

Charity number: 256936



Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS)

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Sussex Ornithological Society

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers. For the year ended 31 December 2020

Trustees	Alan Perry, President Mike Russell, Chair (Member of Council) Chris Davis, Secretary Ted Merrikin, Treasurer Peter Plant, Editor, Sussex Bird Report Mark Mallalieu, Recorder Richard Cowser, Conservation Officer Martin Daniel, Newsletter Editor Matt Twydell, Surveys and Projects Officer Robert Yarham, Press and Publicity Officer Jonathan Cook, Member of Council Jon Curson, Member of Council Mya Bambrick, Member of Council
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Matt Twydell was co-opted onto Council as Surveys and Projects Officer on 06 May 2020 and elected at the AGM in July. Richard Black retired from this post. Martin Daniel was co-opted onto Council as Newsletter Editor 02 September 2020 replacing Anthony Holden who retired from this position. Christopher Lowmas resigned his position 10 May 2020.

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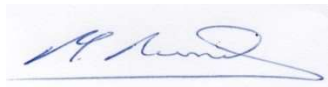
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Sussex Ornithological Society
Chairman's statement
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Looking back at my report for 2019, I began with the words "In challenging times for wildlife in Sussex and beyond", little did I realise how this would pale in comparison into the challenges that faced us in 2020 and that the word 'Zoom' would dominate our lives so much! Despite the insidious intrusion and restrictions that Covid-19 has brought into all our lives, you will see from the contents of all the accounts that the society managed to overcome many of the difficulties the disease threw at us during the year and carry out most of the work needed to ensure SOS continued to function. At the end of the year, the 2019 Bird Report would have thumped on your doorstep and as ever, Peter Plant and his team produced another outstanding publication, a fitting testimony to his final year as editor. In the production of the report, the team had to analyse 20% more database records than for 2018. A huge amount of work goes into entering, analysing and then extracting that information, which is used for the Bird Report and many other purposes, including to provide evidence-based arguments to counter planning proposals. Although Covid-19 did impact the conservation team in terms of not being able to meet up physically there was no reduction in terms of SOS's input into Local Plans right across Sussex and the Society submitted arguments opposing several developments that would have a negative impact on birds and wildlife. Local Wildlife Sites citations was one area where the pandemic has had an impact due to our SWT partners having to furlough staff for much of the year. Another casualty was the ability to complete out our planned Marsh Tit survey. At the time of writing we were cautiously hopeful that this survey and others planned for 2021 can be completed. At all times, we need to ensure that we comply with the Government restrictions and that our volunteers minimise risks to themselves and others.

Much of our membership and public engagement work suffered though thankfully the 'virtual' annual conference was able to take place successfully in January, but the President's Evening and the Fieldworkers Meeting were casualties of the virus, as were most of the members' walks throughout the year. Where we did make gains was through the increasing use of the social media where our presence grew significantly and became an increasingly important way of communicating both with members and the general public. Membership fluctuated during the year but was boosted by numbers of new recruits signing up at the end of the year to again leave us with just under 2000 members.

Council and the committees had to adapt to the new prevailing conditions in 2020 and so Zoom became the principle means of communicating with each other and ensuring that the society could continue to proceed with business. A decision was made by Council to postpone the AGM until July giving us time to organise the process for holding it via Zoom. So many people have been involved in enabling the society to continue and progress the aims of the organisation in such a difficult year. The reports contained within illustrate how successful we have been and therefore I am proud to present this Annual Report to our members.



Mike Russell

Chairman 15/02/2021

Sussex Ornithological Society

Trustees' report For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sussex Ornithological Society for the year 1 January to 31 December 2020

Formed in 1962, the Sussex Ornithological Society has grown to become one of the largest county bird clubs in Great Britain with a current membership of approaching 2000. Members receive quarterly newsletters and a copy of the award winning, Sussex Bird Report. Since inception the SOS has gifted over £406,000 to a wide variety of projects within Sussex focusing mainly on conservation, and education relating to the county's avifauna.

