

THE WILTSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 271033

Details

Other names	W O S, W.O.S
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1976-07-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ENCOURAGE, FACILITATE AND PURSUE THE STUDY, RECORDIN AND CONSERVATION OF THE BIRDS OF WILTSHIRE. (B) TO PUBLISH CERTAIN OF ITS RECORDED FINDINGS. (C) TO CO-OPERATE WITH SIMILAR BODIES, BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL, IN THE FOREGOING OBJECTS.

Activities: The promotion of interest in and preservation of birds through conservation activities, field trips, indoor talks, the production of literature etc. and through collaboration with other interested parties such as the RSPB, BTO, local natural history groups and local government.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£24,923	£24,210	-	-
2024-12-31	£12,212	£19,891	-	-
2023-12-31	£57,962	£10,303	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,311	£8,887	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,139	£10,966	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR M PRIOR	Chair	
Albert Edward Smith		2020-09-30
David Little		2016-04-06
Francis Mogford		2016-04-06
Gareth Hawkes		2016-04-06
John William Lee		2023-07-19
MR G A DEACON		
MR P A CRANSWICK		
PAUL EDWARD CASTLE		

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Accounts

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE (2023)

2022	INCOME	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total YTD
7,150.00	Subscriptions	7,148.00			7,148.00
<u>1,282.83</u>	Refund of Tax	1,310.50			1,310.50
<u>8,432.83</u>		<u>8,458.50</u>	-	-	<u>8,458.50</u>
-	Grants	-	-	-	-
2,588.12	Donations	46,821.84	-	2,000.00	48,821.84
186.00	Sale of Publications, Books & Cards etc	87.00			87.00
-	Receipts from Indoor Meetings	-			-
35.07	Income from Bank Accounts	352.93			352.93
10.00	Sale of Sweatshirts & Fleeces	30.00			30.00
-	AGM Raffle	-			-
45.00	Overpayment	202.00			202.00
<u>14.10</u>	Sale of pin badges	10.00			10.00
<u>11,311.12</u>		<u>55,962.27</u>	-	2,000.00	<u>57,962.27</u>
EXPENDITURE					
4,246.22	WOS News Printing & Postage	5,550.94			5,550.94
3,242.00	Production Costs of Hobby	-			-
-	Affiliation Fees and Donations	-			-
539.36	Administration Expenses	1,531.55			1,531.55
-	Hire of Rooms for Committee	-			-
-	Speakers Fees & Expenses & PR	125.00			125.00
85.00	Indoor Meetings Hire and Refreshments	281.00			281.00
553.68	Insurance	609.41			609.41
45.00	Refunds	-			-
-	Cost of pins bought for resale	-			-
-	Photographic Competition Prizes	64.00			64.00
176.00	Donations	200.11			200.11
-	Tree Sparrow/Yellow Wagtail Fund			1,940.96	1,940.96
-	Raptor Monitoring costs			-	-
-	Publications Fund			-	-
<u>8,887.26</u>		<u>8,362.01</u>	-	1,940.96	<u>10,302.97</u>
2,423.86	Excess of Income over Expenditure	47,600.26	-	59.04	47,659.30
-	Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-
41,692.54	Balance at start of Year	24,337.86	-	19,778.54	44,116.40
<u>44,116.40</u>	Accumulated Funds	<u>71,938.12</u>	-	<u>19,837.58</u>	<u>91,775.70</u>
Analysis of Administration Expenses:					
299.48	Postage, Stationery, Ink cartridges, Box file	691.69			691.69
<u>239.88</u>	Website, IT Supplies	839.86			839.86
<u>539.36</u>		<u>1,531.55</u>	-	-	<u>1,531.55</u>



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE WILTSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL
SOCIETY
HELD ON THE 10th JANUARY 2024
AT 7.30PM
via ZOOM**

Present: Matt Prior (Chairman) Claire Murphy
David Little (Secretary) Charlie Murphy
John Lee (Treasurer) Gareth Hawkes
Paul Castle Jonny Cooper
Frank Mogford

The Chairman Matt Prior joined the meeting at 1930 hours and welcomed the Committee Members via zoom.

- 1. Apologies:** No apologies were received.
- 2. The Minutes of the previous meeting** of 1st November 2023 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting.
- 3. Matters Arising:** MP had discussions with Savills. Farmers unlikely to sell land. A 999 year lease is a possibility. Further discussions ongoing. Contact with Patrick Cashman ongoing. Barn availability for 50 year event ongoing. Articles for Hobby & WOS News ongoing.
- 4. Bird Recording/Recorder:** Paul Castle reported Joan New had completed digitalization of 2022 records. PC advised of need for authorization to use data from various sources. PC reported concerns over disturbance by photographers of Short-eared Owls at certain sites.

