full programme from April onwards with trips to: Watercress Farm (Wraxall); the Bristol Downs (Dawn Chorus); RSPB Ham Wall; Snuff Mills; Forest of Dean; Stock Hill; WWT Steart Marshes; Wains Hill; Chew Valley Lake; and Oldbury Power Station.

My thanks to the leaders from the committee who have made these trips possible. We would love to hear from any other members who would be willing to show a group around a birding venue they know well.

Many members continue to increase the value of their bird watching activities by contributing to both local and national surveys and it is to be hoped that more can be encouraged to take part. From the family participation of the Avon Breeding and Winter Bird Surveys to the more focussed BTO Wetland Birds Survey counts, there is something for everyone's level of expertise. Details of how to take part are regularly published in the BNS Bulletin and are listed on our website. The data provided by these surveys and all records and counts submitted via apps such as BTO's Birdtrack are invaluable to those who monitor and research our changing bird populations.

Giles Morris
President, Ornithology Section

5. Society Events

In addition to the activities of the different sections, there is a programme of **Winter Lectures** which are usually on topics from the natural world that cross specialist boundaries or do not fit within the scope of any of our Sections. In 2021 these were broadcast online via Zoom to members and were well attended and well received. Although the use of Zoom for these talks removes the valuable element of social contact between attending members, it has allowed some members to attend talks who would not normally be able to reach an external venue. Some of the lectures have also been recorded and made available to members unable to attend on the night. It is our intention to provide a mix of online and venue lectures in future years.

Society Lectures

- January:** **The Management of the Cotswolds AONB** presented by Mark Connelly (the Land Management Lead). The Cotswolds covers an area of 787 square miles. Mark explained some of the issues involved in balancing the needs of farming with environmental enhancement, particularly in relation to species-rich limestone grassland.
- February:** **Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust** presented by Sue Sayer (Founder of the Research Trust) The talk explained the group's research into the problems and stress caused by human disturbance to Grey Seals and their work to change people's behaviour when near seals.
- March:** **The Society AGM** followed by **Dragons and Damsels**, a film showcasing dragonflies and damselflies presented by BNS Council member Steve Nicholls, the film's maker. Narrated by David Attenborough, this outstanding film managed to be both a visual masterpiece and a mine of factual detail.
- October:** **Urban Butterflies** presented by Matt Brierley A thought provoking look at the right and wrong ways of managing urban grassland areas to increase the abundance and diversity of butterfly species.
- November:** **Spitzbergen, The Realm of the Polar Bear** presented by Paul Stanbury. Paul is a regular tour leader with Naturetrek and his presentation took us on a virtual tour of this arctic archipelago with spectacular photographs of its exciting wildlife.
- December:** To close the year, members were treated to another excellent talk presented by Dr James Taylor, former curator at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich on **Sir Joseph Banks and the Fine Art of Exploration**. This talk centred on the use of

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artists to record the exploratory voyages of James Cook. As in his previous talk to the Society members were impressed by the breadth and depth of the speaker's knowledge.

8. Links with other Organisations

Apart from the links already mentioned elsewhere in this report our links with other respected organisations both national, (for example, BTO, RSPB, BSBI, BENHS) and local (e.g., AWT, BOC, BRERC, WENP and Bristol City Council) are increasingly extensive and too prohibitive to list but our enduring relationship with the Bristol Museum & Art Gallery must be acknowledged. The Society would be very much the poorer in spirit without its support.

9. Membership

Our membership increased during the calendar year 2021 from 351 to 366.

Our Society greatly benefits from the loyal support of many long-serving members. However, many more people share a growing appreciation of our environment and the natural world, and we recognise the importance of developing an increasing presence on social media in order to inform, and appeal to a broader spectrum of potential new members.

Work is continuing on the development of a new, dynamic website to assist in achieving this aim, with the particular help and hard work of members Dee Holladay and David Hawkins

Our warmest thanks also to Alex Morss, Roger Steer and David Strawford for their work in promoting the Society online.

10. Thanks

As always, the Society is grateful for the help and support it receives from the Earth Sciences Department, University of Bristol and our sincere thanks go to Jon Finch, Head of Culture & Creative Industries, Bristol City Council for the Museum's continued support of our Society Library, located within the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery.

Finally, our thanks go to those members of The Bristol Naturalists' Society who give so willingly of their time and energy in the course of the year to support the aims and aspirations of the Society.

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Bristol Naturalists Society

2022 AGM

Treasurer's Report for 2021

Membership has remained steady in spite of COVID restrictions still in place for much of the year – we have been able to offer popular online talks, and outdoor meetings have started again in recent months.

The Society does make grants towards suitable wildlife projects, and Council would be pleased to consider new grant applications this year. We did receive two generous legacies during 2021 and we are most grateful to those who do choose to remember us in their wills.

The COIF funds have proved a successful investment so far, providing both capital growth and an income of £1490 in 2021.

The University of Bristol refund relates to a grant made to the University some years ago, which provided students with an opportunity to attend suitable identification courses. Due to COVID restrictions, and a change in academic staff at the University, it was agreed that the remaining balance be returned to BNS.

