

THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

ACCOUNTS

31ST MARCH 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1092515

**Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd
43 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7SU**

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Trustees Report

For the year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Objectives and Constitution

The Group was established by a Trust Deed dated 28th April 2002, with the objects to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of Great Bustard birds, and registered with the Charity Commission on 19th June 2002, charity registration number 1092515.

Trustees

The following acted as Trustees during the period:

Paul Goriup
John Browning
David Bond
David Bedingfeld Scott
Kevin Duncan

The Trustees are empowered to appoint new Trustees.

Registered Address

1 Down Barn Close
Winterbourne Gunner
Salisbury
Wiltshire
SP4 6JP

Review of Activities

The Charity was established to promote the preservation of the species of bird known as The Great Bustard. Birds have been reintroduced to the UK each year beginning in 2004 and a small population now lives in the Salisbury Plain area. An area of land is rented on Salisbury Plain and this was fenced off in 2004 to provide a safe and secure release site for the birds each year. The Great Bustard Group is also working with other Great Bustard projects throughout the world to help safeguard this iconic species.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and comply with the relevant provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) and comply with statutory requirements.

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Trustees Report

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Independent Examiner

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the THE GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Great Bustard Group for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 28(5) of the Charities Act (the 2006 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 28(4) (a) of the 2006 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 28 of the 2006 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our 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 the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2022 Total £
Donations and gift aid tax credit	117,833	-	117,833	100,739
Membership fees	17,071	-	17,071	17,290
Grants –CJRS	-	-	-	7,151
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> 134,904	-	<hr/> 134,904	<hr/> 125,180
Operating activities to generate funds	30,040	-	30,040	24,507
Sales of cards, ties, booklets and events	17,200	-	17,200	9,264
Disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> 182,145	-	<hr/> 182,145	<hr/> 158,951
Payments				
Cost of sales including charitable activities	5,798	-	5,798	10,170
Project costs (including egg collecting)	61,465		61,465	55,599
Project salaries	70,375		70,375	61,884
Publicity and website	12,487		12,487	11,316
Office costs	6,958	-	6,958	1,511
Depreciation	6,760	-	6,760	5,068
	<hr/> 163,844	-	<hr/> 163,844	<hr/> 145,548
Management and Administration				
Independent examiners and accountancy fee	745	-	745	877
	<hr/> 745	-	<hr/> 745	<hr/> 877
Total resources expended	<hr/> 164,589	-	<hr/> 164,589	<hr/> 146,425
Net receipts/(payments)	17,556	-	17,556	12,526
Movement between Reserves				
Reserves at 1st April 2022	<hr/> 51,724		<hr/> 51,724	<hr/> 39,198
Reserves at 31st March 2023	<hr/> <hr/> 69,280	-	<hr/> <hr/> 69,280	<hr/> <hr/> 51,724

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets	4	24,831	14,948
Current Assets			
Stock		9,810	-
Debtors		1,362	12,729
Cash at bank		33,949	24,719
		<u>45,121</u>	<u>37,448</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accruals & Other Creditors		672	672
		<u>672</u>	<u>672</u>
		44,449	36,776
Net assets		<u>69,280</u>	<u>51,724</u>
General funds		69,280	51,724
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>69,280</u>	<u>51,724</u>

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 2005) on an accruals basis; income and expenditure is included if receivable or payable within the period.

2. Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions with the Trustees during the year.

3. Independent Examination

The cost of the independent examination totalled £672 (2022- £672)

4. Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged at the following rates with the aim of writing off the costs of fixed assets over their useful lives:

	Plant and machinery Motor vehicles	10% straight line 25% reducing balance	
	Plant and machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost			
At 1st April 2022	38,884	27,300	66,184
Additions	9,142	7,500	16,642
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2023	<u>48,026</u>	<u>34,800</u>	<u>82,826</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2022	36,612	14,623	51,235
Charge for the year	1,716	5,044	6,760
Disposals			0
At 31st March 2023	<u>38,328</u>	<u>19,667</u>	<u>57,995</u>
Net book values			
At 31st March 2023	<u>9,699</u>	<u>15,133</u>	<u>24,831</u>
At 1st April 2022	<u>2,272</u>	<u>12,677</u>	<u>14,949</u>