

Company Registration No. SC172288  
Charity No. SC025837

## Scottish Seabird Centre

### Report of the Trustees and consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2023



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**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 January 2023**  
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**Scottish Seabird Centre  
Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 January 2023**

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The Trustees of the Charity are pleased to present their report on the activities of the Charity and Group for the year ending 31 January 2023. The report complies with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019).

**Reference and administrative detail**

**Charity number:** SC025837

**Charity number:** 172288 (Scotland)

**Registered office:** The Harbour  
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**Trustees:** The Trustees who served during the period from 1 February 2022 to the date of approval of this report were as follows:

S D Housden (Chair)  
C Arnold  
S Breslin  
E Eckles [resigned 31 July 2023]  
C Hopkins [resigned 11 April 2023]  
Kim Kjaerside [joined 19 January 2023]  
R Lilley [resigned 31 July 2023]  
SAJ Macandrew [retired 31 July 2023]  
H McFarlane [joined 19 January 2023]  
D Murray [retired 30 June 2022]  
D Paterson  
Neil Stoddart [joined 28 June 2023]  
P Taylor  
T Quinn  
S Votier

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<b>Key Management:</b>	Chief Executive Officer:	S Davies
	Business Support Officer:	J Dryburgh [retired 28 April 2023] F Unsworth [joined 17 May 2023]
	Finance Manager:	H McDonald
	Fundraising Manager:	C Bray [resigned 27 April 2023]
	Marketing Manager:	J Thompson
	Project Manager:	D Roden

**Structure, governance and management**

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated and registered as a charity. The company was set up 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 the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees, as defined by the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, who are also Directors under the Companies Act 2006 and are collectively referred to as "The Trustees".

The Hamilton-Dalrymple family have the option to nominate one trustee in respect of their ownership of the Bass Rock and Craighleith Islands. This trustee option is not presently taken up. Regular communications occur around the separate management agreements for the islands and Anchor Green which are in place.

During the year our Charity's Articles of Association were updated to take account of changes in membership and to better reflect diversity. These have been registered with Companies House.

The trustees are chosen for their individual qualifications, experience, and skills to cover the gamut of those required for successful governance of the Centre. Trustees may serve two consecutive periods of four years. After serving these periods they must stand down for a minimum of two years before offering themselves for election again. The Centre advertises vacant trustee positions to the public. A register of trustees' interests is held and regularly updated by the charity and a co-option approach exists to bring in specific skills or to secure business continuity.

#### Trustees induction and management training

All new trustees are given a formal familiarisation to the Charity's objects, the governance structure and Trustee responsibilities. This is led by the Chairman and CEO as part of an induction process. Staff work to agreed role profiles, an annual activity plan and job plans and are subject to regular performance reviews, which also provide an opportunity to explore and support personal development needs.

#### Governance

The Board of Trustees, which administers the Charity, meets regularly and on not less than four occasions each year.

The Scottish Seabird Centre Trading Ltd is the trading subsidiary of the Charity. Its Board consists of directors who are trustees of the Charity, the Charity CEO, and an independent director. A Finance, Audit & Risk Committee also meets at least four times a year to provide greater scrutiny for the Board on any strategic risks facing the organisation and its financial position. This Committee is chaired by a trustee and membership includes the Chair of the Charity, two other trustees and an independent adviser.

To set the pay and remuneration of the staff team, the Chairman and CEO make a recommendation for approval by the Board of the Charity. It is based on legal requirements, what the organisation can afford to pay and benchmarking with other similar businesses and charitable bodies. The Finance, Audit & Risk Committee will offer a view on overall affordability of the pay-award for the Board to take into consideration in its decision-making.

Volunteers are central to the successful operation of the Charity. A core group of regular volunteers make an invaluable contribution to supporting activities within the Discovery Experience, learning activities, events and fundraising to support the Charity. This Group is formally constituted and holds its own bank account. Volunteers are a valued part of the team and help provide a link from and to the local community. There is a wider pool of volunteers who support island conservation management activities, including SOS puffin and biosecurity responses, and seagrass restoration activities around the Firth of Forth.

Task-based groups are formed as required to support the work of the Charity. The CEO advises on the strategic issues that are of most relevance to the Charity, leads and manages the running of the Charity. The CEO acts as the primary link between the Board, the wider team and with outside stakeholders and partners. The CEO has delegated authority – within terms of delegation approved by the trustees – for operational matters. These include finance, fundraising, employment, risk management and project delivery.

The Charity has undertaken a 'health check' against the Charity Commission, via OSCR, to ensure that all key governance requirements are fulfilled.

#### Strategic relationships

Insofar as it is complementary to its objects, the Charity is guided by both local and national policy. The Charity works in close partnership with several national organisations, including Scottish Environment Link, NatureScot, RSPB (Scotland), Scottish Wildlife Trust, WWF (UK), Project Seagrass, Marine Conservation Society, East Lothian Council, Scottish Enterprise, the Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions (ASVA) and the UK Association of Science and Discovery Centres. The Charity also has several informal and formal arrangements with various university institutes to help achieve common objectives in conservation, education, scientific research and science communications.

## **Objectives and activities**

At the heart of the Scottish Seabird Centre's strategic plan (2020-25) - Inspiring people to care for our marine environment, are four pillars of conservation, education, community and experience which guide the charity's activities. A 3-year business plan (2021-2024) sets out more detail on the direction of activities, growth objectives and the funding required. The visitor experience team and the Charity's physical and digital assets are used to support delivery of the charitable activities directly and in partnership with others. The Scottish Seabird Centre is growing its use of digital assets to communicate marine science and the importance of conserving our marine environment to a wider audience and with key partners. The Charity has a growing media profile on seabird and marine conservation matters in Scotland and the UK.

