

**Charity Number 290637**

**FLEET POND SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

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**FLEET POND SOCIETY**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

**Report to the Trustees and Members of Fleet Pond Society  
on the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2019**

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's Trustees consider that an Independent Examination of the accounts is not required, as its gross income is less than £25,000, as per Charity Commission brochure CC31 and the Charities Act 2009.

It is my responsibility to:

- (1) examine the accounts under Part 8, Sections 145 and 152 of the 2009 Act,
- (2) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission in their brochure CC32
- (3) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Part 8, Sections 145 and 152 of the 2009 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2009 Act have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed**

**Date**

**Name**

NIGEL J WOOD

**Relevant professional qualifications  
or body (if any )**

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**FLEET POND SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The principal address of the charity is 14 Kenilworth Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 3DA.

**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The following have served on the committee since 1 February 2018 or later date if shown and act as Trustees of the charity and as such, manage the charity on a daily basis :

|                 | <b>Office held</b> | <b>Dates acted if not for the whole year</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| Jim Storey      | Chairman           |  |
| John Sutton     |                    |  |
| Shane England   | Treasurer          |  |
| Colin Gray      |                    |  |
| Nick Keeley     |                    |  |
| Terry Austin    |                    |  |
| Geoff Dee       |                    |  |
| Cathy Holden    |                    |  |
| Michelle Salter |                    |  |
| David Pottinger |                    |  |
| Mandy Saxby     |                    |  |
| Carol Dunford   |                    |  |
| Nita Kruse      |                    | Resigned 31/01/19                            |

**GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The charity is governed by the constitution adopted on 5 September 1984, as amended subsequently on 26 February 2005 , 23 February 2008 and 20 February 2010.

**CONSTITUTION**

The charity is an unincorporated society.

**CHARITY TRUSTEE SELECTION METHODS**

Members of the executive committee are elected from the members of the society. Members wishing to join the committee during the year must be co-opted by the existing committee by a majority vote.

All members of the executive committee are required to stand down before each Annual General Meeting and must be nominated for re-election.

## **FLEET POND SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ( continued )**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

#### **OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY**

The main charitable objects of the charity are to stimulate public interest and appreciation for Fleet Pond and its surroundings, to promote the preservation and maintenance of Fleet Pond and promote its use as a public amenity and as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and local nature reserve and to encourage the harmonious and sensitive use of Fleet Pond and its surroundings by all users, commensurate with its status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and local nature reserve.

#### **MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS**

The Society has continued the voluntary management activity at Fleet Pond, including habitat management and repair and upgrade of paths and protective fencing. Care has been taken that maintenance of reedbeds and heathland does not impede access or obstruct visitors' views. In fact the work has opened up new vistas across the open areas to the pond, attracting positive responses from the public.

Volunteers join our monthly tasks have included young people doing community work for the Duke of Edinburgh's award up to gold standard and Venture Scouts earning conservation badges.

Volunteer support from visiting groups have included a return visit of the Southampton University Conservation Volunteers. Corporate volunteer groups have included Barclaycard and Dimension Data, both located on Waterfront Business Park in Fleet, and Fleet Mortgages Ltd. The two former companies are now also Corporate Members of the Society.

Illustrated talks have included Ladies groups from neighbouring parishes and community groups for people with special needs. Wildlife Day in June 2018 was again a great success with more than 2,000 people attending during the day. The Society has continued to encourage public awareness by various articles in the local press and on social media and has continued a dialogue with Hart Council and the development company on potential impact of the new settlement of 1,500 houses in process of being built on an adjacent disused site.

## **FLEET POND SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ( continued )**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

### **SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR**

Our conservation activities focused on routine habitat maintenance, directly mainly at heathland and open wetland areas. New protective fencing has been sponsored by the Society along the higher path along the eastern side of Fleet Pond. The embankments are badly compacted and eroded by mountain bikers and people taken short cuts through the woodlands along the banks. The new fencing will hopefully allow the recovery of bluebells along this section.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

It is the policy of the charity to ensure at all times that they have sufficient reserves to meet all expected day to day expenditure for a period of twelve months ahead.

