

THE WILD FLOWER SOCIETY

(Registered Charity No 271694)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2022	Unrestricted Funds	2023
£	1. General Fund	£
	Operational receipts	
7591	Subscriptions	7401
510	Donations	782
500	Diaries and Badges	349
<u>1373</u>	Gift Aid	<u>1455</u>
<u>9974</u>		<u>9987</u>
	Investment Income	
2	Bank Interest	10
<u>1961</u>	Dividends	<u>2118</u>
<u>1963</u>		<u>2128</u>
	Other Receipts	
3000	Sale of Investments	-
-	Legacies	10000
588	Sale of Donated Books	171
<u>235</u>	Annual General Meeting	<u>1110</u>
<u>3823</u>		<u>11281</u>
15760	Total Receipts	23396

2022	Payments	2023
£	Operational Expenditure	£
7253	Magazine	7941
1287	Printing, Postage & Stationery	1659
<u>302</u>	Field Meetings	<u>252</u>
<u>8842</u>		<u>9852</u>
	Other Expenditure	
393	Annual General Meeting	1255
959	Travel Expenses	975
536	Insurance	582
4632	Website	606
101	Miscellaneous	250
129	Bank account & Stripe fees	145
<u>3636</u>	Transfer to G & D Fund	<u>4650</u>
<u>10386</u>		<u>8463</u>
<u>19228</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>18315</u>
3468	Net Receipts (2022 Payments)	5081
	Bank and Deposit Balances 31 December 2023	7829
	Bank and Deposit Balances 31 December 2022	<u>2748</u>
	Net Receipts	5081

2022	2. Grants and Development Fund	2023
£	Receipts	£
14	Deposit Interest	137
2216	Investment Income	2225
<u>3636</u>	Transfer from General Fund	<u>4650</u>
5866		7012
	Payments	
<u>6636</u>	Grants	<u>8550</u>
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770	Net Payments	1538
	Deposit Balances 31 December 2023	654
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	Net Payments	1538

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		General Fund	Grants & Development Fund	
2022	1. Monetary Assets			2023
	Bank & Deposit Balances			
£		£	£	£
2748	Bank	7829	-	7829
<u>2192</u>	Deposits (COIF)	<u>-</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>654</u>
<u>4940</u>		<u>7829</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>8483</u>
	Others			
360	AGM weekend prepayments	63		63
	Income Tax claim on			
<u>1485</u>	Gift Aid (estimate)	<u>1470</u>		<u>1470</u>
1845		1533		1533
	2. Liabilities			
-		-		-
	3. Other Assets			
	Investments at			
<u>143600</u>	Market Value	<u>74449</u>	<u>81045</u>	<u>155494</u>
150385	Total Net Assets	83811	81699	165510

The accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on 7 March 2024 and authorised to be signed on its behalf by R. A. Blades, Hon. Treasurer.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Principles

The accounts are drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 for smaller charities. They consist of a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Receipts and Payments Account reflects only amounts actually received and paid in cash during the year and does not include any amounts outstanding or accruals at the year end.

2. Grants and Development Fund

Grants made during 2023 were as follows:	£
Teesdale flora research	1000
Wildlife Trust training events	3650
Wildlife Trusts – work with young people	1750
Lancaster University – limestone pavement research	250
Manchester Met. University – heathland research	250
University of Glasgow – pollination on machair	250
Yellow Bird's-nest research	250
Publication of children's book 'Wonderweeds'	250
Field Studies Council bursaries	<u>900</u>
	8550

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

As the charity's trustees within the terms of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) the Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. My examination of the accounts has been carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R. F. Holder, Hon. Independent Examiner,
26 April 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total receipts for the year ended 31 December 2023 exceeded payments by £3543 compared with an excess of payments of £4238 in 2022. The main reason was a very generous legacy from our late member David Albon. The figures for most other sources of income were similar to 2022. Both income and expenditure relating to the AGM weekend were higher because of sums paid by members for lunches and donations to reserves visited. Website expenditure returned to a business as usual level.

Grant expenditure increased to our pre-pandemic level. We spent more on our two main ways of encouraging interest in plants among young people: bursaries for young participants at Field Studies Council courses and Wildlife Trust events directed at children. Our longstanding support for Wildlife Trust training events for adults and research on the Teesdale flora both continued. We also supported studies of plants on limestone pavement and upland heaths, pollination on the machair grassland in the Hebrides and the unusual saprophytic plant Yellow Bird's-nest. Our investments increased in value by 8.3% as equity markets recovered some of their fall in 2022.

R. A. Blades, Hon. Treasurer
7 March 2024