

ACCOUNTS for the YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Isle of Wight Natural History and Archaeological Society, Unit 7c, Prospect Business Centre, Prospect Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AD is registered with the Charity Commissioners and constituted by a trust deed.

The Charity is administered by a council, comprising:

- President: Dr Vivian Roberts
- Secretary: Dr Colin Pope
- Treasurer: Mr Nigel Locke

Other members: Mr Jim Baldwin, Mr Paul Bingham, Mr Al Blenkinsop, Mr David Bone, Mrs Selena Bone, Mr Jonathan Cox, Mrs Toni Goodley, Miss Lily Gray, Miss Jacqueline Hart, Dr Roger Herbert, Mrs Margaret Nelves, Mr Trevor Price, Dr Anthony Roberts, Mr Richard Smout, Mr Dave Staughton, Mr Will Thurbin, Mrs Ann Ticehurst and Mr Dave Trevan.

New council members are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The objects of the Charity are to promote, for the benefit of the public, the study of natural history, geology and archaeology especially in relation to the Isle of Wight and to promote the preservation of all objects of special archaeological and geological interest.

We have held a full programme of events this year, including nine general meetings and 61 other meetings. In addition, the archaeological section has held informal meetings on Wednesdays through the year. A Records' Conference was held in November which was open to anyone who has an active interest in recording the Island's flora and fauna. The Society had a display at Wolverton Manor Garden Fair at the beginning of September.

The iWatch Wildlife project holds events during the year to encourage young people and their families to observe wildlife on the Isle of Wight. The Society and iWatch joined the National Trust at Dunsbury for a day of recording all species present at a Bioblitz, one Saturday in June.

We have taken on the responsibility for recording all appropriate records on the MapMate database for the Isle of Wight Council. The overall aim is to provide a central point of contact for information required to further scientific study.

A visual records section has been setup so that digital photographs of natural history, archaeology and geology of the Isle of Wight, may be recorded with the provenance and stored for future reference.

Signed:

President

Name: Vivian Roberts

20.1.25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Isle of Wight Natural History and Archaeological Society (the Society) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 on my examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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.

Signed:

Date: 20.2.25

Name: Carol A Gandy

Address

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	Note	Unrestric ted funds	2024 Designa ted funds	Total	Unrestric ted funds	2023 Designa ted funds	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations					154		154
Legacies	4		90000	90000			
Subscriptions including tax refund		13080		13080	11920		11920
Sale of Publications							
iWatchWildlife	6		7000	7000		5000	5000
Archaeological projects							
Sundries		5073		5073	2772		2772
Investment income		9696		9696	4945		4945
Total receipts		27849	97000	124849	19,791	5,000	24,791

PAYMENTS

Cost of the Proceedings		4210		4210	3598		3598
Cost of IW Birds					1320		1320
Headquarters running costs incl utilities		6231		6231	5772		5772
Archaeological projects			355	355		62	62
Moving costs					2975		2975
iWatchWildlife	6		7062	7062		5064	5064
General management costs		65		65	99		99
Other costs	5	8502		8502	5606		5606
Total payments		19008	7417	26425	19,370	5126	24,496

Net of receipts/(payments)		98424	421	-126	295
Cash funds last year end		149861	6778	142788	149566
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Cash funds this year end		248285	7199	142662	149861
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD Funds reconciliation

Balance Sheet

		Unrestric ted Funds 2024	Designa ted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank	31.12.2023			149861	149566
Surplus/(deficit) for year				98424	295
Cash at Bank	31.12.2024	8424	239861	248285	149861
Bank Balances					
Bank Deposit Account				245536	143340
Bank Current Account				2749	6521
				248285	149861

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Assets retained for the charity's own use
(note only)

Equipment at cost	17894
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting policies

General The 2024 accounts are prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis as laid down by the Charity Commissioners and meet the requirements for a charity of our size.

2 Council members expenses

No Council members have received reimbursement for expenses in their role as Council, but they may have a second role as section or group leader in the Society and they may have received reimbursement of expenses as group leaders for activities as such.

3 Designated funds

- It is the Society's policy to allocate receipts of an *ad hoc* nature, such as legacies or one-off specific grants, to Designated Funds.
- The capital will be kept intact until such time as Council identify any suitable application of the funds. Such applications may be of an income or capital nature.
- The income from the capital will be added to unrestricted funds and used for the benefit of the Society as a whole.

4 Donations and legacy

The Society received a legacy of £90,000 from the estate of Jean Dorothy McCormac.

5 Other costs

	2024	2023
Printing and stationery costs	3160	2472
Information and Computer related	335	461
Archival	275	
Sundries	4732	2673
TOTAL	8502	5606

6 iWatchWildlife

Project is funded by the Isle of Wight National Landscape (IWNL) and the Isle of Wight Local Records Centre (IWLRC)