Recovery from COVID-19 continued in 2022 but was hampered by the financial and operational implications of a lower visitor footfall than pre-COVID levels. Constraints also exist in terms of ability to recruit and retain employees for hospitality; a pattern that is reflected across the hospitality sector.

In 2022 UK seabird colonies were affected by an extensive outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) with islands in the Firth of Forth being closed to visitors. Our team were at the heart of the HPAI media response to this outbreak which has persisted over the winter and returned to take its toll on a wider range of seabird colonies.

## **Achievement and performance**

Despite the ongoing challenges arising from tourism recovery and avian flu, good governance was maintained, and the team developed and delivered a wider range of resources, activities and events to a range of beneficiaries through its charitable activities.

Our conservation management activities on the islands were curtailed by avian flu during the peak of the summer, however, the team undertook avian flu surveillance and established a new partnership with the University of Edinburgh to collect drone imagery of the Northern Gannet colony on the Bass Rock to highlight the scale of impact of the disease. The team also fielded many national and local media reports on the disease outbreak.

Our team continued to develop partnerships during the year to deliver a range of engagement events focused on citizen science, conservation volunteering and improving well-being. Partnering with WDC a new Whale and Dolphin Watch site has been established in North Berwick, with volunteers supported by the team.

Digital resources, including our Dive In learning packs and the introduction of a mobile version of our underwater virtual reality exhibits, provide a means for engaging with people who are unable to visit the Centre. We also continued digital delivery of our Meet the Scientist programme, which continues to be well attended. A blog series gives both our team members and partner organisations an opportunity to make their activities and science more accessible to wider audiences.

We appointed, towards the end of the year, a new education officer who brings fresh ideas and energy to our learning team offer. We are starting to see our engagement sessions with schools strengthening as our education resources and sessions are re-developed. The purchase of a marine underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and a digital microscope, open new opportunities for us to bring the underwater marine life to people's attention.

Maintenance of our wildlife interactive cameras on the islands in the Firth of Forth has proved challenging with poor weather preventing landing on the islands and reliability issues which we are addressing with our contractor. Two of our Bass Rock cameras need to be removed for assessment due to water damage and our Isle of May camera infrastructure was damaged by storms leaving us without a live feed of over the winter months for grey seal colony viewing. A new camera focused on the Dunbar harbour kittiwake colony was installed bringing a new focus to our engagement activities. Functional cameras are a critical part of the quality of our visitor experience and educational offer, as well as being used for research purposes. We are continuing to try to improve the reliability of the cameras and live feed to the Centre and our website.

#### **Voluntary help and gifts in kind**

Voluntary help and local partnerships with, and support from, community-based organisations remain important to the success of the Charity. Our volunteer group run several events each year to raise funds for our charitable activities and these are generally well attended by members of the local community.

#### **Financial review**

The slower pace of recovery for tourism and hospitality continued to impact on our Charity's ability to sustain and expand our core programme of work in line with our strategy and business plan aspirations. Budgets were set and managed closely within year in line with the activity plan and delegated authority. We continue to work towards achieving a more sustainable finance model to underpin our activity plans and the need to both replace and re-invest in the Centre's physical assets on a continuous basis.

The Charity's Trading Company continued an upward trend in its performance from the previous refurbishment and COVID-loss making situation and made a further donation up to the Charity, albeit that the level of donation was smaller than in some previous years. Trustees have confirmed that the Charity will continue to consider support to the Trading Company should there be an unprecedented set of circumstances in future that affects its profitability in the short-term.

#### **Reserve policy**

The Board has reviewed its reserves policy and agreed that the minimum reserve requirement should be around a contracted business model as opposed to an extremis situation. The maximum levels would give rise to an upper reserve requirement of £235,000. A plan for building our financial reserves (timing, amount and target sources) is being constrained by the cost of business and living rises.

As of 31 January 2023, the Group had total reserves of £1,950,241 (2022: £2,098,468). However, within this balance are restricted funds of £1,662,965 relating to the future write-down costs of our restricted assets. Also included in this balance are restricted funds of £49,473 dedicated to various projects. These restricted funds are not available for the general purposes of the Company. Unrestricted reserves are £237,803 (2022: (£286,436) [see note 21]. Through regular review of financial performance, open and transparent dialogue with key stakeholders and seeking to identify additional funding, the Trustees aim to improve this position.

#### **Risk Management**

A risk register is maintained by the Senior Management Team (SMT) which captures the strategic risks for the organisation. This is reviewed by the SMT during its monthly cycle of meetings and used to manage risks and apply any lessons learnt to tighten controls, policy, or practice. The risk register, and recommendations from the senior team on any changes or new risks emerging is scrutinised by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on a quarterly basis with any significant changes in risks and/or new risks emerging being highlighted to the Charity Board.

## **Environmental and Social Governance**

As a marine conservation and education charity we place sustainability both at the heart of our own purchasing and decision-making and in discussions with potential funders. Our Charity's vision is to "help ensure that Scotland's marine environment is healthy, wildlife-rich, valued and enjoyed by all" and we are committed to playing our part in addressing the twin challenges of climate change and nature loss. Our Charity came from community endeavours, and we strive to support the communities we work with in a range of different ways including improving the health of the local environment and people's wellbeing through connecting with nature.

We have a range of people policies which set out how we support our own team and safeguard others, and our safeguarding policy was updated and re-issued in year. We take steps to ensure that we embrace diversity and endeavour to make our activities as accessible for all capabilities. Funding pressures do however limit the extent to which we can make physical improvements to our Centre's assets to improve the experience for all.

