

THE BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

Trustees

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Mr P H Fallows
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Company secretary

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of for the year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

We have worked hard this year to achieve our objectives and improve the situation for hedgehogs nationwide. Our strategy can be summarised as:

- 1.To encourage and give advice to the public concerning the care of hedgehogs particularly when injured, sick, treated cruelly, orphaned or in any other danger.
- 2.To encourage children to respect our natural wildlife by supplying information and giving lectures, thus fostering an interest in hedgehogs.
- 3.To fund research into the behavioural habits of hedgehogs and to ascertain the best methods of assisting their survival.

Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The work of the Society in pursuit of its aims is detailed in the Achievements and Performance section of this report.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The charity maintains a network of approx 700 hedgehog carers and puts members of the public in touch with someone local if they find a sick injured or orphaned hedgehog. It gives advice on all aspects of European hedgehog welfare by telephone, email, post and through website. Supplies the public and schools with information packs and raises the awareness of the plight of the hedgehog. Supplies vets with information packs on treating sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs. Provides grants to carers where necessary. Supports and sometimes funds non invasive scientific research on hedgehogs. Involved in Uist Hedgehog Rescue an operation to relocate hedgehogs safely from the island of Uist to the Scottish mainland.

We had very sad news to share this year when Major Adrian Coles MBE, Founder of our Charity, passed away on 23rd March 2017 at Royal Hospital Chelsea, aged 86. Adrian had founded the British Hedgehog Preservation Society in April 1982 when he discovered a trapped hedgehog in a cattle grid on his land. He rescued the hedgehog then, in his role as County Councillor, ensured all grids within the Councils jurisdiction had an escape ramp in them. This resulted in a British Standard being created for use across the country. The publicity that followed this act of kindness, made Adrian realise hedgehogs needed a voice and that he would provide it. We are indebted to Adrian for creating our charity as a legacy that will hopefully long continue to help and protect our prickly friends.

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c. Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising.

Achievements and performance

a. Financial results

Re-constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

As at the 1 April 2016 the activities of the charity British Hedgehog Preservation Society were transferred into a new CIO The British Hedgehog Preservation Society. In order to present a year on year comparison, we below show the income and expenditure account excluding the transfer of assets and to present a more comparable review of the activities than those shown in the statutory income and expenditure account.

Comparison of 2017 vs 2016 excluding the exceptional transfer of assets

	Note	Restricted funds 2017 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies		-	379,448	379,448	342,920
Investments		-	2,367	2,367	2,057
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	381,815	381,815	344,977
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		-	32,518	32,518	41,146
Charitable activities		(91)	279,787	279,696	269,768
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(91)	312,305	312,214	310,914
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		91	69,510	69,601	34,063
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		91	69,510	69,601	34,063
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		55,683	1,038,280	1,093,963	1,059,900
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		55,774	1,107,790	1,163,564	1,093,963

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Charity ended the financial year with net assets amounting to £1,163,564. Income amounted to £381,815 thanks to the continuing generosity of supporters, expenditure amounted to £312,214 and continues to be tightly controlled. The transfer of the reserves from the previous charity was £1,093,964 which when added to the surplus generated of £69,601 gives the reserves carried forward.

b. Review of activities

Hedgehogs continue to be a popular animal and generally the British public want to do what they can to help hedgehogs – for this we are very glad. Hedgehogs were once again voted as Britain's Favourite Animals, this time the poll was by the Royal Society of Biology. Hedgehogs beat off competition from Foxes, Red Squirrels, Otters and Bottle-nosed dolphins to name but a few! Hedgehogs took 35.9% of the 5000 votes – a convincing victory!

We have been working hard to achieve our aims and assist hedgehogs in every way we can. We receive many requests by email, telephone and post asking for help with poorly hedgehogs, or advice on how to help or encourage them in the garden. We now also receive many requests via social media having very active Facebook and Twitter accounts. We give advice to these people and where necessary, put them in touch with a local contact or send out information leaflets. Out of office hours there is an answer phone with emergency numbers for people to call if they have an injured or poorly hedgehog. The numbers listed are of a few more experienced carers who offer advice and have an up to date record of all carers from the directory we keep enabling them to find a local contact for the caller. This is very much all working towards achieving our first aim of offering advice and help to the public, and our second aim of education.