Expenditure will rise during the coming year, partly as face-to-face meetings are resumed, and partly through ongoing work on a new website. The Society is in a healthy financial situation and is well placed to meet these additional costs.

Our Secretary, Lesley Cox, has been unwell in recent months and we wish her a continuing recovery. Meanwhile other Council members have stepped up and taken over various tasks for which we are most grateful.

I will be retiring as Treasurer at the 2023 AGM and would welcome any expressions of interest in taking on this role, and perhaps working with me during the early part of 2023.

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ACCOUNTS for the Year to	31/12/2021			
(Profit and Loss)				
	2021	2020	2019	
	(Full year)	(Full year)	(Full year)	
INCOME				
	£	£	£	
Membership Fees	7,503	7,983	8,571	
Advance payments made in previous year	965	725		
Advance payments made for coming year	-570	-965	-725	
Gift Aid	1,504	1,486	1,564	
Donations/Legacies	15,065	194	398	
Trading	48	10	52	
Interest(COIF Charity Funds)	1,490	1,099	617	
Interest (Skipton)	20			
University of Bristol Refund	11,527	0	0	
TOTAL	<u>37,552</u>	<u>10,532</u>	<u>10,477</u>	
EXPENDITURE				
Administration				
Printing & stationery	0	39	100	
Post & telephone	80	65	57	
Council meetings	144	210	210	
Insurance	96	140	140	
Capital Items (Library Computer)	0	682	0	
Website	70	1,282	152	
TOTAL	<u>389</u>	<u>2,418</u>	<u>659</u>	
SURPLUS of Income over Running Costs	37,163	8,114	9,818	
Charitable Activities				
Meetings (Speakers' Fees & Room hire)	355	913	1,124	
Bulletin Production	3,063	3,092	3,130	
Avon Bird Report Printing	2,019	1,466	1,987	
Proceedings (Nature in Avon) Printing	1,711	1,529	1,573	
Publicity	0	0	0	
Library (books & periodicals)	411	894	611	
Bristol Tree Forum - RLB memorial tree	0	295	0	
TOTAL	<u>7,558</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>8,426</u>	
SURPLUS of Income over Running Costs and Charitable Activities	29,605	-75	1,392	
GRANTS (from Capital)				
Grants Awarded	62	1,500	600	
TOTAL	<u>62</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>600</u>	
CASHFLOW FOR 2021	<u>29,543</u>	<u>-1,575</u>	<u>792</u>	

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BALANCE SHEET as at **31 December 2021**

ASSETS	2021	2020	2019
	(year end)	(year end)	(year end)
	£	£	£
Lloyds Bank	2,520	1,393	2,899
Skipton Building Society	40,632	40,612	80,442
COIF funds sum invested	68,000	40,000	0
Creditors	-570	-965	-725
	<u>110,583</u>	<u>81,040</u>	<u>82,616</u>

LIABILITIES	None	None	None
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NET ASSETS - General fund	<u>110,583</u>	<u>81,040</u>	<u>82,616</u>
<i>inc £60,000 Barry Harper Memorial Fund</i>			

RECONCILIATION

2020 Final Balance	81,041	82,616	81,824
2021 Cashflow	29,543	-1,575	792
2021 Final Balance	<u>110,583</u>	<u>81,041</u>	<u>82,616</u>

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

	2021	2020	2019
Received in previous year	965	725	475
Received in current year	7,503	7,983	8,096
Pre-payments for following year	-570	-965	-725
Total	<u>7,898</u>	<u>7,743</u>	<u>7,846</u>

ACCOUNTS for the Year to

(Profit and Loss)

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**2021
(Full year)**

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TOTAL	<u>37,552</u>

EXPENDITURE

Administration

Printing & stationery	0
Post & telephone	80
Council meetings	144
Insurance	96
Capital Items (Library Computer)	0
Website	<u>70</u>
TOTAL	<u>389</u>

SURPLUS of Income over Running Costs **37,163**

Charitable Activities

Meetings (Speakers' Fees & Room hire)	355
Bulletin Production	3,063
Avon Bird Report Printing	2,019
Proceedings (Nature in Avon) Printing	1,711
Publicity	0
Library (books & periodicals)	411
Bristol Tree Forum - RLB memorial tree	<u>0</u>

TOTAL **7,558**

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BALANCE SHEET as at

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(year end)

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LIABILITIES

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RECONCILIATION

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Valuation of COIF Funds

COIF Fixed Interest Sum invested	34,228
COIF Fixed Interest Valuation 31/12/2021	32,678
COIF Fixed Interest App/Dec	-1,550
COIF Ethical Sum invested	34,359
COIF Ethical Valuation 31/12/2021	38,468
COIF Ethical App/Dec	4,109

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bristol Naturalist Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st 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 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.

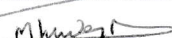
**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 9th February 2022

Name: Maureen Hazel West

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

No Matters of Concern identified during my examination of the 2021 Accounts