## **Plans for the future**

We are in the UN decade of ecosystem restoration and the interconnectedness of climate change and nature loss continues to be highlighted at global, national, and local levels. The need for wider public and private investment to help respond to these issues is keenly debated and new funding streams are starting to emerge, although these are not yet nearly at the levels required to make a real difference. We continue to have an important role to play in terms of raising awareness of the issues affecting Scotland's internationally important seabirds and wider marine environment, reaching new audiences, and providing information on, and opportunities for, people to engage with the marine environment.

Through our conservation pillar we will continue to support and develop projects that help us learn more about seabirds and improve the management and restoration of habitats. These include SOS Puffin, biosecurity activity, community beach cleans, seagrass restoration and seabird and seal counts. Through our education and community pillars our citizen science engagement activities and wildlife and wellbeing tours are all important ways in which we will continue to engage with the public. We are planning a coastal bioblitz to engage experts and the community on the diversity of wildlife in our local area. We will also make more use of our mobile virtual reality experience at science and community festivals and through school and community outreach to ensure that more people have an opportunity to learn about the marine environment. As we develop our education offer, we plan to pilot a junior marine science club for the 8-13 year age group as an additional strand to our activities.

We will be working hard to tackle more directly our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, as identified in reports supported by Scottish Enterprise and East Lothian Council, with a particular focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy supply for our operations in the year ahead. Progress will be subject to funding availability.

## **Going concern**

The pathway to financial recovery remains challenging as we struggle to attract and retain people within the catering and hospitality part of our business, rising costs (energy and pay), and contractor availability for projects. We are also operating in an increasingly competitive funding landscape and need to continue to work hard to build our pipeline of funding prospects and new relationships that lead towards multi-year grant awards.

The Trustees have reviewed key income and cost assumptions, prepared and approved up to date management accounts, budgets and cash flow projections. Whilst recovery remains slower Trustees are of the view that, at the date of approval of the financial statements, they are satisfied with the going concern status of the parent company, its ongoing support and with the trading prospects of the subsidiary company. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Charity will start the process of reviewing its business plan and longer-term strategy towards the end of the year – testing the assumptions behind the vision, purpose, activity and budget plans.



#### **Auditors**

Saffery Champness were re-appointed as auditor to the Charity and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

#### **Acknowledgements**

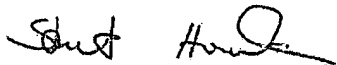
The Trustees would again like to thank all our volunteers, members and supporters - individuals, charitable trusts and foundations, public bodies and corporate organisations who have supported our work. This includes AEB Charitable Trust, Big Give Green Match Fund, Cirrus Logic, Garfield Weston Foundation, Hamish and Doris Crichton Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation, NatureScot – Nature Restoration fund (capital), National Lottery Community Fund - Jubilee Fund, North Berwick Trust, Scottish Enterprise, William Grant Foundation, Viridor Landfill Tax Credits, WWF- UK (Restoration Forth) and the John Alexander legacy.

We are very mindful of the broader support that exists towards the Scottish Seabird Centre and the importance of its role both within North Berwick, East Lothian and in the wider conservation practice and science community in Scotland and further afield. Collaborative working and partnerships (informal and formal) will enable us to confidently face the challenges ahead with our loyal and dedicated team (employees and volunteers).

#### **Approval of the Trustees' report**

At the time of approving this report, the Trustees are aware of no relevant audit information of which the group and charitable company's auditors are unaware and have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group and charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

The report was approved by the Board on 31 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Stuart D Houdsen  
Chair

**Scottish Seabird Centre**  
**Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**  
**For the year ended 31 January 2023**

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The Trustees (who are also directors of Scottish Seabird Centre 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company and of the group 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Scottish Seabird Centre for the year ended 31 January 2023 which comprise of the consolidated statement of financial activities, the charity statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the charity statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

### **In our opinion the financial statements:**

- give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the group and the parent charitable company as at 31 January 2023 and of the group's 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company 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, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

#### **Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:**

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

#### **Audit response to risks identified:**

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

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**For the year ended 31 January 2023**

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During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and 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 charitable company, the charitable company's members and trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Kenneth McDowell CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Saffery Champness**

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**31 August 2023**

Saffery Champness LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	200,482	232,557	433,039	505,346
Other trading activities	3	706,529	-	706,529	558,652
Charitable activities	4	523,897	-	523,897	440,458
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,430,908</u>	<u>232,557</u>	<u>1,663,465</u>	<u>1,504,456</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of raising funds:					
Donations and legacies	5	50,155	-	50,155	46,915
Other trading activities	6	488,750	-	488,750	378,410
Charitable activities	7	930,767	328,157	1,258,924	1,071,978
Other expenditure	10	13,863	-	13,863	11,973
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,483,535</u>	<u>328,157</u>	<u>1,811,692</u>	<u>1,509,276</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>(52,627)</u>	<u>(95,600)</u>	<u>(148,227)</u>	<u>(4,820)</u>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		3,994	(3,994)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	21	(48,633)	(99,594)	(148,227)	(4,820)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	21	286,436	1,812,032	2,098,468	2,103,288
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	21	<u>237,803</u>	<u>1,712,438</u>	<u>1,950,241</u>	<u>2,098,468</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of the financial statements.