A large part of our work continues to be with People's Trust for Endangered Species on our co-funded Hedgehog Street project (see www.hedgehogstreet.org). This partnership has been very successful, making the most of both charities resources and enabling us to pull together to help hedgehogs. Hedgehog Street has its own website where people can sign up to become a Hedgehog Champion, so far more than 40,000 people have done this. Champions can now download a free PowerPoint 'talk' with notes so that they can share advice and knowledge on hedgehogs to their local WI, School, Nature Groups, etc. The Big Hedgehog Map on the site collects sightings of hedgehogs (alive or dead) and users can also log gaps made in fences for hedgehogs. The Hedgehog Street partnership also funds research into the lives of hedgehogs and some of this should be concluding soon. The public education side of Hedgehog Street helps us further with our aim of offering advice to the public, but also the educational and research side of the project covers other aims.

With the research aim in mind, we have been active forum members for the Garden Wildlife Health project being run by the Institute of Zoology at London Zoo. This project is looking at disease in wildlife, focussing at the moment on hedgehogs, reptiles and amphibians.

On 3rd and 4th November there was a Hedgehog Researchers meeting held in Berlin for anyone carrying our research on hedgehogs in Europe. BHPS and Hedgehog Street were both represented, as was the Hedgehog Improvement Area project we fund for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. The meeting was hailed a great success, enabling people to meet and share the latest and best research from across Europe. Again, helping us further our aim on research.

We have been attending meetings at City Hall in London with Steve O'Connell who is a BHPS member, a Greater London Authority member in City Hall and a local councillor for Croydon. We are trying to get hedgehogs and/or wildlife corridors added as a suggestion for developers in the City Plan for London. If they get into the London Plan or supplementary advice section, that may well then get adopted by others with City plans, eg Manchester, etc.

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Relocation of non-native hedgehogs from the Uist islands continues and the people previously responsible for the killing continued to work with us again this year. Hedgehogs are no longer being killed on Uist, so funds were again used to provide a handover point on the island where the hedgehogs were housed and fed until they were shipped to the mainland and to pay vet costs as necessary. Funds were also used to relocate the hedgehogs to the mainland where they were given a health check and safely released. This year direct expenses (not wages) were met by Scottish Natural Heritage, the people responsible for their collection and delivery of hedgehogs to the handover point. We are very grateful to Pat Holtham, our volunteer on the island, who makes the relocation work possible.

The Solihull Hedgehog Improvement Area (HIA) that we are funding, and is being delivered by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, is going well. The Hedgehog Officer in charge, Simon Thompson, has been very busy working to encourage Solihull to get involved with the project, reporting sightings, having footprint tunnels and wildlife cameras in their gardens, etc. He has also been out and about talking to schools, gardening groups, WI groups etc. This year we funded a second Hedgehog Officer for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Dr Deborah Wright has been employed to further Simon's valuable work into the Rugby area.

To spread this success geographically, we are also part funding Ali North as Hedgehog Officer with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. With Hedgehog Officer numbers growing across the country we hosted a meeting of Hedgehog Officers at Vale Wildlife Rescue on 3rd March – an opportunity for all those carrying out this valuable work to share ideas and discuss what is working well for them and what areas they are struggling with. This will hopefully be an annual event. The Hedgehog Officer roles are spread nicely across our three aims, Advice, Education and Research.

The usual two newsletters were produced and sent to members and carers as well as members of the press. 104 Education and Project packs were sent out to schools, brownies, scouts, etc. We also sent out 138 Carer Packs and 94 Vet packs to potential new carers or vets that may be willing to join our directory (currently around 735) of people and centres who will take in sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs around the country. Thousands of requests for information leaflets were sent out to members of the public. Helping us further our Education aim. Membership has increased slightly to around 10,800.

BHPS was represented at the second State of Nature report in London – a report headed by RSPB with links to other organisations.

Key Findings of the report:

- Over half (56%) of UK species studied have declined since 1970.
- More than 1 in 10 (1,199 species) of the 8,000 species assessed in the UK are under threat of disappearing from UK altogether.
- Evidence points to the intensification of agriculture as having the biggest impact on wildlife.

It is important that we continue to work with other relevant organisations to ensure we are all pulling together and not wasting valuable resources re-inventing the wheel. This will help us all do the best we can for hedgehogs.