**ACTION POINT: PC TO FIND INFORMATION ON CLAUSES FOR DATA USE
PC TO WORD ADVICE RE SITES TO GD FOR WEBSITE**

5. Review of Reports:

- 1. Treasurer:** John Lee reported difficulty with bank mandate. JL needs to be primary user of the account. **This was unanimously agreed by the committee.**

**ACTION POINT; JL TO ADVISE BANK OF MP, PC, DL AND JL AS AUTHORISED
SIGNATORIES.
BANK TO REMOVE TS AND MC FROM AUTHORISATION**

JL suggested moving funds to increase interest payments for WOS.

**ACTION POINT; JL TO ASSESS ACCOUNTS, ENSURE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR DAY TO
DAY EXPENSES AND ADVISE COMMITTEE BY EMAIL OF
SUGGESTED AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED**

2. **BTO:** No report. No representative. Volunteers will be required for next Atlas in 2027-28.
3. **RSPB:** JC reported RB returned to work.
4. **Indoor Meetings:** DL has organized meetings for January 17th, March 20th, and awaiting February 21st. Only 15 attendees at December Zoom Meeting.
AGM ON 13th April 2024. Discussion re format. Possibly a Talk, a walk, tea & cake. To be decided. JC offered to present a talk on lapwings and Curlews, and PC would do a presentation on the years recorder report with illustrations and photos.

**ACTION POINT: MP TO APPROACH TEMPLE FARM, ROCKLEY RE USE OF BARN FOR THIS EVENT OR BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL or LANGFORD LAKES.
JC TO PREPARE LAPWING & CURLEW TALK
PC TO PREPARE RECORDERS POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

50 Year Anniversary on 30th November 2024. MP suggested Goshawks by Gloucester Raptor Group. To be decided.

5. **Outdoor Meetings:** No volunteer forthcoming. GP & AR have generously offered to organize an ad hoc meeting once a month until a volunteer is forthcoming. This was greatly appreciated by the committee, who are aware of the difficulties getting volunteers to step forward.
6. **WOS News:** PC reported AR happier with more submitted articles.
7. **Hobby:** PC reported Hobby printed and distributed November 2023. MP reported 10 years of monitoring of the Swindon Sewage Works.

ACTION POINT; MP AGREED TO DO A 10 YEAR CES REPORT ON SWINDON SEWAGE WORKS.

8. **Raptor Group:** PC reported continued difficulty monitoring Hen Harriers because of access issues. Red Kites continue to do well with 12 roosts, and 632 Kites in September.
9. **Conservation:** MP hosting International Conference on Corn Buntings 23rd to 25th January. Marlborough Downs relaunching, prioritizing wildlife and habitat. JC advised of the formation of the Bremhill Vale farmers Group, hoping to expand the range of Tree Sparrows, and recruiting volunteers for Lapwing monitoring.
10. **Website:** GH reported email issues which have been sorted. Limited email sending. This would be enhanced by an upgrade package.
The Committee unanimously agreed to fund Essential Package for the website at 6.50 Euros per month
CIM & ChM thanked GH for all his work with the Youth Group part of the website and emails.
11. **Membership:** FM reports **511 members including 15 youth** members. FM has taken over the distribution of Hobby to new members from JO. Both Hobby & WOS News are sent at cost of £2.70. Non-paying Youth members receive digital version WOS news only.
12. **Youth & Development:** CIM & ChM raised plans for Events page on website, Email addresses for youth membership, a programme of events for the year, Collaboration with Scouts

6.Any Other Business:

PC reported £750,000 Government funding for Wiltshire Wildlife, has WOS applied? No one aware of this.

ACTION POINT: JC WILL INVESTIGATE

JC asking re Tree Sparrow funding. Assured it had been approved.

ACTION POINT: JC TO LIAISE WITH JL.

7. Next Executive Committee Meeting : Wednesday 10th April 2024, via Zoom

**Dates of Meetings in 2024: Wednesday July 10th and
Wednesday October 9th**

Date for WOS AGM : Saturday April 13th 2024

WOS 50th Anniversary : Saturday 30th November 2024

association, and A Youth Whatsapp group. Funding will be needed for the bird box making and easter egg hunt. **This funding was unanimously agreed by the Committee.**

It was noted the Country to Town event was on 18th May 2024.

CI & ChM reported 18 attenders at HamWall. ChM suggested WOS flag to alert attenders at meetings.

ACTION POINT: CHM & CLM TO INVESTIGATE FLAGS.

YOUTH GROUP DETAILS TO BE FORWARDED TO GH FOR THE WEBSITE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2117 hours.

DJL 11.1.2024

**Wiltshire Ornithological Society
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I note that I was appointed by the Society at the AGM on 30 September 2020.