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Charity Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	243,767	232,557	476,324	447,846
Other trading activities	3	165,453	-	165,453	140,513
Charitable activities	4	523,897	-	523,897	440,458
<b>Total income</b>		<u>933,117</u>	<u>232,557</u>	<u>1,165,674</u>	<u>1,028,817</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of raising funds:					
Donations and legacies	5	50,155	-	50,155	46,915
Charitable activities	7	918,245	328,157	1,246,402	1,060,993
Other expenditure	10	7,650	-	7,650	6,626
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>976,050</u>	<u>328,157</u>	<u>1,304,207</u>	<u>1,114,534</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>(42,933)</u>	<u>(95,600)</u>	<u>(138,533)</u>	<u>(85,717)</u>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		3,994	(3,994)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(38,939)	(99,594)	(138,533)	(85,717)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		232,400	1,812,032	2,044,432	2,130,149
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>193,461</u>	<u>1,712,438</u>	<u>1,905,899</u>	<u>2,044,432</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of the financial statements.

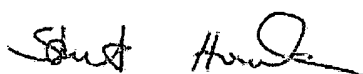
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Consolidated Statement of financial position  
For the year ended 31 January 2023


	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	14		1,727,731		1,832,157
Intangible fixed assets	15		24,036		29,235
			<u>1,751,767</u>		<u>1,861,392</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	17	45,798		42,434	
Debtors	18	142,763		44,320	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>201,743</u>		<u>374,842</u>	
		390,304		461,596	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts due within one year	19	<u>(169,955)</u>		<u>(185,145)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>220,349</u>		<u>276,451</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,972,116		2,137,843
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year	20		(21,875)		(39,375)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,950,241</u>		<u>2,098,468</u>
<b>Reserves</b>					
Unrestricted funds	21		237,803		286,436
Restricted funds	21		<u>1,712,438</u>		<u>1,812,032</u>
			<u>1,950,241</u>		<u>2,098,468</u>

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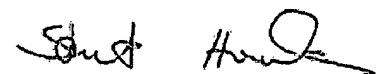


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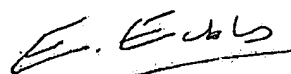
Charity Statement of financial position  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	14	1,726,169	1,828,154
Intangible fixed assets	15	24,036	29,235
Investments	16	1	1
		<u>1,750,206</u>	<u>1,857,390</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	18	137,508	40,299
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>199,005</u>	<u>372,591</u>
		<u>336,513</u>	<u>412,890</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts due within one year	19	<u>(158,945)</u>	<u>(186,473)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>177,568</u>	<u>226,417</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,927,774</u>	<u>2,083,807</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year	20	(21,875)	(39,375)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,905,899</u>	<u>2,044,432</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds		193,461	232,400
Restricted funds		<u>1,712,438</u>	<u>1,812,032</u>
		<u>1,905,899</u>	<u>2,044,432</u>

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Consolidated Statement of cashflows  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	29	(146,198)	221,827
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(26,901)	(77,134)
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		-	(17,598)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(26,901)</u>	<u>(94,732)</u>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<u>(173,099)</u>	<u>127,095</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<u>374,842</u>	<u>247,747</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u><u>201,743</u></u>	<u><u>374,842</u></u>

Analysis of changes in net debt

	At start of year £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash	374,842	(173,099)	201,743
Overdraft facility repayable on demand			-
	<u>374,842</u>	<u>(173,099)</u>	<u>201,743</u>
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Loans due within one year	(17,500)	-	(17,500)
Loans due after one year	(39,375)	17,500	(21,875)
	<u>(56,875)</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>(39,375)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>317,967</u></u>	<u><u>(155,599)</u></u>	<u><u>162,368</u></u>

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Charity Statement of cashflows  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash provided by operating activities	29	(146,685)	222,226
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(26,901)	(77,134)
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		-	(17,598)
Cash used in investing activities		(26,901)	(94,732)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(173,586)	127,494
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		372,591	245,097
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		199,005	372,591

Analysis of changes in net debt

	At start of year £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash	372,591	(173,586)	199,005
Overdraft facility repayable on demand			-
	372,591	(173,586)	199,005
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Loans due within one year	(17,500)		(17,500)
Loans due after one year	(39,375)	17,500	(21,875)
	(56,875)	17,500	(39,375)
<b>TOTAL</b>	315,716	(156,086)	159,630

## 1. Accounting Policies

### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Scotland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and are compliant with the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102-Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

### Going Concern

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered the position of the charity for the next 12 months and concluded that the use of this basis is appropriate as there are no material uncertainties in relation to the operation of the charity that would cast doubt over the ability of the Scottish Seabird Centre to continue as a going concern.

The group and parent charitable company has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information may be found within note 31 on page 33.

Having considered the matters above and with particular reference to the financial impact of the coronavirus crisis, the Trustees are of the opinion that the group and parent charitable company will have sufficient resources to continue to operate and meet debts as they fall due for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been drawn up on a going concern basis.

### Group financial statements

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, Scottish Seabird Centre Trading Limited, on a line by line basis.

### Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants, donations and Gift Aid received on this are recognised when receivable. Other trading activities include income from the sale of retail goods, catering and parking. Income from investments includes bank interest.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income is recognised when receivable, provided conditions for receipt have been fulfilled. Any grant income which may be repayable to the donor is treated as a creditor and is included in 'deferred income'. Where the conditions for receipt of the award have not been fully met or where the donor has stipulated application of the money in a future year, this balance is included in deferred income.

Income relating to the acquisition of fixed assets, or gifts of fixed assets, is treated as restricted income and is recognised when the charity receives or becomes entitled to that money and not deferred over the life of the asset.

### Expenditure

Expenditure on raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting grants and donations and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the undertaking of the Charity's principal activity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Expenditure includes any VAT that is irrecoverable.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the funder.

### Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

### Legacies

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either:

- the Charity is aware that confirmation has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the Society that a distribution will be made; or
- 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 confirmation, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

## Scottish Seabird Centre

### Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 January 2023

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### Tangible fixed assets

Assets over £2,000 are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life.

