

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Company number 5579632

Registered charity number 1112023

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THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address: Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 1EF

Trustees:

Chairman:	M H Hudson
Vice Chairmen:	The Earl of Dalhousie
	H R Oliver-Bellasis
	The Hon P D P Astor
	R A Wills
Ex officio:	J Pochin (Chairman: Advisory and Education Committee)
	I Haddon (Chairman: Marketing and Membership Committee)
	I Coghill (Chairman: Lowlands Research Steering Committee)
	D Solomon (Chairman: Fisheries Research Steering Committee)
	R Douglas Miller (Chairman: Scottish Committee)
	The Hon P D P Astor (Chairman: Uplands Research Steering Committee)

Elected Trustees:

M J Barnes	The Duke of Norfolk
R D A Burge (retired 2 July 2008)	J E T Paice (appointed 2 July 2008)
C R Connell (retired 2 July 2008)	M R W Rands (appointed 2 July 2008)
J Cowen	A C Salvesen (appointed 2 July 2008)
Sir Edward Greenwell (retired 2 July 2008)	T M Steel
J C Minter	I R Yates (appointed 2 July 2008)

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer	Mrs T Dent FRAGS
Director of Policy and Public Affairs	S C Tapper PhD
Director of Research	N W Sotherton PhD
Deputy Director of Research	N J Aebischer Lic ès Sc Math, PhD
Director - Scotland & Advisory Services	I H L McCall
Director of Fundraising	E P Hay
Director of Advisory & Education	I M Lindsay
Director of Membership and Marketing	A Gilruth

Advisers:

Solicitors	Wilsons, Steynings House, Fisherton Street, Salisbury SP2 7RJ
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc, 3 Bedford Street, Exeter EX1 1LX
Investment Managers	Ruffer Investment Management Ltd, 103 Wigmore Street, London W1U 1QS
	Cazenove & Co, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA
Auditors	Fletcher & Partners, Crown Chambers, Bridge Street, Salisbury SP1 2LZ

Numbers:

Registered Charity Number	1112023
Registered Company Number	05579632

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

The Trustees present their annual report with the consolidated accounts of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2008. These relate to the Charity, Allerton Research and Educational Trust, and the Charity's subsidiaries Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited and Game Conservancy Events Limited, and have been prepared to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005). Separate accounts for Game and Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited and Game Conservancy Events Limited have also been prepared and are available from the Charity's headquarters.

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust changed its name from the Game Conservancy Trust Limited on 1 October 2007. The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited also changed its name on 1 October 2007.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and Charitable Status

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 September 2005 and registered as a charity on 11 November 2005. The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of it being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The members for company law purposes are the trustees.

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust took over the activities of The Game Conservancy Trust following the close of business on 31 December 2005, when all the assets and activities of the Game Conservancy Trust were formally transferred to it. Under Schemes made by the Charity Commission on 8 March 2006 the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust was appointed as sole trustee of both The Game Conservancy Trust and The Allerton Research and Educational Trust. The Schemes also included a Uniting Direction that from the same date The Game Conservancy Trust and the Allerton Research and Educational Trust shall be treated as forming a part of The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust for the purposes of registration and accounting.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Charity's Articles are allowed to delegate any of their functions to committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them, at least one of which must be a trustee.

Procedures are in place for the recruitment of new trustees when a trustee vacancy occurs. These include a skills audit of the Board of Trustees in order to identify relevant skills from which the charity would benefit, and notifying members of the potential vacancy and the relevant skills required via the website and the Gamewise publication.

Trustee Induction and Training

All trustees attend an induction day and receive a trustee induction folder containing information about the Charity and its governance.

Risk Management

The trustees confirm that they have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and, where practicable, they have established systems to mitigate those risks.

Organisational Structure

Ultimate control of the Charity is exercised by the trustees, the majority of whom are elected by the company law members for a four-year term. Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer with the support of the Executive Directors.

The group has 101 employees, most of whom are based at its headquarters at Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. This total includes 65 scientists who are engaged directly in research. The Charity has 47 county groups which organise fund-raising events throughout the United Kingdom and a total of about 60,000 members and supporters, of which about 22,000 are members. The Charity's subsidiary companies carry out trading and fundraising activities on behalf of the Charity. All their profits are paid to the Charity under the Gift Aid scheme.

Connected Charities

Apart from The Game Conservancy Trust and the Allerton Research and Educational Trust (see above), the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is connected with the Game Conservancy Scottish Research Trust and the Habitat Research Trust, both of which are separate charities with their own bodies of trustees.

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The objects of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust are:

- a. to promote for the public benefit the conservation of game, its associated flora and fauna, and the appropriate sympathetic farming and land management practices;
- b. to advance the education of the public and those managing the countryside in the above; exclusively, in the conservation of game as a sustainable resource);
- c. to conduct research into game and wildlife management (including the use of game animals as a natural resource) and the effects of farming on the environment; and to publish the useful results of that research;
- d. To conserve game and wildlife including, where it is for the protection of the environment, the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through
 - the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat; or
 - the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat in land or in water and in particular where the natural habitat is situated in the vicinity of a landfill site.

There has been no change in the objects of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust over the last year. Although, differently phrased and slightly broader, these objects are very similar to those of the Game Conservancy Trust.