Strategy

The objects of the Society are:

- To record and study wild birds in Sussex.
- To assist in the conservation of the wild birds of Great Britain.
- To encourage by use of films, books, meetings, outings and other means:
 - (1) the study of birds in the field and ornithological science in general.
 - (2) the education of its members and the general public in ornithological science and the need for protection of wild birds and their habitats.

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

A. To record and study wild birds in Sussex –

1. Be the official recorder of birds in Sussex. Review and adjudicate on records of rare and difficult-to-identify species and refer records for nominated species to the British Bird Record Centre (BBRC) for adjudication. Maintain a computerised database of Sussex bird records.
2. Continually encourage members and non-members to submit records and educate them to make their records more informative. Keep under review the methodology for collecting and storing records.
3. Support nationally organised bird surveys and carry out targeted recording or Sussex-only surveys if there is felt to be a specific gap in our records.
4. Publish annually the Sussex Bird Report and periodically (about every 20 years) an atlas/avifauna of Sussex Birds showing changes in species distribution and abundance.

B. To assist in the preservation of wild birds of Great Britain

1. Share our records (with exceptions for very sensitive species) with the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre, who are often the first “port of call” for developers requesting records, and other bodies as appropriate, so that our records are used to help conserve birds. Fulfil requests for data from such bodies as Rare Breeding Birds Panel (RBBP), British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), and other appropriate bodies/persons.
2. Support appeals for funds from other bodies for projects promoting the interests of birds in Sussex, following the principles set out in the Financial Strategy.
3. Initiate and support projects of benefit to wild birds.
4. Continue the successful management of Charleston Reedbed and New Lake for conservation purposes.
5. Continue to be represented on other bodies in Sussex, where decisions will affect birds.

C. To encourage, by the use of meetings, books, outings and other ways:

- the study of birds in the field and ornithological science in general
 - the education of its members and the general public in ornithological science and the need for the protection of wild birds and their habitats
1. Organise annual conference for members covering themes related to wildlife, particularly birds, which help to achieve the Society’s objects.
 2. Organise an annual programme of outings for members, covering the main birdwatching sites in Sussex.
 3. Encourage scientific study of birds through the publication of technical papers in the Bird Report and by providing financial support for ornithological research.
 4. Publish a quarterly newsletter to keep members informed of the Society’s work and to encourage them to help in Society activities. Encourage members to submit interesting articles for publication on county bird related subjects.
 5. Maintain website and social media for communicating with members and others.
 6. Support specific campaigns to educate the public on bird protection issues.

D. Resources

Continue to make best use of resources (money and people) which are means to achieve our ends.

1. Continue efficient financial administration of the Society and implement our Financial Strategy, and Reserves Policy (See Annex below).
2. Regularly review format of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
3. Regularly review Committee structure of the Society, to make sure that it fulfils the requirements set out above. Maintain Roles and Responsibilities for each Committee, and update Officers’ job descriptions.
4. Each specialist function within the SOS to be set out in written form, including annual objectives.
5. Maintain and grow our membership so that the Society can effectively carry out its objects.
6. Develop links with other natural history clubs and societies in Sussex to our mutual benefit.

Annex

Financial Strategy

The Society will use its funds in support of its objectives. It will seek to retain adequate reserves to enable it to give support to projects and appeals as they arise and will raise additional funds to replenish reserves or to support specific projects if necessary.

Achievements and performance

Main achievements of the charity

- The Annual New Year Bird Race in which 18 teams took place raised £3,278 including Gift Aid.
- The Annual SOS Conference held in January was well attended (254) with four speakers speaking on a variety of bird related subjects. The raffle raised £469.
- On Saturday 18th July the Society held its first Zoom AGM. Members attending were supportive and gave positive feedback to the Trustees.
- The Conservation Team worked hard to monitor and work with Local Planners in areas identified as being key sites that are important for Sussex birds, to ensure that they are not harmed by development.
- Over four hundred and three thousand bird sightings were added to the data base in the year and we now hold over 5 million records of Birds of Sussex.
- SOS donated £51,130 to worthy conservation causes during the year.
- The SOS Bird Report for 2019 was published at the end of November. It provided information on all species found in the county for the year, scientific papers, other articles, survey information and many photographs etc.