Visitor Centre Discovery	2%-10% on cost	Marine refurbishment	10% on cost
Centre	20% on cost	Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
Catering and retail equipment	20% on cost	Computer equipment	20% on cost
		Conservation Research Equipment	10% on cost

##### Intangible fixed assets

Assets over £2,000 are capitalised at cost. Amortisation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life.

Digital upgrade	20% on cost
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##### Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the corporation tax and deferred tax charge for the year in the trading subsidiary.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profits for the year. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

##### Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value and represents stock held by the subsidiary company for the purposes of its trade in support of the charity.

##### 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.

##### Debtors

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

##### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 January 2023**

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contribution payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

**Termination payments**

All termination payments made in the year are recognised in expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty**

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions, which may affect reported income, expenses, assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered relevant. Actual results may differ from such estimates. Judgements made in preparing these financial statements comprise:

- The applicability of the estimated useful lives of fixed assets used to calculate the period over which depreciation is applied.
- The review of fixed assets for impairment or obsolescence.
- The assessment of leases to determine whether the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor or are transferred to the Charity.

**2. Donations and legacies**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2023 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>
Donations	254,064	297,159	297,349	297,159
Gift Aid	16,398	10,771	16,398	10,771
Grants	162,577	197,416	162,577	139,916
	<b>433,039</b>	<b>505,346</b>	<b>476,324</b>	<b>447,846</b>

Income from donations and legacies amounted to £433,039 (2022: £505,346) of which £200,482 (2022: £418,001) was unrestricted and £232,557 (2022: £87,345) was restricted.

Included in the Charity donations and legacies income is £43,285 which has been donated from the trading subsidiary. This has been eliminated on consolidation.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 January 2023**

**3. Other trading activities**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2023 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>
Catering	412,786	308,343	-	-
Retail	218,272	146,382	-	-
Parking	63,716	74,834	63,716	74,834
Management charge	-	-	89,982	61,525
Miscellaneous income	11,755	29,093	11,755	4,154
	<u>706,529</u>	<u>558,652</u>	<u>165,453</u>	<u>140,513</u>

All income from other trading activities was unrestricted. Included within miscellaneous income is an insurance claim receipt of £595.

**4. Charitable activities**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2023 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>
Education	18,351	11,728	18,351	11,728
Admissions	107,727	66,413	107,727	66,413
Memberships	38,515	41,340	38,515	41,340
Boat trips	351,924	316,217	351,924	316,217
Events	5,910	3,723	5,910	3,723
Other Discovery Experience	1,470	1,037	1,470	1,037
	<u>523,897</u>	<u>440,458</u>	<u>523,897</u>	<u>440,458</u>

All income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

**5. Donations and Legacies expenditure**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2023 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>
Fundraising resources	<u>50,155</u>	<u>46,915</u>	<u>50,155</u>	<u>46,915</u>

All donation and legacies expenditure was unrestricted.

**6. Other trading activities expenditure**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2023 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>
Retail purchases	115,689	71,227	-	-
Catering - food and drink	118,059	69,713	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(3,364)	2,079	-	-
Salaries and wages	249,108	224,510	-	-
Retail expenses	1,810	2,321	-	-
Miscellaneous catering expenditure	7,448	8,560	-	-
	<u>488,750</u>	<u>378,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

All fundraising costs expenditure was unrestricted.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

7. Charitable activities

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Salaries and wages	504,612	419,612	504,612	419,612
Marketing	34,306	23,794	34,306	23,794
Travel and subsistence	1,178	249	1,178	249
Training	1,911	1,819	1,911	1,819
Membership expenses	380	683	380	683
Centre expenses	74,014	31,450	74,014	31,450
Discovery Experience maintenance	16,564	15,358	16,564	15,358
Boat trips expenditure	272,829	246,303	272,829	246,303
Education	2,288	477	2,288	477
Depreciation	131,327	170,349	128,886	167,908
Amortisation	5,199	3,619	5,199	3,619
Support costs (Note 8)	214,316	158,265	204,235	149,721
	<u>1,258,924</u>	<u>1,071,978</u>	<u>1,246,402</u>	<u>1,060,993</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities (group) totalled £1,258,924 (2022: £1,071,978) of which £930,767 (2022: £836,540) was unrestricted and £328,157 (2022: £235,438) was restricted.

Expenditure on charitable activities (charity) totalled £1,246,402 (2022: £1,060,993) of which £ 918,245 (2022: £825,555) was unrestricted and £328,157 (2022: £235,438) was restricted.

8. Support costs

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
IT maintenance	20,061	17,211	20,061	17,211
Office expenses	5,579	5,484	5,579	5,484
Recruitment	2,262	2,060	2,262	2,060
Insurance	34,182	29,217	34,182	29,217
Cleaning	48,924	33,966	48,924	33,966
Governance costs (Note 9)	15,299	13,651	7,650	6,826
Professional fees	6,373	5,033	5,912	5,033
Accountancy fees	3,941	3,438	1,970	1,719
Subscriptions	7,515	5,757	7,515	5,757
Utilities	64,191	38,137	64,191	38,137
Non-recoverable VAT	5,989	4,311	5,989	4,311
	<u>214,316</u>	<u>158,265</u>	<u>204,235</u>	<u>149,721</u>

9. Governance costs

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Audit and accounts fees	15,299	13,651	7,650	6,826
	<u>15,299</u>	<u>13,651</u>	<u>7,650</u>	<u>6,826</u>

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10. Other expenditure

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Car park expenditure	1,435	1,278	1,435	1,278
Bank interest and charges	12,428	10,695	6,215	5,348
Bad debt write off	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,863</u>	<u>11,973</u>	<u>7,650</u>	<u>6,626</u>

All "other expenditure" was unrestricted.