Policies

To enable the Charity to fulfil its objects, the Trustees have adopted the following policies:

1. **Research** - To carry out scientific research to the highest possible standards of quality and objectivity; to publish the results in peer-reviewed journals; and to communicate the results to as wide an audience as possible, including government, the Charity's members, other land users and the general public.
2. **Conservation** - To develop practical conservation policies which are informed by the results of the Charity's research; to test the practicalities and effectiveness of the policies; and to communicate them to as wide an audience as possible.
3. **Reserves** - The Trustees have reviewed the reserves policy and have adopted a policy based on an assessment of risk to future income flows. The resulting number is then tested against current rates of expenditure to ensure that it is robust. The policy is that there should be a minimum level of liquid reserves of £1.5 million, which is approximately equivalent to three months total expenditure.
4. **Investments**
 - On unrestricted funds:** To invest in a combination of equities, fixed interest stocks and cash, with the objective of obtaining a total return which is at least double the return from cash.
 - On endowment funds:** To invest in a combination of equities, fixed interest stocks and cash, with the objective of obtaining a total return of £85,000 per annum

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities and Achievements

The core of our work continues to be scientific research, supported by four broad educational initiatives (policy, profile, education and practice), aimed at using our science to better effect and ensuring better understanding of the contribution game management makes to nature conservation. Our achievements are set out below:

Research: The key project completed in the year was the Upland Wader Project at Otterburn in Northumberland. There has been growing interest in whether or to predation impacted on declining wildlife. This project tested that on a field scale using predator control as practiced on grouse moors. The 8 year project finished in 2008 and demonstrated that lapwing, curlew and golden plover all breed much better when predators were controlled. We believe this experiment to be very significant for nature conservation.

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Policy: The Trust hosted three major events at Westminster and invited many politicians and policy makers to visit a number of projects and the Trust's demonstration farm, the Allerton Project. In particular we developed briefs on the distinction between wildlife management and protection and its importance for countryside policy, and the need to mitigate against the loss of set-aside on farmland.

Profile: Having changed our name from The Game Conservancy Trust to the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust in 2007, we continued our programme of profile-raising with press and media coverage, and a new membership campaign..

Education: The first year of our new programme of tertiary education was completed encompassing nearly 30 universities and colleges.

Practice: Our training and practitioner education programme has been expanded into broader wildlife and conservation courses.

Review of Financial Transactions and Position

Key points:

- Expenditure on charitable objects increased by 8% to £4.2 million
- Income decreased by 7% as a result of the economic downturn
- The overall decrease in General Fund was restricted to 4% of income

The Trust's results for 2008 should be seen in the light of the global economic situation. Following the banking crisis in September, fundraising became extremely difficult and, as a result, income from both donations and events was significantly lower than in 2007, while there was not time to reduce expenditure correspondingly before the end of the year. Nevertheless the Trust managed to carry out its planned programme of research and develop expand its public education role, increasing its expenditure on its charitable activities to £4.2m (64% of total expenditure).

The managers of the general fund investments produced a return of +18% which was a remarkable achievement in a year when almost all markets declined dramatically. As a result overall decrease in the General Fund was limited to £172,000, or 4% of income. The managers of the endowed investments achieved their income objective of generating at least £85,000, but saw a decrease of 20% in the capital value, an overall return of -16%.

The trustees have reassessed the Trust's financial expectations for 2009 in the light of the continuing economic downturn. While we are cautious about the prospects for fundraising, we remain confident that the Trust's financial security can be preserved without compromising its charitable activities.

Plans for future periods

A new 5 year business plan was prepared in March 2008. The key aims are:

1. To focus on three areas of work: species recovery, game and wildlife management and wildlife-friendly farming
2. To strengthen our ability to deliver the results and implications of that science to our three audience groups - the public, policy makers and practitioners
3. To maintain the financial security of the Trust
4. To improve the profile of the Trust and to make us a more relevant organisation to a broader range of stakeholders.

Those continue to be our aims and we will implement the Business Plan in the light of the change in economic circumstances. Our research and policy initiatives will look at how to deliver effective wildlife conservation alongside economic land use and in the light of the new challenges of food security and climate change. Our emphasis on practical conservation in a working countryside makes our work even more relevant as these challenges unfold.

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Auditors

The auditors, Messrs Fletcher & Partners, Chartered Accountants, have signified their willingness to continue as auditors.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts, for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity group's financial activities during the year and the financial position of the group at the end of the year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

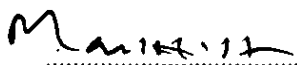
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the group and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and as directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.


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M H Hudson - Chairman

Approved by the Trustees: 22 April 2009

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

We have audited the consolidated accounts of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2008, which are set out on pages 7 to 27 and which have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out on pages 12 and 13.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), are set out on page 5.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Trustees is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if the information specified by law regarding the remuneration of the Trustees and their transactions with the charity is not disclosed. We read the Report of the Trustees and consider the implications for our own report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes the examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- i) The information given in the Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2008 is consistent with the accounts;
- ii) the accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and the group at 31 December 2008 and their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income, expenditure and deficit, for the year then ended;
- iii) The financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Salisbury