Financial Review

The income of the Charity was £ 39,362 [2019: £49,301] and expenditure was £ 71,905 [2019: £35,075] giving a net surplus/deficit for the year of (£ 32,543) [2019: £14,226]

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, despite restrictions to the operation of the Society caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

Council has established a Reserves Policy whereby unrestricted funds not committed or invested for the long term should be equivalent to six months of resources expended. At this level Council feels it would be able to continue the Society's current activities in the event of a significant drop in funding. Council reviews the reserves level annually and limits commitments so that this level is maintained. Uncommitted and unrestricted funds 31 December 2020 were £82,287. Taking account of our reserves policy funds available for conservation at year end were £40,614 (2019: £88,320). The excess is being retained temporarily due to anticipated and previously indicated requests for funding for a variety of charitable organisations for financing the purchase and development of nature reserves in the county, and other conservation projects.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Sussex Ornithological Society is an unincorporated association, registered as charity, number 256936, and is constituted under the rules adopted at the 1963 Annual General Meeting of the Society.

b. Management

The entire business of the Society shall be managed by a council consisting of the Honorary Officers and not less than three or more than six other members of the Society.

c. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of rule 24 in the Society's Rules. At every Annual General Meeting the Society shall elect the honorary officers and members of the Council for the ensuing year. All honorary officers and members of the council may serve for a maximum of five years rule 9(b)(i) excepting the President who may serve for no more than 10 years.

d. Training of Trustees

Towards the end of the Honorary Officers tenure, every effort is made to recruit a suitable candidate for the position. When a suitable applicant is found they are invited to attend a Council meeting, to be introduced to all the other members. Training is given by the retiring Honorary officer to the applicant until he/she is confident in their new role.

e. Related party relationships

None

Principal risks and uncertainties

In September 2014 Trustees carried out a full review of our risk assessment policy. Annually this policy is discussed by the Trustees and their main concern is the lack of volunteers who are prepared to serve on Council and to take on officers' responsibility. The Trustees are satisfied that even if no suitable applicants can be found, Society Rule 9(b3) (iii) will allow the incumbent, if willing, to remain in his/her position until a suitable replacement is found.

The General Data Protection and Regulation came into effect in May 2018, SOS updated its Privacy Policy in September 2018.

The Society's response to Coronavirus

Council has been assessing the Covid-19 situation on a regular basis. During the year all face to face events of the Society were cancelled in line with Government guidelines.

The AGM, Annual Conference and Council meetings were held remotely by Zoom. Virtual talks will be held during Spring 2021. Guided walks which are scheduled will only take place if the Government guidelines allow.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees' on 16/02/2021 and signed on their

behalf by 

Mike Russell Chairman.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed



Sarah Ediss FCA

Horsham Office

1 March 2021

Sussex Ornithological Society

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies(inc Gift Aid)	3	6,135	1,043	7,178	18,106
Charitable activities	4	3,678		3,678	3,421
Other trading activities	5	4,278		4,278	3,691
Investments	6	1,850		1,850	2,050
Membership subscriptions	7	22,378		22,378	22,034
Total income		38,319	1,043	39,362	49,301
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	928	-	928	141
Charitable activities	10	69,987	990	70,977	34,933
Total expenditure		70,915	990	71,905	35,075
Net movement of funds		(32,596)	53	(32,543)	14,226
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		114,883	70	114,954	100,728
Net movement of funds		(32,596)	53	(32,543)	14,226
Total funds carried forward		82,287	123	82,410	114,954

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11-18 form part of these financial statements

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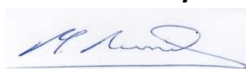
Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors	19	429	636
Cash at bank and in hand		129,166	120,189
		<u>129,595</u>	<u>120,825</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(47,185)</u>	<u>(5,871)</u>
Net current assets		<u>82,410</u>	<u>114,954</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>82,410</u>	<u>114,954</u>
Net current assets		<u>82,410</u>	<u>114,954</u>

Charity funds

Restricted funds	22	124	70
Unrestricted funds	22	82,287	114,884
Total funds		<u>82,410</u>	<u>114,954</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 16/02/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements.
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

Sussex Ornithological Society (256936) is a charity limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office is Blessings, Barns Farm Lane, Storrington, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 4AH and the place of business is 27 Salisbury Road, Seaford, East Sussex. BN25 2DB.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£) and rounded to the nearest £1.

