

Charity Number 290637

FLEET POND SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

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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 2016

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 good practice, although this is not required, as its gross profit 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 2016

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 2015 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
Colin Gray	Chairman	
Michelle Salter	Secretary	
Nick Keeley	Treasurer	
Terry Austin		
David Buckler		
Geoff Dee		
Cathy Holden		
Vicki Jull		
David Pottinger		
Mandy Saxby		
Jim Storey		
Carol Dunford		from 21 February 2015
Sue Tilley		from 21 February 2015

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 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. Two bridges have been replaced by stronger constructions wide enough to accommodate mobile scooters and eleven bench seats installed at regular locations around the footpath network.

Volunteer support from visiting groups have included a return visit of the Southampton University graduate team and a team from Hampshire Conservation Volunteers, both teams on a residential weekend transferring reed stocks

Local companies providing volunteers included HSBC Camberley, Logic Group, SSE and Dimension Data.

The Society has given educational talks to a local primary school on the history of Fleet Pond, an on-site class on art and history to a class from the same school and a talk on food web and conservation management to a Wildlife Explorer group. Another school came for a pond-dipping session followed by a nature trail.

Illustrated talks have included WI and Ladies groups from neighbouring parishes and residents of a local retirement home. The pond-dipping platform was so busy, in particular on Wildlife Day, that funds are being sought for a second facility.

The Society has also improved public awareness by various articles in the local press and on social media.

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SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

This was, as planned, a quieter year after the five years of intensive fundraising which had financed £54k of projects up to 2014.

While our conservation activities focused on routine maintenance, we also focused on two areas for projects. We funded and installed a further four benches, making a total of 11 benches in two years, around the reserve, mindful of the needs of less-abled visitors.

We also replaced and upgraded two access bridges at Fugelmere and Guildford Road, as indicated on the previous page.

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 22 March 2016 and signed on its behalf by -

Colin Gray (Chairman)

Nick Keeley (Treasurer)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total 2014/5
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Lions' View Funding			-	10677
Sponsored events	1,604		1,604	111
Collection boxes & small cash per HMRC	311		311	896
Clearwater other donations	2,558		2,558	944
Dinner - El Castello 2016 & WE 2014	160		160	3058
Blank cards			-	21
			-	
Sub-total Clearwater	4,633	-	4,633	15706
Subscriptions	4,145		4,145	4,169
Member donations	647		647	572
Other grants			-	
Promotional goods & booklet sales	32		32	75
AGM income	111		111	104
Interest received	24		24	20
HMRC gift aid	910		910	917
	10,502	-	10,502	21562
PAYMENTS				
Clearwater investments			-	32080
WE dinner			-	1300
Benches - incl £866 reimbursed by Hart in Feb 2016	2,960		2,960	
Bridge	669		669	
Sub-total Clearwater	3,629	-	3,629	33380
Reserve Management	312		312	1,024
Materials & Equipment	473		473	640
Workshop costs	502		502	
Stationery & Postage	567		567	293
Newsletter costs	800		800	800
TCV fees & insurance	293		293	293
Promotional goods			-	
Carnival costs	152		152	111
Website costs and educational materials	7		7	638
AGM and committee meeting costs	169		169	169
Miscellaneous	355		355	172
	7,258	-	7,258	37,520
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	3,244	-	3,244	(15,958)
Transfers between funds			-	-
Surplus brought forward	12,432		12,432	28,390
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	15,676	-	15,676	12,432

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2016

	2015/6			2014/5
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
BANK BALANCES				
Barclays Accounts	2,965		2,965	2,246
CAF Account	12,710		12,710	10,186
	<u>15,676</u>	-	<u>15,676</u>	<u>12,432</u>
LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
NET FUNDS	<u>15,676</u>	-	<u>15,676</u>	<u>12,432</u>
Represented by:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS (page 5)	<u>15,676</u>	-	<u>15,676</u>	<u>12,432</u>

Signed by the following on behalf of the Executive Committee :

Colin Gray (Chairman)

Nick Keeley (Treasurer)

Date of approval