

Charity Number 290637

FLEET POND SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

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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 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

The charity's Trustees do not consider that an Independent Examination of the accounts is required, as its gross income was 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

John C. Geering

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

Address

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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 2025 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	
Katharine Higgins	Treasurer	
Colin Gray		
Nick Keeley		Until 15/3/25
Cathy Holden		
Wolfgang Hamann		
Terry Dunford		
Avril Wright		
Mike Dodds		

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charity is governed by the constitution adopted on 5 September 1984, as amended subsequently on 26 February 2005 , 23 February 2008, 20 February 2010 and 9 March 2023.

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. The Island Management team also continued to tackle the scrub growth on the new islands that were created by the dredging a few years back. 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 continued to open up new vistas across the open areas to the Pond, attracting positive responses from the public. We continued to do a massive amount of work to remove many 1000s saplings and trees from several of our reedbeds. Quite a number of the public benches were replaced by us/Hart Countryside Services. We paid for and dedicated several of these to past members who have made significant contributions to our work at the Pond.

We spent a significant amount of funds on purchasing materials as well as new types of tools and replacements to allow us to be more efficient in our conservation work. We spent a significant sum on the publishing and distribution of our quarterly newsletter. Our handling of cash continues to be more difficult following our bank branch in Fleet closing.

The number of volunteers who help at our Monday and Friday morning conservation sessions has been maintained at a high level. We estimate they contributed 3500 hours during the year which is valued at over £50,000 per annum. Sunday monthly tasks and corporate volunteer groups from local businesses continue to be limited under the management of Hart Countryside Services (HCS). So there were minimal opportunities for young people to do community work for the Duke of Edinburgh's award or for Venture Scouts to earn conservation badges. However our work with young people has increased greatly again with the many educational and work parties our volunteers organised and ran for Beavers and Cubs from the Scouting Organisation.

We delivered many illustrated talks for groups from neighbouring parishes and community groups. The Society has carried out numerous outreach activities and continued to encourage public awareness by various articles in the local press and on social media and has gained a significant number of new members.

We received a good number of donations this year from our public supporters as well as through 'JustGiving' and payroll giving. The amount of these donations we received totalled roughly £3000. We also received a grant of £1000 from Hampshire County Council and a commitment of £8000 from Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to rebuild one of our major viewing platforms, hopefully in March 2026.

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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 24 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by -

Jim Storey (Chairman)

Date of approval 24 March 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total 2024/25
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Memorial Donations	-	-	-	-
Wellington Viewing Platform Rebuild Grants	1,000	-	1,000	-
Nisa - Making a Difference Locally	-	-	-	1,772
Collection Boxes Cash per HMRC	-	-	-	-
Small Cash Donations per HMRC	14	-	14	125
General Donations (incl JustGiving & Hart Lottery)	2,963	-	2,963	1,049
Subscriptions (incl donations received with subs)	4,801	-	4,801	4,800
Fundraising Stalls (24/25 Mistletoe Sale)	-	-	-	161
AGM Income	95	-	95	150
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	400	-	400	400
HM Revenue & Customs Gift Aid	883	-	883	930
	<u>10,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,156</u>	<u>9,387</u>
PAYMENTS				
Memorial Benches	2,145	-	2,145	-
Wellington Viewing Platform Rebuild Costs	-	-	-	-
Tractor Costs	419	-	419	417
Reserve Management	349	-	349	788
Materials & Equipment	2,041	-	2,041	1,914
Fencing	-	-	-	-
Stationery & Postage	16	-	16	123
Newsletter Costs	508	-	508	530
Insurance & TCV Fees	319	-	319	319
Training	50	-	50	780
Website Costs	237	-	237	232
Fundraising Stalls (24/25 Mistletoe Sale)	-	-	-	27
Promotional Goods	103	-	103	956
AGM Costs	132	-	132	43
Hall Hire	192	-	192	72
Miscellaneous	491	-	491	448
	<u>7,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,003</u>	<u>6,649</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	3,153	-	3,153	2,738
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus brought forward	38,560		38,560	35,822
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>41,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,714</u>	<u>38,560</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

	2025/26			2024/25
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
BANK BALANCES				
Barclays Accounts	5,894	-	5,894	8,141
Barclays Deposit	35,820	-	35,820	30,419
	<u>41,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,714</u>	<u>38,560</u>
LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
NET FUNDS	<u>41,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,714</u>	<u>38,560</u>
 Represented by:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS (page 5)	<u>41,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,714</u>	<u>38,560</u>

Signed by the following on behalf of the Executive Committee :

Jim Storey (Chairman)

Date of approval 24 March 2026