

Charity Number 290637

**FLEET POND SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020**

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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 2020

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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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The principal address of the charity is 40 Fir Tree Way, Fleet, Hampshire GU52 7NB.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following have served on the committee since 1 February 2019 or later date if shown and act as Trustees of the charity and as such, manage the charity on a daily basis :

	Office held	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Jim Storey	Chairman	
John Sutton		
Shane England	Treasurer	Resigned 1/05/19
Matt Stanton	Treasurer	21/05/19 to 06/12/19 but not trustee
Katharine Higgins	Treasurer	06/12/19 but not trustee
Colin Gray		
Nick Keeley		
Terry Austin		
Geoff Dee		
Cathy Holden		
Michelle Salter		
David Pottinger		
Mandy Saxby		
Carol Dunford		
Frances Bonnington	Secretary	21/02/19 but not trustee

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.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

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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 islands, reedbeds, marshland 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. We commissioned an aquatic plant survey of the Pond which showed there had been significant recovery since the dredging finished a few years ago. Some of our volunteers attained their City and Guilds qualifications in brush cutting and tree material shredding.

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 NTT (formerly Dimension Data), both located on Waterfront Business Park in Fleet, Arcadis and Fleet Mortgages Ltd.

Illustrated talks have included groups from neighbouring parishes and community groups for people with special needs. Wildlife Day in June 2019 was again a great success with more than 2,000 people attending during the day. We also attended Hart Voluntary Action's 'Get Involved' day in our main shopping centre in October. 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.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

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SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

Our conservation activities focused on routine habitat maintenance, directly mainly at heathland, woodland and marshes. We now have a new team tackling the scrub growth on the new islands that were created by the dredging a few years back. The new protective fencing we sponsored along the higher path along the eastern side of Fleet Pond is already delivering recovery of bluebells along this section.

This year has been quite unusual for the amount of donations we received which totalled roughly £15,000. This has been received as a result of bequests and money in lieu of flowers at funerals of our members. Also a local family collected donations for us from their house's Christmas lights display. However the biggest source was our local Waitrose and Coop stores, particularly the latter.

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 17 March 2020 and signed on it's behalf by -

Jim Storey (Chairman)

John Sutton (Vice Chairman)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total 2018/19
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Memorial Donations	3,974	-	3,974	
Co-op Donations	9,504	-	9,504	
Collection Boxes Cash per HMRC	147	-	147	26
Small Cash Donations per HMRC	80	-	80	111
General Donations	991	-	991	4,491
Subscriptions (incl member donations)	4,618	-	4,618	4,668
Christmas Lights Donations	991	-	991	-
Booklet Sales / Promotional Goods	19	-	19	167
AGM Income	120	-	120	144
Interest Received	30	-	30	13
HM Revenue & Customs Gift Aid	757	-	757	1,688
	<u>21,232</u>	-	<u>21,232</u>	<u>11,307</u>
PAYMENTS				
Chairman's Leaving Party	292	-	292	-
Surveys	1,180	-	1,180	-
Memorial Picnic Tables	2,090	-	2,090	-
Tractor - 2018 Purchase - 2019 Service	478	-	478	8,000
Reserve Management	175	-	175	4,978
Materials & Equipment	1,120	-	1,120	1,026
Workshop Costs	83	-	83	80
Stationery & Postage	352	-	352	480
Newsletter Costs	983	-	983	327
Insurance & TCV Fees	1,228	-	1,228	921
Training	764	-	764	240
Promotional Goods	-	-	-	179
License Apps	-	-	-	97
Carnival Costs	-	-	-	328
Website Costs	774	-	774	115
Booklets & Educational Material	237	-	237	-
AGM Costs	13	-	13	19
Hall Hire	80	-	80	433
Miscellaneous	392	-	392	290
	<u>10,241</u>	-	<u>10,241</u>	<u>17,514</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	10,991	-	10,991	(6,206)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus brought forward	16,603	-	16,603	22,809
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>27,595</u>	-	<u>27,595</u>	<u>16,603</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020

	2019/20			2018/19
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
BANK BALANCES				
Barclays Accounts	12,556	-	12,556	1,595
Barclays Deposit	15,039	-	15,039	15,009
	<u>27,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,595</u>	<u>16,603</u>
LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
NET FUNDS	<u>27,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,595</u>	<u>16,603</u>
Represented by:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS (page 5)	<u>27,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,595</u>	<u>16,603</u>

Signed by the following on behalf of the Executive Committee :

Jim Storey (Chairman)

John Sutton (Vice Chairman)

Date of approval

18/02/20 by email