4 June 2009.



FLETCHER & PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Note	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary income	2						
Members subscriptions		1,351,299	-	4,064		1,355,363	1,267,645
Donations and legacies		674,516	-	530,517		1,205,033	1,498,832
		2,025,815	-	534,581	-	2,560,396	2,766,477
Activities for generating funds:							
Fundraising events	4a	2,025,775	-	5,174	-	2,030,949	2,053,559
Advisory Service		97,146	-	-	-	97,146	119,385
Trading income	4b	94,485	-	-	-	94,485	143,381
Investment income	5	43,071	-	110,632	-	153,703	172,283
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	150,319	-	871,030	-	1,021,349	1,085,259
Other incoming resources		101,491	-	-	-	101,491	112,855
			-				
Total incoming resources		4,538,102	-	1,521,417	-	6,059,519	6,453,199
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Costs of generating funds							
Direct costs of fundraising events	4a	955,660	-	-	-	955,660	898,445
Membership and marketing		516,064	-	-	-	516,064	491,106
Other fundraising costs	6	794,868	-	-	-	794,868	847,141
		2,266,592	-	-	-	2,266,592	2,236,692
Charitable activities							
Research Lowlands	7	1,131,866	-	611,176	-	1,743,042	1,762,178
Uplands	7	452,662	-	401,122	-	853,784	711,461
ARET	7	106,494	-	518,620	-	625,114	553,057
		1,691,022	-	1,530,918	-	3,221,940	3,026,696
Conservation	7	93,432	-	42,567	-	135,999	110,091
Public education	7	771,823	-	113,810	-	885,633	806,185
		2,556,277	-	1,687,295	-	4,243,572	3,942,972
Governance costs	8	103,107	33,851	-	-	136,958	110,227
Total resources expended		4,925,976	33,851	1,687,295	-	6,647,122	6,289,891
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(387,874)	(33,851)	(165,878)	-	(587,603)	163,308
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(387,874)	(33,851)	(165,878)	-	(587,603)	163,308
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES							
Gains and losses on investments:							
Realised		71,732	-	-	1,215	72,947	2,166
Unrealised	12	144,284	-	-	(464,149)	(319,865)	(21,365)
Net movement in funds		(171,858)	(33,851)	(165,878)	(462,934)	(834,521)	144,109
BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2008		2,488,994	227,737	673,327	4,541,953	7,932,011	7,787,902
BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2008		£2,317,136	£193,886	£507,449	£4,079,019	£7,097,490	£7,932,011

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
TURNOVER	3	1,021,349	1,085,259
OTHER OPERATING INCOME		4,884,467	5,195,657
		<u>5,905,816</u>	<u>6,280,916</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Operating charges		6,500,950	6,146,870
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		149,905	144,298
		<u>6,650,855</u>	<u>6,291,168</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS		<u>(745,039)</u>	<u>(10,252)</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	153,703	172,283
Interest payable and similar charges		-	-
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		3,733	1,277
Realised (losses)/gains on investments		72,947	2,166
		<u>230,383</u>	<u>175,726</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		<u>(514,656)</u>	<u>165,474</u>
RETAINED IN DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS		<u>(198,514)</u>	<u>65,194</u>
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(£316,142)</u>	<u>£100,280</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during either of the above two years.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Surplus for the year on ordinary activities	(514,656)	165,474
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(319,865)	(21,365)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(834,521)</u>	<u>144,109</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES AT 1 JANUARY 2008	7,932,011	7,787,902
CAPITAL AND RESERVES AT 31 DECEMBER 2008	<u>£7,097,490</u>	<u>£7,932,011</u>

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11a	3,216,364	2,991,422
Investments	12	3,284,470	3,744,028
		<u>6,500,834</u>	<u>6,735,450</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	13	196,773	198,223
Debtors	14	922,588	1,053,860
Cash at bank and in hand		370,205	868,849
		<u>1,489,566</u>	<u>2,120,932</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	566,068	622,564
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>923,498</u>	<u>1,498,368</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,424,332	8,233,818
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	326,842	301,807
NET ASSETS		<u>£7,097,490</u>	<u>£7,932,011</u>
Representing:			
CAPITAL FUNDS			
Endowment Funds	17	4,079,019	4,541,953
INCOME FUNDS			
Restricted Funds	18	507,449	673,327
Unrestricted Funds:			
Designated funds	19	193,886	227,737
Revaluation reserve	20	446,695	344,683
General fund		1,914,816	2,265,149
Non-charitable trading fund	4	(44,375)	(120,838)
		<u>2,511,022</u>	<u>2,716,731</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£7,097,490</u>	<u>£7,932,011</u>

M Hudson

 Signed on behalf of the Trustees
 M H Hudson - Chairman

Approved by the Trustees: *22 April* 2009

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
COMPANY ONLY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11b	1,067,002	963,488
Investments	12	1,456,544	1,437,879
		<u>2,523,546</u>	<u>2,401,367</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	13	640	640
Debtors	14	1,077,905	1,290,228
Cash at bank and in hand		82,269	395,633
		<u>1,160,814</u>	<u>1,686,501</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	428,072	396,469
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>732,742</u>	<u>1,290,032</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,256,288	3,691,399
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	266,322	276,022
NET ASSETS		<u>£2,989,966</u>	<u>£3,415,377</u>
Representing:			
INCOME FUNDS			
Restricted Funds	18	434,569	578,585
Unrestricted Funds:			
Designated funds	19	193,886	227,737
Revaluation reserve	20	446,695	344,683
General fund		1,914,816	2,264,372
		<u>2,555,397</u>	<u>2,836,792</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£2,989,966</u>	<u>£3,415,377</u>

M. H. Hudson
 Signed on behalf of the Trustees
 M H Hudson - Chairman

Approved by the Trustees: *22 April* 2009

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22a	(632,892)	181,937
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Dividends received		118,686	137,504
Interest received		15,366	16,552
Rental income		19,651	18,227
		<u>153,703</u>	<u>172,283</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT			
Purchases of tangible fixed assets		(291,136)	(334,397)
Sales of tangible fixed assets		46,000	1,277
Purchases of investments		(1,540,658)	(299,470)
Sales of investments		1,588,075	292,046
		<u>(197,719)</u>	<u>(340,544)</u>
CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING		<u>(676,908)</u>	<u>13,676</u>
FINANCING			
Life membership subscriptions received		38,252	68,471
Inception of finance lease		109,000	-
Capital element of finance lease rentals		(33,668)	(79)
Mortgage repaid		(2,932)	(2,846)
		<u>110,652</u>	<u>65,546</u>
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH	22b,c	<u>(£566,256)</u>	<u>£79,222</u>