11. Operating surplus

	2023 £	2022 £
The operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation - owned assets	131,327	170,348
Amortisation	5,199	3,619
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit	11,150	10,190
Other services	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,970</u>

Director's liability insurance of £1,817 (2022: £1,690) was paid by the charitable company on behalf of the Trustees.

12. Staff numbers and costs

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

	Number of employees	
	2023 £	2022 £
Total	<u>45</u>	<u>38</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

Wages and salaries	727,695	628,161
Social security costs	56,709	46,540
Pension costs	<u>12,955</u>	<u>11,254</u>
	<u>797,359</u>	<u>685,955</u>

Included in wages and salaries are termination payments of £Nil (2022: £Nil).

There is one employee whose emoluments are in the range £60,000 to £80,000 (2022: one in the same range). Pension contributions for this employee were £1,321 (2022: £1,320).

Key management employee remuneration (including employer's national insurance) for the year amounted to £247,903 (2022: £239,640).

No trustees received remuneration in the year (2022: £Nil).

No trustees received travel expenses during the year (2022: £Nil).

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## Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 January 2023

### 13. Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities in the trading subsidiary for the year ended 31 January 2023 (2022: None).

### 14. Tangible fixed assets

	Visitor Centre	Discovery Experience	Marine Refurbishment Programme	Conservation Research Equipment
<b>Group</b>				
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At February 2022	2,549,476	1,385,605	592,693	-
Additions	-	-	10,264	16,637
Disposals	-	(70,846)	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2023	2,549,476	1,314,759	602,957	16,637
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
At February 2022	1,109,123	1,342,126	265,905	-
Charge for year	52,280	11,349	59,722	1,525
Elimination on disposal	-	(70,846)	-	-
At 31 January 2023	1,161,403	1,282,629	325,627	1,525
<b>Net book value:</b>				
At 31 January 2023	<b>1,388,073</b>	<b>32,130</b>	<b>277,330</b>	<b>15,112</b>
At 31 January 2022	1,440,353	43,479	326,788	-

	Fixtures and Fittings	Catering and Retail Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At February 2022	106,251	35,183	44,954	4,714,162
Additions	-	-	-	26,901
Disposals	(2,700)	(600)	-	(74,146)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2023	103,551	34,583	44,954	4,666,917
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
At February 2022	105,821	31,180	27,850	2,882,005
Charge for year	272	2,441	3,738	131,327
Elimination on disposal	(2,700)	(600)	-	(74,146)
At 31 January 2023	103,393	33,021	31,588	2,939,186
<b>Net book value:</b>				
At 31 January 2023	<b>158</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>13,366</b>	<b>1,727,731</b>
At 31 January 2022	430	4,003	17,104	1,832,157

The Scottish Seabird Centre opened for business on 22 May 2000. The site on which it is built is owned by East Lothian Council but is leased to the company for a period of 99 years from 1 January 1999. The annual rent is £1. Development costs incurred in the year ended 31 January 2001 have been capitalised and the development costs are now being depreciated over a period of 50 years.

All interests in land and buildings are leasehold.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Visitor Centre	Discovery Experience	Marine Refurbishment Programme	Fixtures and Fittings
<b>Charity</b>				
<b>Cost:</b>	£	£	£	£
At February 2022	2,549,476	1,385,605	592,693	106,251
Additions	-	-	10,264	-
Disposals	-	(70,846)	-	(2,700)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2023	2,549,476	1,314,759	602,957	103,551
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
At February 2022	1,109,123	1,342,126	265,905	105,821
Charge for year	52,280	11,349	59,722	272
Elimination on disposal	-	(70,846)	-	(2,700)
At 31 January 2023	1,161,403	1,282,629	325,627	103,393
<b>Net book value:</b>				
At 31 January 2023	<b>1,388,073</b>	<b>32,130</b>	<b>277,330</b>	<b>158</b>
At 31 January 2022	<b>1,440,353</b>	<b>43,479</b>	<b>326,788</b>	<b>430</b>

	Computer Equipment	Conservation Research Equipment	Total
<b>Cost:</b>	£	£	£
At February 2022	44,954	-	4,678,979
Additions	-	16,637	26,901
Disposals	-	-	(73,546)
Transfers	-	-	-
At 31 January 2023	44,954	16,637	4,632,334
<b>Depreciation:</b>			
At February 2022	27,850	-	2,850,825
Charge for year	3,738	1,525	128,886
Elimination on disposal	-	-	(73,546)
At 31 January 2023	31,588	1,525	2,906,165
<b>Net book value:</b>			
At 31 January 2023	<b>13,366</b>	<b>15,112</b>	<b>1,726,169</b>
At 31 January 2022	<b>17,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,828,154</b>

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#### 15. Intangible fixed assets

	Group and company 2023 £
<b>Digital upgrade - website</b>	
<b>Cost:</b>	
At February 2022	33,944
Additions	-
At 31 January 2023	<u>33,944</u>
<b>Amortisation:</b>	
At February 2022	4,709
Charge for year	5,199
At 31 January 2023	<u>9,908</u>
<b>Net book value:</b>	
At 31 January 2023	<u><u>24,036</u></u>
At 31 January 2022	<u><u>29,235</u></u>

#### 16. Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows: Investments	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

At 31 January 2023 the Scottish Seabird Centre owned 100% of the issued share capital of Scottish Seabird Centre Trading Limited, a company number SC183214 incorporated in Scotland on 20 February 1998 with a share capital of £1.

The principal activity of the Scottish Seabird Centre Trading Limited is the operation, management and administration of the retail, catering and hospitality facilities of the Scottish Seabird Centre visitor attraction and education facility in North Berwick.