Sussex Ornithological Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

A summary of the significant accounting policies is set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2.2 Income

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

Subscriptions are accounted for in the year to which they relate. Each life member subscription received is released equally to unrestricted funds in the 12 years starting with its year of receipt.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation
Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.7 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.9 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to continue as a going concern.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
3 . Income from donations and legacies		
Donations and Gift Aid	7,178	7,106
Legacies	-	11,000
	<u>7,178</u>	<u>18,106</u>
4 . Income from charitable events		
	£	£
Sales of, & Advertising in the Bird Report	844	758
Sale of Bird conservation products(Nestboxes)	170	85
Conference & Meeting receipts	2,664	2,578
	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,421</u>
5 . Income from other trading activities		
	£	£
Bird Race, Raffles and sale of SOS branded items	4,278	3,691
6 . Investment Income		
	£	£
Interest on Deposit Accounts	1,850	2,050
7 . Income from subscriptions		
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	22,378	22,034
8 . Expenditure on raising funds		
	£	£
Raising voluntary income (Purchase of SOS branded Items)	928	141
Fundraising trading expenses	-	-
Other trading expenses	-	-
	<u>928</u>	<u>141</u>

9 . Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>2020</u>				
RSPB Pulborough Brooks (Bio-Diversity project)	10,000	-	-	10,000
Charleston Reedbed (Yearly rental)	1	-	-	1
SWT Amberley Wildbrooks (Habitat management)	21,185	-	-	21,185
RSPB Broadwater Warren (Lake restoration)	15,000	-	-	15,000
RSPB (Chichester Peregrines)	500	-	-	500
Barn Owls	-	990	-	990
Lewes Swift Society (Nest boxes and sound equipment)	860	-	-	860
RSPB (Deer fencing at Rowlands Wood and Broadwater Warren)	2,594	-	-	2,594
Total	<u>50,140</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,130</u>
<u>2019</u>				
RSPB (Pulborough Brooks Rotavator)	8,650	-	-	8,650
Charleston Reedbed (Yearly rental)	1	-	-	1
RSPB (Chichester Peregrines)	500	-	-	500
Sun Bittern Media (Last Song of the Nightingale)	-	-	1,000	1,000
BH Sparrows (Year 3)	-	-	1,000	1,000
Matt Kirk (Redstart nesting project)	-	-	1,400	1,400
Barn Owls	-	1,190	-	1,190
Swifts	-	200	-	200
Total	<u>9,151</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>13,941</u>

10 . Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Bird Report printing & delivery, Conference & Outings	10,476	11,323
Bird conservation grants made by the Society (Note 9)	51,130	13,941
Newsletter printing & delivery, Web site & meeting costs	6,259	6,271
Accountancy, Admin costs & purchase of branded goods.	2,988	3,321
Subscriptions to other bodies	124	77
	<u>70,977</u>	<u>34,933</u>

11 . Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,707	1,043	-	2,750
Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	4,428	-	-	4,428
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,135</u>	<u>1,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,178</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,178	1,260	-	2,438
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	4,668	-	-	4,668
Legacies	11,000	-	-	11,000
	<u>16,486</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,106</u>

12 . Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
Income from advertising and the sale of the Bird Report	844	844	758	758
Bird conservation and nest box contributions	170	170	85	85
Conference and meeting receipts	2,664	2,664	2,578	2,578
	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,421</u>	<u>3,421</u>

