### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

### UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

**FOR** 

BLUE HIGHLANDS RAPTOR RESCUE & AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTRE LTD

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The company's objects are:

- i. To educate the public and pupils in matters pertaining to bird welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering, as well as their roles in local, national and global ecosystems.
- ii. ii. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of natural environment by promoting rehabilitation and wild release of indigenous species, and propagation of those that are endangered or at risk.
- iii. iii. To promote humane behaviour towards animals, in particular, but not restricted to birds, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

BHBR has had an extraordinary year of positive impacts upon our native bird population in particular, having successfully rescued, rehabilitated and released injured individuals, spanning dozens of species, and all of this despite the catastrophic impact of Avian Influenza. The 2021-22 season (H5N1) has been the most extensive and longest lasting in our history, with rafts of waterfowl carcasses washing up even in the harbour of Brora village, yet we have had neither a single case nor a single fatality. This achievement is especially impressive when it is considered that the centre lies on a major migratory route and in a coastal district frequented by charadriiform shorebirds and by anseriform ducks and geese visiting the surrounding arable land - both taxa are the principal vectors for all strains of LP and HPA1. Also, the tragic losses sustained by other centres are to be considered-DEFRA/APHA policy mandating a total cull of all resident or to-be-released stock. Without our extensive precautions, the resident birds (upwards of 100, including many critically endangered or threatened taxa and one species entirely extinct in the wild) could quite possibly have been lost.

Not only have we sustained our resident population of birds, but have been able to continue our programme of rehabilitation and release. The impact of returning native avian wildlife to their normative habitat means a second chance for them to repopulate and lead the full lives they deserved and were entitled to before having their world negatively impacted by human activity. Over 30% of these birds were Amber or Red Listed species, redoubling the importance of their successful return.

### LOCAL IMPACT

In other news, we have been featured in local newspapers such as the Press & Journal as well as local magazines and the national-level BBC for spotlight looks into our wild release work. We have written educational articles on how the public should treat recovered injured wildlife before they come into professional care. Spotlights on our new Gull Programme have been written and lauded for providing refuge for those chicks having been orphaned by nest destruction. Up to 100 Herring Gulls are expected this Spring/Summer alone, thanks to the new nationwide partnership with other facilities authorised to care for these Listed birds. This year we took in more than 30 Gulls.

Caithness/Sutherland SSPCA relied upon us regularly for specialty intake. This year saw several psittacines (parrots or macaws) needing our emergency intervention, as their owners had passed unexpectedly and they needed immediate intervention for a permanent home and species-specific medical care. Aside from these five, an additional nine other parrots (three of which are critically endangered species and will join the Encore Programme of Blue Highlands Bird Rescue) were surrendered to the centre owing to failing health of the owner this year. These birds can live up to 80 years and it is no small undertaking to meet their highly specialised needs in caging, diet, supplementation and so on in a rapid fashion.

A strong local liaison has also been maintained with Network Rail, whose passenger and freight stock runs on the lines that pass directly through the village. A number of raptors in acute conditions, whether incapacitated by injuries received from electricity running over the lines or by a direct impact with a railway train, have been taken into our care and all but one of these successfully rehabilitated to a satisfactory levels.

Others who have leaned upon us for the specialist care which we provide 24/7, 365 days a year, include the Alness department of Police Scotland, 5 veterinary practices within a 100 mile radius (for specialist wild bird rehab outside the realm of their general practice), a private housing association in Dingwall and both a nursing home and restaurant in Inverness.

### NATIONAL IMPACT

Nor has the year been devoid of national impact--perhaps most noteworthy: we were/are a vital link in the establishment of new legislation making it illegal to remove nests, eggs and chicks of Red and Amber-Listed birds. We achieved this by being the Northernmost point of refuge for these birds. Without this written commitment on our part, the legislation (a much needed amendment to the laudable but aging Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, which has been increasingly encroached upon and regularly outright violated) could not pass, as there had to be coverage in the far North of the Highlands. Without our locus there would not be coverage nationwide for avian intake, thus making the law unenforceable across the largest two counties in Scotland and so rendering it effectively a dead letter. We are particularly proud of this achievement as it will save tens of thousands in coming years, nationwide.