THE GAME & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST
NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of accounting

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified for the revaluation of certain fixed assets and investments, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards. In preparing the accounts the Trust follows best practice as set out on the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

b. Consolidation

The Accounts comprise the consolidated financial statements of The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust. The Game Conservancy Trust, the wholly-owned subsidiaries Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited and Game Conservancy Events Limited and the Allerton Research and Educational Trust, consolidated on a line-by-line basis. They also include the results of all the Trust's branches. The inclusion of the Allerton Research and Educational trust within the consolidated accounts results from a Uniting Direction issued by the Charity Commission.

c. Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised. Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their anticipated useful economic lives, using the following annual rates:

Freehold land	Nil
Freehold buildings	1%
Equipment fixtures and fittings	6% to 33%
Motor vehicles	10% to 33%

A nil depreciation rate is used for freehold land because the Trustees are of the opinion that its life is indefinite. Impairment reviews are carried out where there is an indication that an asset's recoverable amount is less than its net book value. Any recognised loss which arises as a result of such a review is treated as additional depreciation.

d. Investments

Investments are carried at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising in the year are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities, and are credited or charged to the funds in which the assets are held.

e. Stock

Stock consists of farm and shop stock. It is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

f. Liabilities

Liabilities, including constructive liabilities, are recognised at their expected settlement value, when it is considered that it is more likely than not that a future transfer of economic benefits will occur as a result of a past event.

g. Finance leases

Where assets are acquired under finance leases, the lease rentals, less finance charges, are capitalised and depreciated over the lives of the assets. The related obligations are shown under Creditors.

h. Operating leases

Rent payable under operating leases is charged as expenditure on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

i. Incoming resources

All income is recognised on the receivable basis and no expenses are netted off against income. The only deferred income consists of receipts in advance for future fundraising events.

j. Grants and donations for specific purposes

Grants and donations for specific purposes are accounted for as receivable and are treated as forming restricted funds.

k. Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when it is reasonably certain that they will be received and the amounts receivable can be determined with sufficient reliability.

l. Life membership

Life members' subscriptions are allocated to income on the following basis:

Members joining in 2003 and subsequent years	- over 15 years
Members joining in 2002 and previous years	- over 10 years

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I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

m. Fund-raising costs

These consist of three elements:

- (i) The direct costs of fundraising events, such as the Game Conservancy Ball, the Game Conservancy Scottish Fair and smaller events organised by the county committees.
- (ii) The costs of recruiting and servicing the Trust's members.
- (iii) Other fundraising costs, which include the costs of the Fundraising Department and the costs of the Advisory Service and the Shop run by Game and Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited.

Many of these activities have a dual function in that they both raise funds for the Trust and also provide the opportunity for the Trust to educate the public about the conservation of game species and their habitats. Where it is considered that it is not possible to apportion the relevant costs between the two functions in a meaningful way, these activities are shown as fundraising events.

n. Support costs

Support costs represent the costs of the Trust's office and administration staff in providing support to the Trust's direct charitable activities. They are allocated to the Trust's activities in accordance with the use of resources

o. Governance costs

These costs represent the costs incurred by the Trust's management, finance and administrative departments on the management of the Trust's assets and compliance with constitutional, statutory and legal requirements.

p. Apportionment of expenses

Where expenses cannot be allocated directly to any activity they are apportioned on the basis of the time incurred by the relevant staff.

q. Pension Costs

Pension scheme arrangements are operated on the basis of a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of a majority of employees. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period for which they are payable to the scheme.

r. Value Added Tax

Irrecoverable VAT is included as part of the cost of the item to which it relates.

s. Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity fall into the following categories:

(i) Unrestricted general funds:

These are funds which can be used, at the discretion of the trustees, in accordance with the charitable objects of the Trust.

(ii) Designated funds:

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects; or to identify particular sources of income which it is intended should be spent on specific projects in the future.

(iii) Restricted funds:

These are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise either when they are specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a specific purpose. In most cases the restriction is that the funds have to be spent on a specific research project or group of research projects, although donations and grants are also received for particular aspects of public education such as the production of a certain publication.

(iv) Endowment funds

These are funds whose capital is held on a long-term basis and cannot normally be spent, although the income may be applied either to general or restricted purposes depending on the wishes of the donor of the original capital. The capital of permanent endowment can never be spent; the capital of spendable endowment may be spent in certain circumstances.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
Members' subscriptions	1,351,299	4,064	1,355,363	1,267,645
Donations	404,454	360,398	764,852	839,085
Grants from other charities	163,883	170,119	334,002	370,987
Sponsorship	108,455	-	108,455	116,260
Legacies	(2,276)	-	(2,276)	172,500
	674,516	530,517	1,205,033	1,498,832
	<u>£2,025,815</u>	<u>£534,581</u>	<u>£2,560,396</u>	<u>£2,766,477</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
Research contracts	150,319	63,684	214,003	175,544
Research grants from UK Government	-	454,309	454,309	582,501
Research grants from other bodies	-	41,956	41,956	50,486
Farm income	-	299,168	299,168	260,828
Lectures and tours	-	11,913	11,913	15,900
	<u>£150,319</u>	<u>£871,030</u>	<u>£1,021,349</u>	<u>£1,085,259</u>

The grants from the UK Government are from a variety of research and countryside agencies. The grants from other bodies are mainly from non-profit-making organisations which are not themselves charities.