13 . Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bird race sponsorship	2,629	2,629	2,273	2,273
Income tax recoverable(Gift Aid)	632	632	474	474
Proceeds of raffles	469	469	432	432
Sales of SOS branded items	548	548	363	363
Sales of donated goods	-	-	15	15
Bird report DVD sales	-	-	135	135
	<u>4,278</u>	<u>4,278</u>	<u>3,691</u>	<u>3,691</u>

14 . Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grants	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total costs
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bird Report printing & delivery, conference & outings	-	10,476	-	10,326
Bird conservations donations made by the Society	51,130	-	-	51,130
Newsletter printing & delivery, Web site and meeting costs	-	6,259	-	6,409
Administration costs	-	-	2,988	2,988
Subscriptions to other bodies	-	-	124	124
	<u>51,130</u>	<u>16,735</u>	<u>3,112</u>	<u>70,977</u>

	Grants	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total costs
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bird Report printing & delivery, conference & outings	-	11,323	-	11,323
Bird conservations donations made by the Society	13,941	-	-	13,941
Newsletter printing & delivery, Web site and meeting costs	-	6,271	-	6,271
Administration costs	-	-	3,321	3,321
Subscriptions to other bodies	-	-	77	77
	<u>13,941</u>	<u>17,594</u>	<u>3,398</u>	<u>34,933</u>

15 . Analysis of administration costs

	Total Costs 2020 £	Total Costs 2019 £
Printing, postage and stationery	1,829	1,788
Insurance	90	335
Awards	129	-
Sundries	-	418
Accountancy	941	780
	<u>2,988</u>	<u>3,321</u>

16 . Expenditure on charitable activities-direct costs

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Designated funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Bird Report printing and postage	8,745	-	-	8,745
Conference expenses	1,582	-	-	1,582
Outings	150	-	-	150
Website	441	-	-	441
Newsletter publication	2,637	-	-	2,637
Newsletter delivery	2,766	-	-	2,766
Cost of running meetings	414	-	-	414
	<u>16,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,735</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Designated funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Bird Report printing and postage	9,491	-	-	9,491
Conference expenses	1,712	-	-	1,712
Outings	120	-	-	120
Website	393	-	-	393
Newsletter publication	3,386	-	-	3,386
Newsletter delivery	2,167	-	-	2,167
Cost of running meetings	325	-	-	325
	<u>17,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,594</u>

17 . Independent examiner's remuneration

The Independent examiner's remuneration of £1,000 (2019: NIL)

18 . Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or benefits (2019: £NIL)

During the year ended 31 December 2020, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2019: £NIL)

19 . Debtors: Due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	429	636
	<u>429</u>	<u>636</u>

20 . Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	47,185	3,254
Accruals and deferred income	-	2,617
	<u>47,185</u>	<u>5,871</u>

21 . Financial Instruments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash and bank at hand.	129,166	120,189

22 . Statement of funds

Statement of funds-current year

	Balance at <u>01-Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/out	Balance at <u>31-Dec</u> <u>2020</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Life Members fund	5,772	1,500	-	(872)	6,400
Conservation fund	2,023	-	-	-	2,023
	7,795	1,500	-	(872)	8,423
General fund					
General funds-all funds	107,088	36,819	(70,915)	872	73,864
Total Unrestricted funds	114,883	38,319	(70,915)	-	82,287
Restricted funds					
Conservation fund	70	1,043	(990)	-	123
Total of funds	114,954	39,362	(71,905)	-	82,410

Statement of funds-current year

	Balance at <u>01-Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/out	Balance at <u>31-Dec</u> <u>2019</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Life Members fund	4,958	1,600	-	(786)	5,772
Conservation fund	5,423	-	(3,400)	-	2,023
	10,381	1,600	(3,400)	(786)	7,795
General fund					
General funds-all funds	90,147	46,441	(30,285)	786	107,089
Total Unrestricted funds	100,528	48,041	(33,685)	-	114,884
Restricted funds					
Conservation fund	200	1,260	(1,390)	-	70
Total of funds	100,728	49,301	(35,075)	-	114,954

Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds are available for the purpose of funding the support of Barn Owls and Swifts in the county.