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It was mentioned in the introduction that the BBC conducted a spotlight filming session with us. This was for 'Landward', a prime time programme of over forty years standing and a peak viewership of 825,000 on Scottish television. Other national media coverage includes the Amazon/Netflix series 'Foxes Afloat', who shot a tailor-made personal perspective on both of our intake sites.

Our extensive facilities and specialised knowledge also drew an emergency placement from a wildlife park in Wales for two large raptors, one with complex needs which we are uniquely placed to meet with regard to rehabilitative and projected surgical care.

We have formed an alliance for a permanent partnership for an outside laboratory to handle specialised testing (e.g. chromosome and genetic sequencing work) unavailable to us on site.

### INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

Negotiations have begun and are currently underway in hopes of establishing a permanent alliance with GREA (Groupe de Recherche d'Écologie Arctique) and other mainland European conservation groups in order to expedite the wild release of two Snowy Owls hatched here at the main Centre location. Two of the three Snowy Owls (Nyctea Scandiaca) hatched at BHBR site I are fit for wild release. Our hopes are that this year's alliances and international relationships will facilitate the impeding wild release needs of these two individuals (one male and one female) to aid in the fight for their species recovery (as mandated in our ENCORE Species Survival Progamme's mission statement). Our hopes are that this partnership will mature into a permanent bridge which will mean regular releases on the Mainland Europe (Sweden in particular) for Snowy Owls raised here at Blue Highlands. This temporary collaboration could be just the connective tissue needed for a long-term international impact not only for organisations but for the birds as well.

#### PREMISES DEVELOPMENT

Three new mews were built (bird of prey enclosures), the largest of which is a 15 foot high flight mews for snowy owls. In addition to new construction, an extensive programme of reinforcement for aging roofs in rust-treated corrugated iron and a general overhaul and refurbishment of perches including astroturf cladding was undertaken, as well as the necessary modification of mews for the needs of grounded or imperfectly flighted birds.

A new CCU unit was added to the surgery, along with many other much-needed medical supplies for the ever-increasing intake.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH / EDUCATION

We conducted 2 off-site public educational colloquia, introducing a carefully curated section of birds to the general public as well as delivering a prepared lecture and spontaneous question-and-answer session covering the importance of the services we provide to the ecological and individual wellbeing of our unique Highland avian fauna.

Typically we provide far more public events for such education, but Covid-19 adversely affected our ability to meet with large groups. Many Zoom interviews and talks have been given to try to maintain our normative level of outreach. These colloquia are given free of any charge as a public service.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

Blue Highlands Raptor & Avian Conservation Centre achieved an overall surplus of £123 (2021: £11,398). Total income for the year was £49,478 (2021: £55,015) and total expenditure was £49,355 (2021: £43,617).

The company is a recognised charity and as a result there is no liability on the company's income.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The structure of the company consists of:

- -(a) the MEMBERS who have the right to attend the annual general meeting (and any other general meeting) and have important powers under the articles of association and the Act; in particular, the members elect people to serve as directors and take decisions in relation to changes to the articles themselves.
- -(b) the DIRECTORS who hold regular meetings during the period between annual general meetings, and generally control and supervise the activities of the company; in particular, the directors are responsible for monitoring the financial position of the company.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC659241 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number 050767

Registered office

Bayview House I Golf Road Brora Highlands KW9 6QS

**Trustees** 

Lady H Broscova-Righetti Director Lady F Pedraza-Broscova Director T Andreas Director

Company Secretary

Lady H Broscova-Righetti

Independent Examiner

MR GARY ADDISON

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April 2023 and signed on its behalf by: Approved by order of armac. froscove

Lady H Broscova-Righetti - Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLUE HIGHLANDS RAPTOR RESCUE & AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTRE LTD

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blue Highlands Raptor Rescue & Avian Conservation Centre Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th April 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MR GARY ADDISON

Goldwells Ltd 10 Knockbreck Street Tain Ross-Shire IV19 IBJ

19th April 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	Notes	Unrestricted fund £ 35,637	Restricted fund £	Year Ended 30.4.22 Total funds £ 35,637	Period 14.4.20 to 30.4.21 Total funds £ 37,867
Other trading activities	2	13,841	_	13,841	17,147
Investment income	3	, -			1
Total		49,478	· · · -	49,478	55,015
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	13,440	-	13,440	19,169
Charitable activities					
Avian Support		35,915		35,915	24,448
Total		49,355		49,355	43,617
NET INCOME		123	-	123	11,398
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		11,398	-	11,398	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11,521		11,521	11,398