Hedgehog Awareness Week ran from 1st to 7th May 2016 and was extremely busy with people getting involved with leaflet drops, writing letters to the press, holding awareness and fundraising events and organising displays of information in Garden Centres, Libraries, Schools, etc. This year we were asking people to get involved with our Hedgehog Heroes project. We have produced waterproof stickers for strimmers and mowers asking people to check for hedgehogs before using this machinery. We have been in touch with councils, Housing Associations, Tool hire Companies, etc asking them to agree to placing stickers on their machines. Those that accept and then send us a picture of the stickers in action get added to the Hedgehog Heroes Roll of Honour on our website. We utilised social media, using #hedgehogweek. This was very much a week dedicated to our Education aim.

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Oliver Colvile MP launched a petition to increase the legal protection of hedgehogs, this petition had the backing of BHPS and People's Trust for Endangered Species, Oliver being the Species Champion for hedgehogs in parliament. The petition attracted 50,399 signatures and was presented to parliament by Oliver. It sadly fell short of the 100,000 needed to push for discussion in parliament. Oliver has been a very enthusiastic and effective supporter in Parliament and we are very grateful for his wholehearted support. He was unsuccessful at the General Election in May 2017. We plan to announce another Parliamentary sponsor later in 2017.

Once again, the office handled many press enquiries and maintained an out of office hours mobile number for urgent media calls. Radio interviews were given by phone from the office and regular press releases sent to more than 700 contacts resulting in a good deal of coverage in both local and national newspapers and magazines. Carers from our directory also take some BHPS media calls if there is a need for a local angle.

As well as offering a grant scheme to help carers who need financial assistance, we continue to ensure every one of the 735 hedgehog carers listed with us have a heat pad, as we believe it is an essential piece of equipment for hedgehog care. If carers joining the directory we keep do not have a heat pad, we send one to them free of charge. The Hedgehog Rehabilitation course that we run in conjunction with Vale Wildlife Hospital continues to be very popular. The course costs £50 per person but we subsidise the cost for people who are listed on our directory of carers so it only costs them £20. So far 906 people have attended the course. We also have an emergency grant scheme for carers that are struggling financially.

Andrew Lockey ran in the Great North Run for BHPS dressed in a hedgehog onesie to gain more attention for the hedgehog's plight! He raised £1,860 for the charity – so our thanks to him.

We are delighted at the popularity of our Twitter and Facebook page, the numbers of 'followers' increase daily. This enables us to quickly send 'alerts' to many people regarding how best to help hedgehogs at any given time of year. They can 're-tweet' or copy the post to their own Facebook pages and spread the word very quickly. We have more than 125,000 followers on Facebook and over 37,000 on Twitter so the messages we send get spread far and wide! We are very pleased to be able to utilise these free tools to benefit hedgehogs across the country.

Our online shop was launched in August and initial feedback and sales are very good, we hope to soon follow this up with online membership and renewals being made available.

None of this fantastic and important work could be carried out without our supporters, so we would like to thank each and every one of them. Whilst individual membership remains at just £7.50 per year, putting all those payments together, along with generous legacies, enables us to commit to such ambitious projects to help our nation's hedgehogs. As well as the members, the Charity has enjoyed fantastic support from its Patrons and the Trustees, are of course, very grateful to them too. A final vote of thanks goes to the broadcasters, reporters and friends in the media for the coverage of the work of the Society and highlighting the plight of hedgehogs.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. Financial risk management objectives and policies

Trustees take reputational, operational and financial risk very seriously. Risks are monitored regularly and managed positively to limit the adverse consequences that can arise from unfavourable events.

c. Reserves policy

Trustees firmly believe that money should not be accumulated for its own sake. The Charity is wholly reliant upon the generosity of its membership and the general public. A target level of income can never be guaranteed or taken for granted. Trustees aim to hold reserves that will ensure the objectives of the Charity can be pursued with some confidence and certainty over the medium-term recognising the inevitable fluctuations in annual income and the opportunities that can suddenly arise. The Charity also has a multiyear future programme of working with and funding kindred charities to further its objectives. Trustees judge that the current level of reserves puts the Charity in a strong position to sustain its activities for the foreseeable future.

At the end of year the amount of free reserves stands at £901,892. The free reserves of the previous charity at the end of the previous year, being 31 March 2016 were £835,036.

d. Principal funding

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e. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The Society does not hold any funds in any capacity on behalf of others

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was originally unincorporated and governed by its constitution adopted by the founders of the Charity on 23 May 1985 which was amended in May 2002. Its registered charity number was 326885.

By a deed signed by trustees on 18th November 2015 the Charity converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by an up to date constitution contained in this deed. The Charity's registration number is now 1164542.