4a. FUNDRAISING EVENTS

	Gross Income	Direct Expenditure	Net Income 2008	Net Income 2007
Carried out by subsidiary companies	791,147	(649,231)	141,916	76,125
Carried out by The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust:				
HQ Events	444,235	(46,493)	397,742	490,564
County Group events	795,567	(259,936)	535,631	588,425
	<u>£2,030,949</u>	<u>(£955,660)</u>	<u>£1,075,289</u>	<u>£1,155,114</u>

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4b. NET INCOME FROM TRADING SUBSIDIARIES

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust has two wholly-owned trading subsidiaries, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited and its subsidiary Game Conservancy Events Limited, which are both incorporated in the United Kingdom. Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited operates the Advisory Service and the Shop, and also carries out various fundraising events. Game Conservancy Events Limited also carries out fundraising events. Their taxable profits are paid to the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust under Gift Aid and Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited also pays interest on a loan from the Trust. Audited accounts of both companies are filed with the Registrar of Companies.

A summary of the companies' results is as follows:

	Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited	Game Conservancy Events Ltd	Total 2008	Total 2007
Trading				
Turnover	94,485	-	94,485	143,381
Cost of sales	(26,452)	-	(26,452)	(65,604)
Gross Profit	68,033	-	68,033	77,777
Advisory Service income	97,146	-	97,146	119,385
Total gross profit	165,179	-	165,179	197,162
Fundraising events	62,806	79,110	141,916	77,274
Sponsorship	82,455	-	82,455	116,380
Other income	113,543	-	113,543	111,409
Total income less direct expenses	423,983	79,110	503,093	502,225
Indirect expenses				
Shop administrative costs	(28,561)	-	(28,561)	(67,913)
Advisory Service expenses	(143,162)	-	(143,162)	(174,782)
Other expenditure	(86,577)	-	(86,577)	(97,751)
Interest payable to The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	(9,000)	-	(9,000)	(9,000)
Net profit	£156,683	£ 79,110	235,793	152,779
Payment under gift aid to The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust			(159,330)	(266,631)
Retained profit for the year			76,463	(113,852)
Balance brought forward			(120,838)	(6,986)
Balance carried forward			£ (44,375)	£ (120,838)

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4c. FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

The financial activities shown in the consolidated statement includes those of the Allerton Research and Educational Trust as well as the charity's wholly owned subsidiaries Game & Wildlife Conservation Trading Limited and Game Conservancy Events Limited.

A summary of the financial activities undertaken by the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust and Allerton Research and Educational Trust are set out below:

	<u>Total 2008</u>	<u>Total 2007</u>
Gross incoming resources	5,428,237	5,796,824
Total resources expended	6,092,165	5,519,802
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(663,928)	277,022
Realised gains on investments	72,947	2,166
Unrealised (losses) on investments	(319,865)	(21,365)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(910,846)	257,823
Total funds brought forward	8,052,711	7,794,888
BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2008	<u>£7,141,865</u>	<u>£8,052,711</u>
Represented by:		
The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust		
Restricted income funds	434,569	578,585
Unrestricted income funds	2,555,397	2,951,421
	<u>2,989,966</u>	<u>3,530,006</u>
Allerton Research and Educational Trust		
Endowed Funds	4,079,019	4,541,953
Restricted income funds	72,880	94,742
	<u>4,151,899</u>	<u>4,636,695</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£7,141,865</u>	<u>£8,166,701</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Dividends from listed investments	38,601	53,257
Dividends from charitable common investment funds	87,517	84,009
Estate Income	21,504	19,651
Bank deposit interest	6,081	15,366
	<u>£153,703</u>	<u>£172,283</u>

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6. OTHER FUNDRAISING COSTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fundraising department	301,467	274,102
Regional fundraising and initiatives	295,226	252,614
Advisory Service costs	143,162	186,908
Shop purchases and expenses	55,013	133,517
	<u>£794,868</u>	<u>£847,141</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

a. Costs of Charitable Activities

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total 2008	Total 2007
Research:				
Lowlands	1,494,310	248,732	1,743,042	1,762,178
Uplands	731,949	121,835	853,784	711,461
ARET	535,910	89,204	625,114	553,057
	<u>2,762,169</u>	<u>459,771</u>	<u>3,221,940</u>	<u>3,026,696</u>
Conservation	116,592	19,407	135,999	110,091
Public education	759,253	126,380	885,633	806,185
	<u>£3,638,014</u>	<u>£605,558</u>	<u>£4,243,572</u>	<u>£3,942,972</u>

b. Support Costs

Support costs constitute central management and administrative costs which are necessarily incurred to enable the charity to carry out its activities. They are made up as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Management	376,026	347,168
Finance	150,671	171,462
Information technology	168,807	130,939
Human resources	118,540	117,544
Central office expenses	115,542	83,734
	<u>£929,586</u>	<u>£850,847</u>

These costs have been allocated to the Trust's charitable activities, fundraising and governance on the basis of the usage of these resources by the various activities, as follows:

Charitable activities (Note 7)	605,558	552,950
Fundraising	187,070	187,670
Governance (Note 8)	136,958	110,227
	<u>£929,586</u>	<u>£850,847</u>

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8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Staff and office costs	45,808	46,873
Head Office refurbishment charged to designated funds	30,490	-
Legal and professional fees	11,494	13,806
Audit fees	16,871	16,064
Accountancy	9,479	9,745
Trustees' fees and expenses	22,817	23,739
	<u>£136,959</u>	<u>£110,227</u>

9. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Wages and salaries	2,694,634	2,595,580
Social security costs	283,245	273,108
Pension costs	202,777	200,177
	<u>£3,180,656</u>	<u>£3,068,865</u>

The number of employees was:

Research and conservation	64	65
Education	9	9
Farm	2	2
Membership and records	5	5
Regional activities and fundraising	9	9
Administration and support	12	12
	<u>101</u>	<u>102</u>

The following numbers of employees had emoluments of over £60,000:

Emoluments in the range £100,000 - £110,000	1	1
Emoluments in the range £90,000 - £100,000	-	-
Emoluments in the range £70,000 - £80,000	2	1
Emoluments in the range £60,000 - £70,000	-	1

For these employees, benefits were accruing under money purchase pension schemes, and the total employer's contributions to these schemes was £23,753 (2007: £23,000).

10. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Trustees' remuneration - for acting as trustees	£15,450	£15,225
- for other services	£ Nil	£ Nil
Trustees' travel and fundraising expenses reimbursed (3 trustees)	£5,541	£5,935

The remuneration was paid to the Chairman, Mr M Hudson, in accordance with authority granted by the Charity Commission.

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11a. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS GROUP

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Totals
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 January 2008	2,912,657	1,277,294	547,222	4,737,173
Additions	670	347,618	68,826	417,114
Disposals	-	(50,356)	(21,446)	(71,802)
At 31 December 2008	2,913,327	1,574,556	594,602	5,082,485
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2008	194,352	1,144,754	406,645	1,745,751
Charge for the year	23,750	56,561	69,594	149,905
Disposals	-	(16,920)	(12,615)	(29,535)
At 31 December 2008	218,102	1,184,395	463,624	1,866,121
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2008	<u>£2,695,225</u>	<u>£390,161</u>	<u>£130,978</u>	<u>£3,216,364</u>
At 31 December 2007	<u>£2,718,305</u>	<u>£132,540</u>	<u>£140,577</u>	<u>£2,991,422</u>

The net book value at 31 December 2008 represents fixed assets used for the following purposes:

Direct charitable purposes:

Research	2,369,743	214,288	110,060	2,694,091
Conservation	-	17,159	916	18,075
Education	81,370	30,026	-	111,396
Fundraising	48,822	68,633	-	117,455
Other purposes	195,290	60,055	20,002	275,347
	<u>£2,695,225</u>	<u>£390,161</u>	<u>£130,978</u>	<u>£3,216,364</u>

It is estimated that the assets used for other purposes are used 71% to support the Trust's direct charitable activities, 24% to support fundraising and 5% for the management and administration of the charity

The cost or valuation of freehold land and buildings is made up as follows:

	2008	2007
ARET land and buildings as valued at acquisition in 1992	1,849,152	1,849,152
Fordingbridge land and buildings as revalued in 1994	400,000	400,000
Subsequent additions, at cost	664,175	663,505
	<u>£2,913,327</u>	<u>£2,912,657</u>

The historical cost of the land and buildings included at the 1994 valuation was £232,425 (2007: £232,425).

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11b. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)
COMPANY

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Totals
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 January 2008	819,225	886,447	510,604	2,216,276
Additions	-	173,514	36,134	209,648
Disposals	-	-	(14,300)	(14,300)
At 31 December 2008	819,225	1,059,961	532,438	2,411,624
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2008	47,791	823,653	381,344	1,252,788
Charge for the year	8,201	31,252	59,191	98,644
Disposals	-	-	(6,810)	(6,810)
At 31 December 2008	55,992	854,905	433,725	1,344,622
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2008	£763,233	£205,056	£98,713	£1,067,002
At 31 December 2007	£771,434	£62,794	£129,260	£963,488

The net book value at 31 December 2008 represents fixed assets used for the following purposes:

Direct charitable purposes:

Research	438,454	110,590	81,567	630,611
Conservation	-	9,216	751	9,967
Education	81,195	16,129	-	97,324
Fundraising	48,717	36,865	-	85,582
Other purposes	194,867	32,257	16,395	243,519
	£763,233	£205,056	£98,713	£1,067,002

It is estimated that the assets used for other purposes are used 71% to support the Trust's direct charitable activities, 24% to support fundraising and 5% for the management and administration of the charity

The cost or valuation of freehold land and buildings is made up as follows:

	2008	2007
Fordingbridge land and buildings as revalued in 1994	400,000	400,000
Subsequent additions, at cost	419,225	419,225
	£819,225	£819,225

The historical cost of the land and buildings included at the 1994 valuation was £232,425 (2007: £232,425).

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12. INVESTMENTS

	The Group		
	The Company Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Market value:			
At 1 January 2008	1,437,879	2,306,149	3,744,028
Additions	1,540,658	-	1,540,658
Disposals	(1,501,054)	(14,074)	(1,515,128)
Revaluation	144,284	(464,149)	(319,865)
Increase/(decrease) in cash	(165,223)	-	(165,223)
At 31 December 2008	<u>£1,456,544</u>	<u>£1,827,926</u>	<u>£3,284,470</u>
Cost at 31 December 2008	<u>£1,177,422</u>	<u>£1,689,142</u>	<u>£2,866,564</u>
Cost at 31 December 2007	<u>£1,073,223</u>	<u>£1,699,718</u>	<u>£2,772,941</u>

The market values were made up as follows:

