

Trustee's Annual Report for the period 1st January, 2016 to 31st December, 2016

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Wakefield Naturalists' Society

Registered charity number: 1165774

Charity's principal address: 32, Nostell Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield, WF4 2DJ

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Trutee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mark Archer		26/02/16 to 31/12/16	
Michael William Rose		26/02/16 to 31/12/16	
Francis Hickenbottom		26/02/16 to 31/12/16	

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the trust is constituted: CIO

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed at the AGM, by the membership of the society.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document.

The objects of the CIO shall be the furtherance and enjoyment of the study of natural history and to expand members' knowledge of natural history and identification skills through a mixture of lectures, competitions, tuition and other activities within a social environment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the benefit in relation to these objects.

The Wakefield Peregrine project has delivered the main part of the society's objective engaging with members of the public and existing members of the society through the society 'web site' with live images from the nest being streamed from early May, with Twitter updates and YouTube coverage. In addition, nest watch days were carried out through the 'nesting' period with optical equipment and volunteers being 'on hand' to inform members of the public about the Peregrines and allow them to take a look at the nest and the birds which resulted in some great feedback and engagement with both young and old alike.

The adult Peregrines hatched four young this year, the society committee decided to add to scientific research and study the juvenile Peregrines would be 'ringed' by licensed ringers, both with a British Trust for Ornithology ring and a Darvic ring. This hopefully may give an understanding of the 'post fledging' dispersal of the young birds but hopefully the longevity of the young birds.

To further the society's objectives, members of the society have delivered lectures, talks and slide shows to local community groups explaining in particular about the history of the peregrines, their life cycle and behaviour which has both generated a lot of interest and donations for the project.

In addition to the Peregrine Project the society has hosted a number of indoor talks through the year on the following titles/subjects: Snow Birds

Orchid of Britain & Ireland
Poisonous plants and edible fungi
Alaskan Wildlife and Birds
East African savanna

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Section C: Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During a period in which a lot of work was being done within Wakefield Cathedral, the peregrine group managed to establish live streaming of images from the peregrine nest to the general public. This resulted in a huge increase in visits to the society's website during the peregrine breeding season. The peregrine project was successful in engaging with a large number people.

The society maintained a healthy programme of lectures and walks.

Section E: Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.

Adequate reserves are maintained to support the ongoing projects and activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit.

There are no funds in deficit.

Section F: Other Optional Information

There is no other information.

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

F. Hickenbottom
M. Archer

Full names

Francis Hickenbottom
Mark Archer

Positions

Trustee
Trustee

Date

12/1/16