Designated funds

Life members designated funds relate to membership of the society for life. The income is recognised in full when received but is recorded in a designated fund and is released equally to unrestricted funds in the 12 years starting with the year of receipt.

Conservation designated funds relate to funding small projects aimed at the education of the public for the benefit of the Birds of Sussex.

Transfer between funds

During the year £872 (2019: £786) was transferred from the Life Membership fund to the General Fund. This is in accordance with the Society's policy.

23 . Analysis of nett assets between funds**Analysis of nett assets between funds-current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£
Current assets	129,472	123	129,595
Creditors due within one year	(47,185)	-	(47,185)
Total	82,287	123	82,410

Analysis of nett assets-prior year

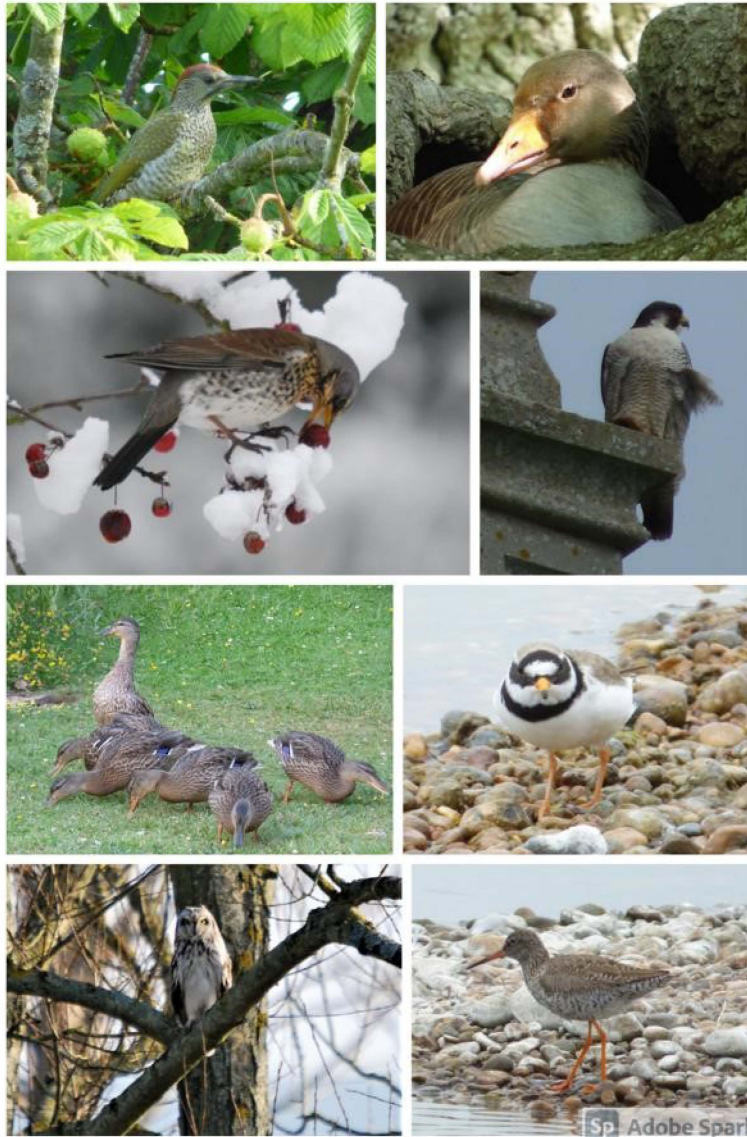
	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£
Current assets	120,755	70	120,825
Creditors due within one year	(5,871)	-	(5,871)
Total	114,884	70	114,954

24 . Related party transactions

There were no transactions with the charity's related parties during the year.

25 . Controlling party

The Charity is governed by the Trustees who do not consider there to be one controlling party.



Photo's by Ted Merrikin, taken in our garden and around Sussex.
The Greylag was nesting in a hollow branch of an Oak Tree, 8 feet above the ground in Parham Park, Storrington.