	2008	2007
UK Listed Investments	525,432	383,930
Overseas Listed Investments	730,026	957,138
Charitable Common Investment Funds	1,723,333	2,092,818
Other Investments	179,260	18,500
Cash on Deposit	126,419	291,642
	<u>£3,284,470</u>	<u>£3,744,028</u>

Holdings whose market values are more than 5% of the total portfolio are:

	2008	2007
596,580 Cazenove Income Trust for Charities	370,655	354,786
1,815,150 Cazenove Equity Income Trust for Charities	1,026,279	1,438,597
2,047 Cazenove Absolute Return Trust for Charities	247,563	299,434

The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust is exposed to currency risk in respect of investments held in stocks denominated in Japanese Yen (£277,250), Euros (£107,832), Swiss francs (£56,391), Canadian Dollars (£34,701) and American Dollars (£16,084)

13. STOCKS

	The Group		The Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Goods for resale	10,394	12,041	-	-
Stationery and promotional materials	640	640	640	640
Farm Stocks				
Growing crops	36,908	54,889	-	-
Stock in store	42,568	28,140	-	-
Crops in store	90,876	90,598	-	-
Sheep	15,387	11,915	-	-
	<u>£196,773</u>	<u>£198,223</u>	<u>£640</u>	<u>£640</u>

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14. DEBTORS

	The Group		The Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Trade debtors	285,066	262,655	153,636	134,735
Income tax recoverable	78,283	92,368	78,283	92,368
VAT recoverable	23,608	12,698	4,305	12,678
Other debtors	207,544	232,015	164,426	202,579
Amount due from GC USA	208,667	187,750	208,667	187,750
Amount due from other group entities	-	-	398,852	447,635
Prepayments	119,420	266,374	69,736	212,483
	<u>£922,588</u>	<u>£1,053,860</u>	<u>£1,077,905</u>	<u>£1,290,228</u>

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	The Group		The Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Bank overdrafts	77,593	167,738	-	-
Trade creditors	254,755	240,256	221,420	208,380
Life membership subscriptions	47,865	46,188	47,865	46,188
VAT payable	5,944	6,195	-	-
Finance lease obligations	37,666	-	-	-
Income tax and national insurance	77,858	79,505	76,058	77,705
Amount due to other group entities	-	-	45,141	17,842
Accruals	52,135	71,018	31,888	39,176
Deferred income	9,829	9,241	5,700	7,178
Mortgage	2,423	2,423	-	-
	<u>£566,068</u>	<u>£622,564</u>	<u>£428,072</u>	<u>£396,469</u>

16. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	The Group		The Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Life membership subscriptions	190,799	194,547	190,799	194,547
Deferred income	75,523	81,475	75,523	81,475
Finance lease obligations	37,667	-	-	-
Mortgage	22,853	25,785	-	-
	<u>£326,842</u>	<u>£301,807</u>	<u>£266,322</u>	<u>£276,022</u>

The amounts falling due after more than five years were as follows:

Life membership subscriptions	56,715	56,715	56,715	56,715
Deferred income	52,975	58,675	52,975	52,975
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-
Mortgage	10,602	13,448	-	-
	<u>£120,292</u>	<u>£128,838</u>	<u>£109,690</u>	<u>£109,690</u>

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17. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	ARET Property Fund	ARET Endowment Fund 'A'	ARET Endowment Fund 'B'	Total
As at 1 January 2008	2,218,188	1,989,390	334,375	4,541,953
Net incoming resources	-	-	-	-
Realised gains on investments	-	1,056	159	1,215
Unrealised losses on investments	-	(397,737)	(66,412)	(464,149)
As at 31 December 2008	<u>£2,218,188</u>	<u>£1,592,709</u>	<u>£268,122</u>	<u>£4,079,019</u>

These funds constitute the original capital of the Allerton Research and Educational Trust (ARET) and are represented mainly by fixed assets and investments. Their use is restricted as follows, in accordance with the wishes of the original settlors of that Trust:

- a. **Property Fund**
ARET's property is held on a long term basis to provide the setting for the its research. It is not, however, held as permanent endowment and occasional land sales are therefore permitted.
- b. **Endowment Fund 'A'**
This fund is subject to the restriction imposed by the settlors that only the income can be spent, to support the general work of ARET. It is, however, open to the settlors to remove this restriction if they wish.
- c. **Endowment Fund 'B'**
The capital of this fund is available to spend on any expenditure of a capital nature. The income is for the general purposes of ARET.

18. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of grants and donations held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

	Balance 01.01.08	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31.12.08
The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust					
Grants and donations					
Lowlands research	181,530	530,785	(611,176)	-	101,139
Uplands research	376,162	331,397	(401,122)	-	306,437
Conservation	4,000	48,667	(42,567)	-	10,100
Education	-	113,810	(113,810)	-	-
	<u>561,692</u>	<u>1,024,659</u>	<u>(1,168,675)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,676</u>
Bursary Funds	16,893	-	-	-	16,893
	<u>578,585</u>	<u>1,024,659</u>	<u>(1,168,675)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434,569</u>
Allerton Research and Educational Trust					
ARET research	94,742	496,758	(518,620)	-	72,880
	<u>£673,327</u>	<u>£1,521,417</u>	<u>(£1,687,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£507,449</u>

The Bursary Funds were donated to provide income to pay the fees for selected persons on Gamekeepers' and Young Shots' courses.