### **BALANCE SHEET 30TH APRIL 2022**

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Debtors	8	764		764	_
Cash at bank		12,828	-	12,828	12,178
		13,592		13,592	12,178
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,071)	•	(2,071)	(780)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,521		11,521	11,398
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,521	-	11,521	11,398
NET ASSETS		11,521		11,521	11,398
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				11,521	11,398
TOTAL FUNDS		·		11,521	11,398

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th April 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th April 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue/on 19th April 2023 and were

signed on its behalf by

H Broscova-Righetti - Trustee

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

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

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

			Period
			14.4.20
		Year Ended	to
		30.4.22	30.4.21
		£	£
	Fundraising events	13,841	17,147
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3.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
			Period
			14.4.20
		Year Ended	to
	·	30.4.22	30.4.21
		${f \pounds}$	£
	Deposit account interest	· ·	i
		<del></del>	<del></del> .

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

### 4. RAISING FUNDS

### Investment management costs

		Period 14.4.20
	Year Ended	to
	30.4.22	30.4.21
	£	£
Maintenance charges	-	· 188
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### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th April 2022 nor for the period ended 30th April 2021.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th April 2022 nor for the period ended 30th April 2021.

### 6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Avian Conservation	-	1
	30.4.22	30.4.21
	Year Ended	to
		14.4.20
		Period

. No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	37,867	-	37,867
Other trading activities	17,147	-	17,147
Investment income	1	<del>-</del>	1
Total	55,015		55,015
EXPENDITURE ON			,
Raising funds	19,169	-	19,169
Charitable activities Avian Support	24,448	-	24,448
Total	43,617	-	43,617
NET INCOME	11,398	-	11,398

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIA	L ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund £	S - continued Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11,398	<del></del>	11,398
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEA	<b>AR</b>		·
			2022 £	2021 £
	Other debtors Prepayments		512 252	· -
			764	-
9	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE Y	EAR		
			2022 £	2021 £
	Trade creditors Social security and other taxes Accrued expenses		779 512 780	- - 780
	Actived expenses		2,071	780
10.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		===	
10,	MOVEMENT INTONES		Net	
		At 1.5.21	movement in funds £	At 30.4.22 £
	Unrestricted funds Unrestricted Funds	11,398	123	11,521
	TOTAL FUNDS	11,398	123	11,521
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			•
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
	Unrestricted funds Unrestricted Funds	49,478	(49,355)	123
	TOTAL FUNDS	49,478	(49,355)	123

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

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•		Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds Unrestricted Funds		11,398	11,398
TOTAL FUNDS		11,398	11,398
Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above ar	e as follows:		
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds Unrestricted Funds	55,015	(43,617)	11,398
TOTAL FUNDS	55,015	(43,617)	11,398

### 11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th April 2022.

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

	Year Ended 30.4.22 £	Period 14.4.20 to 30.4.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	æ.	£
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	-	1
Donations	35,637	37,866
	35,637	37,867
Other trading activities	12.041	
Fundraising events	13,841	17,147
Investment income Deposit account interest	-	. 1
Total incoming resources	49,478	55,015
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EXPENDITURE	•	
Other trading activities		
Avian Expenses	13,440	18,981
Investment management costs  Maintenance charges	-	188
Charitable activities	25.600	15.000
Wages Insurance	25,600 252	15,000
Telephone	937	-
Postage and stationery	300	465
Advertising Sundries	80 303	1,484
Motor Expenses	-	18
Literature Purchases	18	124
Vet Expenses	149	285
Computer Costs	2,055	414
Subscriptions	120	68
Transport	625	<del>-</del>
	30,439	17,858
Support costs		
Finance		_
Bank charges	61	7
Information technology Repairs and renewals	4,585	5,803

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

		Period 14.4.20
	Year Ended 30.4.22	to 30.4.21
Information technology Governance costs Accountancy and legal fees	£ 830	£ 780
Total resources expended	49,355	43,617
Net income	123	11,398