### **APPROVAL**

This report of the Executive Committee was approved by the committee on 26 March 2019 and signed on it's behalf by -

Colin Gray (immediate past Chairman )

Shane England (Treasurer)

**FLEET POND SOCIETY**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2019**

|  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds    | Total 2017/8   |
|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | £                  | £                | £              | £              |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                              |                    |                  |                |                |
| Thames Water - Brookly Wood                  | -                  | -                | -              | 5,000          |
| Sponsored events                             | -                  | -                | -              | 1,490          |
| Collection boxes & small cash per HMRC       | 137                | -                | 137            | 111            |
| Other donations                              | 4,491              | -                | 4,491          | 1,556          |
| Benches                                      | -                  | -                | -              | 880            |
| <b><i>Sub-total Clearwater</i></b>           | <b>4,628</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>4,628</b>   | <b>9,037</b>   |
| Subscriptions                                | 4,623              | -                | 4,623          | 4,794          |
| Member donations                             | 45                 | -                | 45             | 170            |
| Promotional goods & booklet sales            | 167                | -                | 167            | 347            |
| AGM income                                   | 144                | -                | 144            | 66             |
| Interest received                            | 13                 | -                | 13             | 8              |
| HMRC gift aid                                | 1,688              | -                | 1,688          | -              |
|  | <b>11,307</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>11,307</b>  | <b>14,421</b>  |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                              |                    |                  |                |                |
| Thames Water - Brookly Wood                  | -                  | -                | -              | 14,000         |
| Elvetham School Pond Project                 | -                  | -                | -              | 940            |
| Tractor                                      | 8,000              | -                | 8,000          | -              |
| <b><i>Sub-total major projects</i></b>       | <b>8,000</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>8,000</b>   | <b>14,940</b>  |
| Reserve Management                           | 554                | -                | 554            | 1,036          |
| Materials & Equipment                        | 1,106              | -                | 1,106          | 1,455          |
| Fencing                                      | 4,424              | -                | 4,424          | -              |
| Surveys                                      | -                  | -                | -              | 3,217          |
| Stationery & Postage                         | 480                | -                | 480            | 179            |
| Newsletter costs                             | 327                | -                | 327            | 892            |
| TCV fees & insurance                         | 921                | -                | 921            | 313            |
| Promotional goods                            | 179                | -                | 179            | 341            |
| Carnival costs                               | 328                | -                | 328            | 50             |
| Website costs and educational materials      | 115                | -                | 115            | 104            |
| AGM and committee meeting costs              | 452                | -                | 452            | 365            |
| Miscellaneous                                | 627                | -                | 627            | 528            |
|  | <b>17,514</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>17,514</b>  | <b>23,421</b>  |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT ) FOR THE YEAR</b> | <b>(6,206)</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>(6,206)</b> | <b>(9,000)</b> |
| Transfers between funds                      | -                  | -                | -              | -              |
| Surplus brought forward                      | 22,809             | -                | 22,809         | 31,809         |
| <b>SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD</b>               | <b>16,603</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>16,603</b>  | <b>22,809</b>  |



**FLEET POND SOCIETY**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019**

|                                    | <b>2018/9</b>       |                   |               | <b>2017/8</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>  | <b>Total</b>  |
|                                    | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| <b>BANK BALANCES</b>               |                     |                   |               |               |
| Barclays Accounts                  | 1,595               | -                 | 1,595         | 6,564         |
| Barclays Deposit                   | 15,009              | -                 | 15,009        | -             |
| CAF Account                        | -                   | -                 | -             | 16,246        |
|                                    | <u>16,603</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>16,603</u> | <u>22,809</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                 | -                   | -                 | -             | -             |
| <b>NET FUNDS</b>                   | <u>16,603</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>16,603</u> | <u>22,809</u> |
| Represented by:                    |                     |                   |               |               |
| <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b> (page 5 ) | <u>16,603</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>16,603</u> | <u>22,809</u> |

Signed by the following on behalf of the Executive Committee :

Colin Gray (Chairman )

Shane England (Treasurer)    Date of approval