The summary financial performance of the subsidiary alone is:

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover and other operating income	631,059	537,196
Total expenditure	<u>(597,469)</u>	<u>(456,299)</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	33,590	80,897
 Total assets	 61,585	 82,735
Total liabilities	<u>(17,243)</u>	<u>(28,698)</u>
 Retained earnings brought forward	 54,037	 (26,860)
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(43,285)	-
Retained earnings carried forward	<u>44,342</u>	<u>54,037</u>

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17. Stock	2023	2022
	£	£
Stock	45,798	42,434

The charity does not hold any stock.

18. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	2,728	3,175	2,728	3,175
Other debtors	548	500	548	500
Grant funding receivable	106,375	500	106,375	500
Gift aid debtor	828	2,609	828	2,609
Prepayments	32,284	25,039	27,029	21,018
Due from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	-	-
VAT	-	12,497	-	12,497
	<u>142,763</u>	<u>44,320</u>	<u>137,508</u>	<u>40,299</u>

19. Creditor - Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Trade creditors	28,205	76,986	20,662	57,450
Other creditors	17,446	2,029	17,446	2,029
Boat trips paid in advance	35,734	45,573	35,734	45,573
Taxation and social security	13,351	12,879	13,351	12,879
Pension creditor	2,710	-	2,710	-
Accrued expenses	47,090	30,178	37,392	21,016
Due to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	6,231	30,026
VAT	7,919	-	7,919	-
	<u>169,955</u>	<u>185,145</u>	<u>158,945</u>	<u>186,473</u>

Boat trips paid in advance comprises income received prior to the year end for trips in the following financial year. All amounts deferred at the year end will be released in the following financial period.

On 3 December 2019 a bond and floating charge over all property and undertakings of the group was raised in favour of The Royal Bank of Scotland. The charge also contains a negative pledge over the assets held by the group.

20. Creditors- Amounts due after more than one year

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	21,875	39,375	21,875	39,375
	<u>21,875</u>	<u>39,375</u>	<u>21,875</u>	<u>39,375</u>

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21. Group Statement of funds

Included within restricted and unrestricted funds are the following major fund balances:

	At 1 February 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 January 2023
2023	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	257,176	1,430,908	(1,457,732)	6,377	236,729
Designated fund - Bryan Nelson	1,074	-	-	-	1,074
Designated fund - Adapt and Thrive	28,186	-	(25,803)	(2,383)	-
	<u>286,436</u>	<u>1,430,908</u>	<u>(1,483,535)</u>	<u>3,994</u>	<u>237,803</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Visitor Centre fund	1,311,273	-	-	(3,133)	1,308,140
Learning fund	-	45,770	(56,288)	23,153	12,635
Education fund	8,827	-	(11,419)	3,489	897
Big Give (Generation Sea)	-	14,248	-	(14,248)	-
SOS Puffin Project fund	11,668	4,167	(3,205)	(12,630)	-
Marine Refurbishment & Outreach	463,342	17,712	(107,297)	-	373,757
Conservation Projects	1,124	19,660	(23,056)	7,867	5,595
Conservation Research Equipment	-	37,157	(37,157)	-	-
Avian Flu Monitoring	-	6,363	-	-	6,363
Platinum Jubilee	-	35,225	(18,037)	(4,077)	13,111
Marinefest	3,323	2,500	(6,130)	307	-
Rural Communities fund	12,475	-	(8,420)	(4,055)	-
Carbon Tracking	-	4,925	(9,850)	4,925	-
Restoration Forth	-	44,830	(47,298)	(5,592)	(8,060)
	<u>1,812,032</u>	<u>232,557</u>	<u>(328,157)</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>	<u>1,712,438</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2,098,468</u>	<u>1,663,465</u>	<u>(1,811,692)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950,241</u>

	At 1 February 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 January 2022
2022	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	168,290	1,342,111	(1,227,024)	(26,201)	257,176
Designated fund - Bryan Nelson	1,074	-	-	-	1,074
Designated fund - Adapt and Thrive	-	75,000	(46,814)	-	28,186
	<u>169,364</u>	<u>1,417,111</u>	<u>(1,273,838)</u>	<u>(26,201)</u>	<u>286,436</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Visitor Centre fund	1,386,580	-	(127,587)	-	1,258,993
Educaion fund	8,958	25,000	(25,131)	-	8,827
SOS Puffin Project fund	30,953	1,000	(37,259)	16,974	11,668
Marine Refurbishment & Outreach	496,366	20,513	(1,257)	-	515,622
Conservation Projects	2,500	500	(3,376)	1,500	1,124
Marinefest	8,405	4,831	(9,913)	-	3,323
Digital upgrade	-	18,526	(26,253)	7,727	-
Edinburgh shoreline	162	-	(162)	-	-
Rural Communities Fund	-	16,975	(4,500)	-	12,475
	<u>1,933,924</u>	<u>87,345</u>	<u>(235,438)</u>	<u>26,201</u>	<u>1,812,032</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2,103,288</u>	<u>1,504,456</u>	<u>(1,509,276)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,098,468</u>

