

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Current Assets</b>	£	£
Stock – books	2,181	2,797
Stock – bird rings	-	1,803
2023 day trip charter deposit	-	435
2024 field course accommodation booking	2,054	2,054
2025 field course accommodation booking	712	-
NS&I account	384	384
Current account	25,916	59,846
Reserve account (project fund)	10,583	11,242
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41,830</b>	<b>78,561</b>
<b>Less</b>		
Advance subscriptions	625	761
Advance conservation break deposits	2,200	2,240
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>39,005</b>	<b>75,560</b>
<b>Other assets</b>		
LionTrust Sustainable Fund	-	44,100
7iM Investment Fund	79,300	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>118,305</b>	<b>119,660</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Brought forward	75,560	58,770
Transfer to specific reserve	-35,200	-
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-1,355	16,790
<b>General Reserves</b>	<b>39,005</b>	<b>75,560</b>
Specific reserve	79,300	44,100
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>118,305</b>	<b>119,660</b>

**Note:** In 2019 an Ethical Fund was established as an endowment in which income and capital would be accumulated to meet the costs of future major projects. This is shown above as a specific reserve. At the balance sheet date, the investment had a market value of £84,735.

### Lundy Field Society Accounts Examination for 2023

*'I have examined the accounts of the Lundy Field Society for the year 1st January to 31st December 2023 as presented to me by the Honorary Treasurer. I have confirmed the accuracy of the accounting statements and that they properly reflect the underlying accounting records. My examination provided me with no evidence that these financial statements do not provide a true and fair view of the Income and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, of the Lundy Field Society for the year ended 31st December 2023.'*

**Robin O Hall**  
Honorary Independent Examiner  
21 January 2024

## RESEARCH GRANTS 2023

Jennifer George (Chair of the LFS Grants Subcommittee)

### Two research grants were funded in 2023.

1. Funding was given to Yuheng Sun (University of Groningen, The Netherlands, previously at Imperial College, London) to present her 2022 research on the Lundy Manx Shearwaters at a conference in Scotland. The research has recently been published in the Journal of Avian Biology in a paper entitled: *Calls of Manx Shearwaters (Puffinus puffinus) contain individual signatures* by Yuheng Sun *et. al.* (Funding: £312).

2. In the summer (July and August) of 2023 Tara McEvoy-Wilding developed a new method for sampling the Lundy benthic marine invertebrates using several loofah sponges held in a weighted frame. The research took place on the East coast of Lundy in the No Take zone. Habitats surveyed included those with rocky boulders and muddy sediment habitats. Species found and their relative abundance were recorded, and when identification was completed, they were put back on the loofahs and returned to their bottom location (Funding: £289).

The COVID lockdown and Lundy travel restrictions have affected the awards and the carrying out of research on Lundy. As a result, no grants were made in 2019. However, in the last four years (2020-2023), six grants have been awarded, totalling £2552.

The projects supported were: -

- The effect of tidal currents and weather on Cetacean presence around Lundy.
- Sparrow nest box production and colour rings.
- Behaviour of Lundy Kittiwake chicks.
- Study of lead isotopes in Lundy rocks.
- Manx Shearwater calls (see above).
- Sampling marine benthic communities (see above).

Outcomes from the research so far have led to the publication of two research papers. A paper by Amanda-River Mead (the grant recipient) with Thomas E. Dickins entitled 'Sibling aggression between Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) chicks' was published in the Lundy Field Society Journal. Vol. 8 2023, and the paper on Manx Shearwater calls by Yuheng Sun *et. al.* in the Journal of Avian Biology (cited above).

▶ *Weighted Loofah frame* (photo: Tara McEvoy-Wilding).



▲ *Manx Shearwater Puffinus puffinus off Lundy* (photo: Richard Campey).



▲ *Loofah frame being recovered at the study site* (photo: Nao Szulc).

