

**Wildlife Air Service**

**Charity Registration Number: 1168271**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the period ended 31 December 2018**

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## **Administrative Information**

Trustees:	Wietse Van Der Werf (Chair)	Appointed 27 February 2016
	Ingrid Gubbay	Appointed 27 February 2017
	Louisa Miller	Appointed 27 February 2017

Charity Address:	11 Milner Road Comberton Cambridge CB23 7DE
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Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Accountant:	Beyond Profit Ltd G104 Bolton Arena Arena Approach Horwich Bolton BL6 6LB
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## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **Structure, governance and management**

Wildlife Air Service is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Registration Number 1168271. The governing document of the charity is a constitution dated 18 July 2016.

The Trustees of the charity are the first Trustees as per the constitution. The first Trustees were appointed for an initial period of one year. After this they are appointed for a term of 1 year by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity Trustees.

Trustees meet at least once a year.

### **Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

The object of the charity is to promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in any part of the world, by promoting the use of aviation to furthering the effective enforcement of existing conservation regulations.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the period.

### **Review of Activities and Achievements**

The Charity's activities have been put on hold as the developments of a possible exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union is posing a legislative obstacle. The proposed activities of the Charity have always relied on the ability of private pilots to volunteer their flying time to be utilised for conservation purposes.

The Trustees have met in person with policy advisors at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) at Aviation House, Gatwick. They confirmed that an anticipated EU regulatory change, which would enable UK private pilots to fly for charitable purposes, would now not be implemented, pending a possible Brexit. This severely impedes the Charity's planned activities, until clarity exists on the regulatory framework in which the aviation activities can take place. Trustees will continue to closely follow the regulatory developments and only start up the proposed flying activities when legislation allows.

### **Future Plans**

The primary focus for the coming months will be on establishing key partnerships in both the aviation and conservation field, as well as to attracting initial sponsors and investors to financially support the charity's work.

Future plans include the purchase of a small, dedicated aircraft and starting the first conservation assignments. This could be focused on wildlife monitoring or aerial landscape photography, for example to assist in flood prevention and biodiversity restoration.

The overall objective of the charity is to make available aviation resources (ie. volunteer pilots and aircraft) to assist in environmental conservation programmes.

### **Financial review**

No activities have taken place during the period.

### **Reserves Policy**

As a newly established charity we have not yet agreed a reserves policy. At the end of the period in question our total funds were £4,721 all of which was unrestricted.

## **Trustees 'responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees 'annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 1 April 2019

and signed on their behalf by:



Wietse van der Werf  
Trustee

# Receipt and Payment Accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	31 December 2018		31 December 2017	
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	8,072	8,072
<b>Total</b>		-	-	8,072	8,072
<b>Payments:</b>					
Administration & Support Costs	3	-	-	3,351	3,351
<b>Total</b>		-	-	3,351	3,351
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		-	-	4,721	4,721
<b>Cash funds at 31 Dec 2017</b>	4	4,721	4,721	-	-
<b>Cash funds at 31 Dec 2018</b>	4	4,721	4,721	4,721	4,721

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2018

	Notes	31 December 2018		31 December 2017	
		Unrestricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand	4	4,721	4,721	4,721	4,721
		<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>
<b>Total Charitable Funds</b>	4	<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>	<u>4,721</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 1 April 2019  
behalf:

and signed on their

Wietse van der Werf  
Trustee



## Notes to the Accounts

### 1) Receipts and Payment accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

### 2) Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2017 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	-	-	8,072	8,072
	-	-	8,072	8,072

### 4) Funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 2018 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 December 2018 £
Unrestricted funds	4,721	-	-	4,721
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,721</b>

### 2017 Comparative

	Balance at 1 Jan 2017 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 December 2017 £
Unrestricted funds	-	8,072	(3,351)	4,721
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,072</b>	<b>(3,351)</b>	<b>4,721</b>

### 5) Related party transactions and Trustees' expenses and remuneration

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind.

Wietse van der Werf received no expenses (2017: £1,513)

No Trustees, or person related or connected by business to them has received any payments or other benefits from the charity during the year.

Whilst there is no separate Trustee Indemnity Insurance purchased, Trustees are covered by the Employer Liabilities section of Assists overall insurance.

Trustee's Liability: Limit of indemnity £250,000 in total for all claims and defence costs