I have considered my ability to carry out the examination under the rules laid down by the Charity Commission. I am a qualified chartered accountant and therefore believe I have the requisite skills.

I have also considered my independence. I have no connections with the Society other than through the current Treasurer Ted Smith. I have known and worked with Ted for sixteen years and do not believe this presents any conflict.

It is my responsibility to:

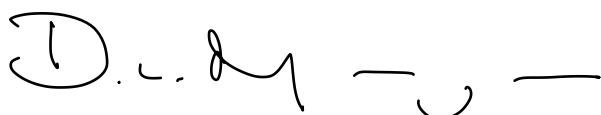
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.



**Mr David Manson, MA, ACA
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st December 2022

y/e 2021		Total
0	Sundry Debtors	0.00
0	National Savings Bank	0.00
24,149	HSBC - Money Manager	24,148.65
17,568	HSBC - Community Account	19,991.75
<u>41,717</u>		<u>44,140.40</u>
(24)	Less Sundry Creditors	(24.00)
<u>41,693</u>	Accumulated Funds per Accounts statement	<u>44,116.40</u>
Fund balances :		
23,914	General	24,337.86
0	Designated	0.00
<u>23,914</u>		<u>24,337.86</u>
17,779	Restricted	19,778.54
<u>41,693</u>		<u>44,116.40</u>

Statement of Funds	Opening Balance	Grants	Income	Transfers in year	Expenditure	Closing Balance
Restricted Funds						
13,346	Publications Fund	13,345.60	0.00		0.00	13,345.60
0	Farmland Bird Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2,329	WOS Tree Sparrow/Yellow Wag	2,329.22	2,000.00		0.00	4,329.22
2,104	Raptor Monitoring	2,103.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,103.72
0	LCF- Thames Val. Tree Sparrow	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Thermal camera	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>17,779</u>		<u>17,778.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,778.54</u>

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Full Year 2021	INCOME	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total YTD
7,134	Subscriptions	7,150.00			7,150.00
1,214	Refund of Tax	1,282.83			1,282.83
8,348		8,432.83	0.00	0.00	8,432.83
0	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
620	Donations	588.12	0.00	2,000.00	2,588.12
150	Sale of Publications, Books & Cards etc	186.00			186.00
0	Sale of Artwork	0.00			0.00
0	Sale of Birds of Wiltshire			0.00	0.00
0	Sale of Nest Boxes	0.00			0.00
0	Receipts from Indoor Meetings	0.00			0.00
2	Income from Bank Accounts	35.07			35.07
18	Sale of Sweatshirts & Fleeces	10.00			10.00
0	AGM Raffle	0.00			0.00
0	Magazine advertising sales	0.00			0.00
0	Bird Data Sales	0.00			0.00
0	Overpayment	45.00			45.00
0	Sale of pin badges	14.10			14.10
9,139		9,311.12	0.00	2,000.00	11,311.12
	EXPENDITURE				
5,532	WOS News Printing & Postage	4,246.22			4,246.22
2,819	Production Costs of Hobby	3,242.00			3,242.00
0	Affiliation Fees and Donations	0.00			0.00
389	Administration Expenses	539.36			539.36
0	Hire of Rooms for Committee	0.00			0.00
35	Speakers Fees & Expenses	0.00			0.00
0	Indoor Meetings Hire and Refreshments	85.00			85.00
550	Insurance	553.68			553.68
0	Refunds	45.00			45.00
0	Cost of pins bought for resale	0.00			0.00
0	Branded publicity equipment	0.00			0.00
0	Photographic Competition Prizes	0.00			0.00
0	Membership brochure printing costs	0.00			0.00
0	Build of Nestboxes sold	0.00			0.00
662	Donations	176.00			176.00
0	Farmland Bird Monitoring			0.00	0.00
978	Tree Sparrow/Yellow Wagtail Fund			0.00	0.00
0	Raptor Monitoring costs			0.00	0.00
0	Purchase of thermal camera			0.00	0.00
0	LCF - Thames Valley Tree Sparrow Project			0.00	0.00
0	Publications Fund			0.00	0.00
10,966		8,887.26	0.00	0.00	8,887.26
(1,827)	Excess of Income over Expenditure	423.86	0.00	2,000.00	2,423.86
0	Transfers between Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43,520	Balance at start of Year	23,914.00	0.00	17,778.54	41,692.54
41,693	Accumulated Funds	24,337.86	0.00	19,778.54	44,116.40
	Analysis of Administration Expenses:				
170	Postage, Stationery, Ink cartridges, Box file	299.48			299.48
219	Website, IT Supplies	239.88			239.88
389		539.36	0.00	0.00	539.36