The Charity's objectives remain the same as those originally adopted by the founders in 1985.

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b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Charity's constitution approved in November 2015. Trustees are recruited by existing trustees through a rigorous process that identifies the skills and expert needs of the Board of Trustees, advertising trustee vacancies and evaluation of applications and interviewing potential candidates.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Following appointment trustees undergo induction training and continue to undertake personal development to ensure the Charity is effectively governed and the highest levels of stewardship are maintained.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The Board of Trustees meets every three months unless it is necessary to deal with an urgent matter. The Board of Trustees is assisted and advised by the Society's President Dr Pat Morris and Marion Horscroft. Fay Vass as Chief Executive attends every Board meeting. The Secretary to the Board is Margaret Griffiths. Day to day management and organisation is delegated to Ms F. Vass, an employee of the charity.

e. Related party relationships

The Charity wholly owns a private limited company: British Hedgehog Preservation Society Trading Limited – Company Registration Number 03407846. The Company sells various hedgehog related gifts and souvenirs and fund raises for funds for the charity. All profits made by the Company are donated to the Charity.

The officers of the Company are:

Directors: Peter Fallows and Marion Horscroft.
Company Secretary: Fay Vass.

The Company's independent auditors are: Whittingham Riddell LLP, Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG.

f. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

Please refer to the review of activities and reserves policy for details of future plans.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of British Hedgehog Preservation Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 3 October 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr M Weaver, Chair
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

We have audited the financial statements of The British Hedgehog Preservation Society for the year ended 31 March 2017 which comprise the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The Trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditors under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report to you in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH HEDGEHOG
PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Whittingham Riddell LLP

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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

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23 October 2017

Whittingham Riddell LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations & legacies:				
Exceptional one off item - transfer of assets from previous Charity	2	1,038,281	55,683	1,093,964
Other donations and legacies	2	379,448	-	379,448
Investments	3	2,356	11	2,367
TOTAL INCOME		<u>1,420,085</u>	<u>55,694</u>	<u>1,475,779</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds		32,518	-	32,518
Charitable activities	6	279,787	(91)	279,696
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>312,305</u>	<u>(91)</u>	<u>312,214</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		1,107,780	55,785	1,163,565
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,107,780	55,785	1,163,565
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,107,780</u></u>	<u><u>55,785</u></u>	<u><u>1,163,565</u></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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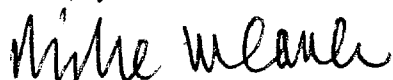
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	£	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11		190,888
Investments	12		15,000
			<u>205,888</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	21,373	
Cash at bank and in hand		949,086	
		<u>970,459</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(12,782)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>957,677</u>
NET ASSETS			<u><u>1,163,565</u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	15		55,785
Unrestricted funds	15		1,107,780
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>1,163,565</u></u>

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 3 October 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr M Weaver, Chair

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	<u>116,268</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net movement in assets on transfer from Charity to CIO		836,098
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(3,280)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>832,818</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		949,086
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		-
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	18	<u><u>949,086</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	nil
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% straight line
Computer equipment	-	20% straight line

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.8 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Exceptional one off item - transfer of assets from previous Charity	1,038,281	55,683	1,093,964
Donations	100,211	-	100,211
Legacies	193,885	-	193,885
Membership Income	68,527	-	68,527
Similar incoming resources	16,825	-	16,825
Subtotal	379,448	-	379,448
Total donations and legacies	1,417,729	55,683	1,473,412

The 'Transfer of assets from previous Charity' relates to the donation from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society as the Trustees decided to change the entity's legal form from a charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Therefore on incorporation, the charity's assets were transferred to the CIO in the form of a 'donation'. This transfer has been shown separately on the face of the SOFA. The CIO operates under the name The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

This is a one off exceptional item in the current year and has been noted as such in these financial statements.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Deposit account interest received	2,356	11	2,367

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4. DIRECT COSTS

	Charitable Activities £	Total 2017 £
Telephone	1,090	1,090
Postage and stationery	36,647	36,647
Sundry expenses	1,736	1,736
Volunteers expenses - Uist	(90)	(90)
Other support costs	3,153	3,153
Travel costs	4,372	4,372
Research costs	79,180	79,180
Computer costs	6,494	6,494
Wages and salaries	47,662	47,662
National insurance	1,361	1,361
	<u>181,605</u>	<u>181,605</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Support Costs £	Total 2017 £
Light and heat	2,489	2,489
Repairs	334	334
Operating leases	289	289
Rates	121	121
Insurance	2,424	2,424
Bank charges	1,953	1,953
Wages and salaries	23,826	23,826
National insurance	1,204	1,204
Pension cost	2,428	2,428
Depreciation	638	638
	<u>35,706</u>	<u>35,706</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Auditors remuneration	7,620	-	7,620
Accountancy fee	2,400	-	2,400
Legal fees	920	-	920
Trustees expenses reimbursed	2,645	-	2,645
	<u>13,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,585</u>