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19. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The income funds include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds:

	Balance 01.01.08	Movement in Funds		Balance 31.12.08
		Income	Expenditure	
Legacy Fund	109,414	-	-	109,414
VAT Refund	36,235	-	(3,362)	32,873
Property Refurbishment Fund	82,088	-	(30,489)	51,599
	<u>£227,737</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ (33,851)</u>	<u>£193,886</u>

The Legacy Fund was established in 1993 as a separate fund derived from legacies in excess of £10,000 received in 1993 and subsequent years. The Trustees can use discretion when deciding whether to allocate a legacy over £10,000 to the Legacy Fund.

The VAT refund arose from the repayment in 1996 to 2002 of VAT incurred in previous years; the money was earmarked for improvements to management systems.

The Property Refurbishment Fund was established in 1997 by the transfer of £250,000 from the General Fund.

20. REVALUATION RESERVE

	Balance 01.01.08	Movement in Funds		Balance 31.12.08
		Revaluation	Amounts now realised	
Property revaluation reserve	167,575	-	-	167,575
Unrealised gains on investments	177,108	144,284	(42,272)	279,120
	<u>£344,683</u>	<u>£144,284</u>	<u>(£42,272)</u>	<u>£446,695</u>

The property revaluation reserve contains the surplus on the revaluation of Fordingbridge land and buildings in 1994. The investment revaluation reserves represents the difference between the cost and the market value of investments at the balance sheet date.

21. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 December 2008 were represented by the following assets and liabilities:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Tangible fixed assets	1,084,805	199,567	1,931,992	3,216,364
Investments	1,456,545	-	1,827,925	3,284,470
Current assets	837,306	307,882	344,378	1,489,566
Current liabilities	(563,645)	-	(2,423)	(566,068)
Long-term liabilities	(303,989)	-	(22,853)	(326,842)
	<u>£2,511,022</u>	<u>£507,449</u>	<u>£4,079,019</u>	<u>£7,097,490</u>

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22. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

a. Reconciliation of net changes in resources to operating cash flow

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Net changes in resources before revaluations	(587,603)	163,308
Depreciation	149,905	144,298
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,733	(1,277)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	1,450	992
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	5,294	249,530
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(11,645)	(143,891)
Investment income	(153,703)	(172,283)
Life membership income	(40,323)	(58,740)
Operating cash flow	<u>(£632,892)</u>	<u>£ 181,937</u>

b. Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period	(573,722)	79,222
Net funds at 1 January 2008	992,753	913,531
Net funds at 31 December 2008	<u>£419,031</u>	<u>£992,753</u>

c. Analysis of net funds

	<u>Balance 01.01.08</u>	<u>Cash Flow</u>	<u>Balance 31.12.08</u>
Brokers' deposit accounts	291,642	(165,223)	126,419
Cash at bank and in hand	868,849	(498,644)	370,205
Bank overdrafts	(167,738)	90,145	(77,593)
	<u>£992,753</u>	<u>(£573,722)</u>	<u>£419,031</u>

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23. COMMITMENTS**a. Mortgage commitments**

The mortgage loan is secured on 109.18 acres of the Allerton Research and Educational Trust's freehold land, which is valued at £115,000. The loan is repayable over 20 years from June 1995 in quarterly instalments. Interest is charged at the lender's mortgage rate.

A total of £8,692 (2007: £13,448) is repayable after more than five years.

b. Capital expenditure commitments

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Contracted for but not provided for in the accounts		
Payable within one year	-	-
Authorised by the Trustees but not contracted for	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

c. Finance lease commitments

The total commitment to finance lease rentals was:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Payable within one year	40,706	-
Payable in the second to fifth years	40,706	-
	<u>81,412</u>	<u>-</u>
Less: finance charges allocated to future periods	(6,079)	-
	<u>£75,333</u>	<u>£-</u>

d. Operating lease commitments

The annual commitment to operating lease rentals was:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
In respect of land and buildings:		
Leases which expire within one year	66,410	58,188
In respect of fixtures, fittings and equipment:		
Leases which expire in the second to fifth years	20,221	20,221
In respect of motor vehicles:		
Leases which expire within one year	18,713	18,731
Leases which expire in the second to fifth years	20,918	58,568
	<u>£126,262</u>	<u>£155,708</u>
Rentals paid during the year were:		
Land and buildings	73,578	68,817
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20,221	16,585
Motor vehicles	89,265	105,277
	<u>£183,064</u>	<u>£190,679</u>

e. Pension commitments

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Annual commitment (defined contribution scheme)	£202,777	£200,177
Contributions outstanding at the year-end	£7,367	£30,019

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24. CONNECTED CHARITIES

The following charities are connected with the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust:

The Game Conservancy Scottish Research Trust
c/o Messrs Brodies WS, 15 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA

The Habitat Research Trust
Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 1EF

The Game Conservancy Scottish Research Trust had a minority of ex-officio Trustees appointed from the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust's Council; the Habitat Research Trust includes in its objects the power to carry out research through the agency of The Game Conservancy Trust (now the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust). Following the end of the year the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust was appointed as sole corporate trustee of the Game Conservancy Scottish Research Trust.

The following grants were made to The Game Conservancy Trust:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
The Game Conservancy Scottish Research Trust:		
Scottish Grouse Project	-	22,000
Deer and Tick Research	-	18,000
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£40,000</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
The Habitat Research Trust:		
Small Wetland Project	£-	£3,000

25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust is one of five founder members of Langholm Moor Demonstration Project Limited, a company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated on 25 March 2008. The company aims to establish Langholm Moor as a commercial driven grouse moor and demonstrate the feasibility of sustaining both grouse and conservation interests, restore habitat and biodiversity interests through active grouse moor management.

The Trust has paid £72,000 to the company in 2008 and this has been disclosed within charitable activities as uplands research expenditure.