

## **Hampshire Ornithological Society**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Society's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009 are attached.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows that the Society's main sources of income in 2009 were members' subscriptions (£12,198), sponsorship of the Bird Report (£2,086, including a contribution of £1,000 from Hampshire County Council), a payment from the Inland Revenue in respect of members' Gift Aid declarations (£1,900), sales of data (£1,597), and sales of the Bird Report (£1,314). Other income included interest earned on reserves, which was down on previous years at £812.

The main items of expenditure were the Bird Report (£8,969), the Newsletter (£7,660), costs associated with the Members' Day and producing an updated Checklist of the Birds of Hampshire (£3,241), and costs associated with surveys, including producing Interim Winter Maps for the current Bird Atlas project (£1,177). The costs of running the Society amounted to a further £1,227.

Overall, the Society's expenditure exceeded its income in 2009 by £747. In consequence the Society's net assets (represented mainly by cash held in the bank and building society) have reduced by this amount to £35,633. It is worth recording that without the production of the Checklist and the Interim Winter Maps referred to in the previous paragraph, which were one-off items of expenditure together totalling £1,239, the Society would have recorded a small surplus in 2009.

So far as remuneration or other benefits paid to trustees are concerned, the Society paid no sums by way of remuneration but reimbursed a total of £2,027 expenses to eight members of the Management Committee. This sum was in respect of items such as postage, photocopying, and stationery, and the costs of running the Birdtrail event.

My thanks are due once again to Shaun Le Picq for his help in preparing the accounts, and for reporting on the accounts as Independent Examiner.

**Nigel Peace**  
**Hon Treasurer**  
**12 March 2010**