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7. RE-CONSITUTION IN THE YEAR

As described above the legal form of the charity has been changed from a registered charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The note below shows the income and expenditure account as if the transfer had not occurred, to ensure comparability between the results for the CIO entity and the previous charity.

Comparison of 2017 vs 2016 excluding the exceptional transfer of assets					
	Note	Restricted funds 2017 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	379,448	379,448	342,920
Investments	-	-	2,367	2,367	2,057
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	-	-	381,815	381,815	344,977
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	-	-	32,518	32,518	41,146
Charitable activities	(91)	(91)	279,787	279,696	269,768
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(91)	(91)	312,305	312,214	310,914
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		91	69,510	69,601	34,063
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		91	69,510	69,601	34,063
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		55,683	1,038,280	1,093,963	1,059,900
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		55,774	1,107,790	1,163,564	1,093,963

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017
	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:	
- owned by the charity	638
Auditors' remuneration - audit	5,400
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During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration.

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind.

Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £2,645 in the current year.

9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £5,400 (2016 - £5,040), which includes the British Hedgehog Preservation Society Trading Limited's audit fee. This has been recharged through the quarterly management charges.

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10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £
Wages and salaries	75,503
Social security costs	2,617
Other pension costs	2,428
	<u>80,548</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.
Employees	4

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
Additions	-	474	2,806	3,280
Transfer in from Charity	188,000	1	245	188,246
At 31 March 2017	<u>188,000</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>3,051</u>	<u>191,526</u>
Depreciation				
Charge for the year	-	32	606	638
At 31 March 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>638</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2017	<u>188,000</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>2,445</u>	<u>190,888</u>

For detail of the transfer of assets from Charity, please refer to Note 4.

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
Market value	
At 1 April 2016	-
Transfers in from Charity	15,000
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At 31 March 2017	15,000
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Historical cost	15,000
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For detail of the transfer of assets from Charity, please refer to Note 2.

13. DEBTORS

	2017 £
Trade debtors	550
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,180
Prepayments and accrued income	16,643
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	21,373
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14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £
Trade creditors	6,782
Accruals and deferred income	6,000
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	12,782
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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	-	1,420,085	(312,305)	1,107,780
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	-	55,694	91	55,785
Total of funds	-	1,475,779	(312,214)	1,163,565

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
General funds	-	1,420,085	(312,305)	1,107,780
Restricted funds	-	55,694	91	55,785
	-	1,475,779	(312,214)	1,163,565

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	190,888	-	190,888
Fixed asset investments	15,000	-	15,000
Current assets	914,674	55,785	970,459
Creditors due within one year	(12,782)	-	(12,782)
	1,107,780	55,785	1,163,565

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17. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,163,565
Adjustment for:	
Depreciation charges	638
Increase in debtors	(8,169)
Increase in creditors	54,198
Less: Donation received from Charity to CIO	(1,093,964)
Net cash provided by operating activities	116,268

18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 £
Cash in hand	949,086
Total	949,086

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £2,428. Contributions totalling £nil were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors

20. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society have entered into an agreement to pay the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) 12 installments of £12,200. As at the year ended 31 March 2017, 9 of these installments had been paid, therefore The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are committed to 3 future installments. Therefore the total outstanding commitment is £36,600.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

British Hedgehog Preservation Society Trading Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year the charity has operated a loan account with its subsidiary, at the end of the year British Hedgehog Preservation Society Trading Limited owed the charity £4,180 (2016: £855).

During the year the subsidiary received income of £24,937 (2016: £16,703) on behalf of the charity which was recharged through the loan account. The charity incurred expenditure of £989 (2016: £596) on behalf of its subsidiary which was also recharged through the loan account.

In addition the charity recharged £6,233 (2016: £2,868) of wages incurred to the subsidiary to reflect the element of the employees work relating to that company.

During the year the charity received a donation to its parent charity of £nil (2016: £1,894). A donation of £5,201 is planned to be received post year end.