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Name of fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Visitor Centre Fund	For pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Company, "the advancement of environmental education." The balance of funds represents restricted assets to be depreciated.
Education Fund	Specifically for the furtherance of formal education and Live Science Shows.
SOS Puffin Project Fund	Restoration of biodiversity on local islands.
Marine Refurbishment & Outreach	Upgrade of Discovery Experience and marine outreach activities to inspire and educate people about Scotland's marine environment.
Digital Upgrade	Development of new website and associated content.
Edinburgh Shoreline	Development of conservation volunteering work parties to improve biodiversity of coastal and island habitats.
Big Give (Generation Sea)	Creating interactive and accessible digital learning resources about Scotland's seas.
Conservation Research Equipment	Funding for seabird research, biosecurity and conservation equipment.
Avian Flu Monitoring	An appeal for funds to support avian flu monitoring on the Bass Rock and Craigleith island.
Platinum Jubilee	Building a community citizen science hub for the future.
Carbon Tracking	Production of a report on the Charity's GHG footprint and emission reduction measures.
Restoration Forth	Community restoration of Seagrass meadows in the Firth of Forth.
Learning	Core support for education, outreach and science communication programmes.
Designated Fund	Funds were set aside for two purposes. Firstly, a small fund has been designated in respect of the running costs of the Bryan Nelson Memorial Lecture. The second fund is related to a grant received for the purpose of COVID-19 recovery.

## 22. Analysis of group net assets between funds

2023	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	83,552	-	1,644,179	1,727,731
Intangible fixed assets	5,250	-	18,786	24,036
Net current assets	147,927	1,074	49,473	198,474
Total net assets	236,729	1,074	1,712,438	1,950,241

2022	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	94,746	-	1,737,411	1,832,157
Intangible fixed assets	6,650	-	22,585	29,235
Net current assets	155,780	29,260	52,036	237,076
Total net assets	257,176	29,260	1,812,032	2,098,468

## 23. Related party disclosures

The Visitor Centre is situated on land owned by East Lothian Council. On 1 January 1999 East Lothian Council granted a 99 year lease of the land in favour of the company at an annual rate of £1. No rent has been paid during the year. There are no related party transactions during the year.



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#### 24. Contingent liabilities

The company and its subsidiary have received grants towards the development of the Scottish Seabird Centre which may, under certain circumstances, become repayable.

Grants from the Millennium Commission totalling £1,470,000 would be repayable if any assets to which the grants relate were to be disposed of without the consent of the Millennium Commission. Security is held for this sum.

Grants from Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian totalling £400,000 would be repayable if the assets to which the grants relate were to be sold (without the consent of Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian). Security is held for this sum. In addition, grants totalling £484,048 would be repayable to ENTRUST in respect of Landfill Tax credits. The security was satisfied in full on 19 May 2023.

During the year ended 31 January 2005, £37,163 was received from the Millennium Commission and £9,987 was received from Scottish Natural Heritage (now NatureScot) in respect of a development project that included a new interactive cliff face and an underwater camera. An element of grant may be repayable if the assets to which these grants relate were sold or disposed of without the consent of the Millennium Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage.

During the years ended 31 January 2005, 31 January 2006 and 31 January 2007 the following amounts were received in respect of the Capital Enhancement Project. These amounts may require to be repaid if the assets to which the grants relate were sold or disposed of without the consent of the donor, or the conditions on which the grants were made are not satisfactorily met.

	£
Millennium Commission	402,895
Scottish Natural Heritage	15,000
Community Environmental Renewal Scheme	20,000
Viridor	21,806
East Lothian Council	15,000

During the year ended 31 January 2008 £235,455 was received from Viridor for the purposes of preventing further habitat loss and restoring biodiversity at local wildlife sites that are of national importance. This includes provision of transport for volunteers to reach the islands, installation a camera at Dunbar harbour, solar powered cameras on the Island of Craigleith and the delivery of education and community programmes. If Scottish Seabird Centre is found to be in default of the agreement in place, funds already received, may require to be repaid.

During the years ended 31 January 2019 and 31 January 2020, £300,000 was received from the Coastal Communities Fund. This would be repayable if any assets to which the grant relates were to be disposed of within five years without the consent of the Coastal Communities Fund. The Trustees do not consider that any of these outcomes are likely, and accordingly no provision has been made in the financial statements.

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25. Capital commitments	2023	2022
	£	£
Authorised and contracted	8,605	-

26. Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Less than 1 year	7,819	9,399
In 2-5 years	28,048	30,756
Over 5 years	414,510	420,429
Total	450,377	460,584

27. Ultimate controlling party

The charitable company is constituted by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is controlled by the elected Trustees.

28. Auditor's Ethical Standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

29. Reconciliation of net (Expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds	(148,227)	(4,820)	(138,533)	(85,717)
Adjustments for: depreciation charges	136,526	173,967	134,085	171,526
Loss/(gain) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Interest income shown in investing activities	-	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(3,364)	2,081	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(98,443)	14,024	(97,209)	86,781
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(32,690)	36,575	(45,028)	49,636
Net cash provided by operating activities	(146,198)	221,827	(146,685)	222,226

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30. Financial instruments

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>				
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs	-	3,675	-	3,675
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>				
Measured at amortised cost	-	109,193	-	110,521

Debt instruments measured at amortised cost comprises trade debtors and other debtors.

Liabilities measured at amortised cost comprises trade creditors, accruals, other creditors and amounts due to group undertakings.

31. Going concern

The future operations of the charitable company and group are dependent on trading performance and continued support from membership, donors, funders and group bankers. At the time of preparing the accounts trading income is in line with budget assumptions, good progress has been made against the fundraising target for the year and cost controls can be applied should these be required. The Trustees reviewed and approved up to date management accounts, budgets and cash flow projections and consider the assumptions to be reasonable and prudent.

At the date of approval, the Trustees are mindful of the unrestricted operating reserves position and the need to continue to deliver operational surpluses in future financial years to meet the stated reserves policy of the Group.

Having considered the above matters, the Trustees are of the view that, at the date of approval of the financial statements, the company and group will have sufficient resources to continue to operate and meet debts as they fall due for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.