



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 November 2019**

Period start date To **31 October 2020**

Period end date

Charity name: **Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group CIO**

Charity registration number: **1185930**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in matters pertaining to wild birds of prey (Raptors), their habitats, species conservation and monitoring, ornithology and avian biology. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of wild birds of prey (Raptors) and their habitats.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Holding talks open to the public at large to disseminate our conservation and monitoring work and to educate the public generally in UK and Gloucestershire raptors. Monitoring, marking (rings and tags) and conserving Gloucestershire raptors and maintaining a database of all activities. Communicating with the public at large via our website.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are always mindful of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and discharge these responsibilities by holding regular talks and raptor events in addition to maintaining our website

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We make grants when it might assist our understanding of local raptors and/ or promote scientific research into conservation/ monitoring.
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	The Trustees have invested in display materials, equipment for talks and website development to facilitate

including program related investment		dissemination of information to the public at large. The Trustees have also made significant investments in satellite tags for monitoring Goshawks in 2019 in order to advance our knowledge of post fledging dispersal movements of our local population.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Trustees, themselves unpaid volunteers, recognise the input of all our volunteers (numbering 25 in 2019/20) who include monitors, ringers, satellite taggers, climbers, authors, web specialists and general administrative workers. GRMG CIO is entirely dependant on all its volunteers. We operate with no paid staff.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In February 2020 we organised a talk on British raptors by a high-profile speaker (Iolo Williams) at Cheltenham Town Hall. 550 people attended an extremely successful event which was educational, information and inspiring.</p> <p>Our monitoring data now contributes to the national report by the Rare Breeding Birds Panel, published in the British Birds journal.</p> <p>GRMG volunteers monitored several hundred nests of a range of raptors and owls including Goshawk, Red Kite, Peregrine, Hobby, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard, Kestrel, Tawny Owl, Little Owl and Barn Owl. Many of the chicks were also ringed by our licenced bird ringers with the data collected contributing to the British Trust for Ornithology's national nest record and ringing schemes as well as local conservation knowledge. Our volunteers have also provided advice to many landowners and managers across the county regarding conservation of and habitat management for raptors.</p> <p>Gave training to two Police officers in identifying Raptor nests and signs.</p> <p>Gave training to a PCSO in identification of Raptor signs.</p>

		<p>Monitored a nest on behalf of the Police where potential disturbance had occurred.</p> <p>Aided Police in 4 investigations.</p> <p>Attended three Police Raptor persecution awareness days.</p> <p>GRMG are now represented on Gloucestershire Police Wildlife crime panel.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Following the success of our event 'An evening with Iolo Williams' held in February 2020 the Trustees can report that we are in a stronger financial position than ever before. This facilitates our general breeding season conservation, monitoring and public education work. It also facilitates a continuation of our satellite tagging work. Bank and Cash reserves at 31 October 2020 were £5.6k, £4.6k up on the position at the beginning of the financial period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves comprise entirely of Bank and cash funds and these are held to facilitate our future activities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5.6k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There is no such uncertainty.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Talks by celebrity raptor enthusiasts and also by our own volunteers. Raptor ID events in the field. Gift Aid
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Our investment policy is to generate sufficient funds for our current and future activities and to maintain high liquidity. We also invest in materials required by our volunteers to carry out their conservation, monitoring and marking activities such as harnesses, ladders, ropes, trail cams and batteries.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The risks are limited to an inability to continue to generate funding to facilitate our activities. Our current funds would provide for at least four years future activities (depending on how we fund any future satellite tagging costs)
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. (‘Foundation’ model constitution)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees will have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group CIO
Other name the charity uses	GRMG CIO
Registered charity number	1185930
Charity's principal address	Old Builders Arms Randalls Green Chalford Hill Nr Stroud GLOS GL6 8EF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gordon Kirk	Chair		
2	Natalie Roberts	Chief Operating		
3	Gareth Jones	Wildlife Crime		
4	Anna Field	BTO ringer		
5	Stephen Watson	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gordon Raymond Kirk	Stephen Joseph Watson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	8 December 2020	



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Charity Name	No (if any)
Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group CIO	1185930

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/11/2019		31/10/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	800	-	-	800	-
Talks income	8,409	-	-	8,409	-
Gift Aid	130	-	-	130	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,339	-	-	9,339	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,339	-	-	9,339	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Talk/ event costs (commissions/ hall hire etc)	2,958	-	-	2,958	-
Ringing/ Climbing/ monitoring costs	936	-	-	936	-
Advertising	551	-	-	551	-
Insurance	178	-	-	178	-
Web site	25	-	-	25	-
Display materials	30	-	-	30	-
Card machines	71	-	-	71	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,749	-	-	4,749	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,749	-	-	4,749	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,590	-	-	4,590	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	992	-	-	992	-
Cash funds this year end	5,582	-	-	5,582	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	5,196	-	-
	Petty cash	386	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,582	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stephen Watson	07/12/2020