
IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY (CAIRDE ÉANLAITH ÉIREANN)
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Directors	James Fitzharris, Chairman Jonathan Taylor, Secretary Conor O'Keeffe Enda Lee (co-opted 15 July 2021) Andrew McMillan (resigned 19 June 2021) Breffni Martin (resigned 19 June 2021) Aisling Tallon (resigned 19 June 2021) Catherine Casey (resigned 19 June 2021)
Company registered number	116468
Charity registered numbers	5703 and 20008963
Registered office	Unit 20 Block D Bullford Business Campus Kilcoole Co. Wicklow
Company secretary	Jonathan Taylor
Chief executive officer	Chris Corrigan
Independent auditor	DMQ Accountants Limited Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Summerhill Wicklow Town Co. Wicklow A67 TD54
Bankers	Bank of Ireland College Green Dublin 2 Ulster Bank 63-64 Main Street Bray Co. Wicklow
Solicitors	Mullaney Walsh Maxwells 19 Herbert Place Dublin 2

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of, Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2021. The directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS 102") (effective 1 January 2019).

The company also operates under the name BirdWatch Ireland.

It is with deep sadness that the directors report the untimely passing of the company's CEO Nicholas Williams in April 2021. While he was only with the company for a short period, he has left a strong and positive legacy, Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

In July 2021, Chris Corrigan joined the organisation as Acting CEO on a short-term basis and stepped down in May 2022. Chris brought huge energy and enthusiasm to the role, and the organisation benefited greatly from his experience, hard work and commitment during his tenure.

We are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Linda Lennon as our new CEO. She took up the position in May 2022 and we look forward to working with her.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The principal objects for which the company is established, as set out in its constitution, are to benefit the community and the public generally by the conservation, protection and promotion of wild birds and their environment and by promoting education, research and encouragement of field studies in that regard.

In order to advance these principal objects, the company has the following subsidiary objects and purposes:

- to establish, form, own, maintain and manage nature reserves or sanctuaries for the conservation and control of wild birds, wild plants and other vegetation and of the wild creatures of any description living naturally therein;
- to teach and promote the natural sciences or any of them, in particular in relation to wild birds;
- to observe, study and record all aspects of the life of wild birds;
- to disseminate knowledge regarding wild birds and their conservation;
- to undertake, promote and encourage research on wild birds and into all aspects of their natural habitat, and all aspects of their feeding, breeding and migration;
- to use all and any means of communication as may seem expedient to the company and make any arrangements necessary in that regard including the purchase, payment for publication, distribution either gratis or by sale, of such means of communication to achieve the objects and purposes of the company;
- to promote such research as aforesaid by creating fellowships, establishing scholarships, by making grants and other benefactions and providing equipment and other facilities for research and training in ornithology;
- to act as a representative body in ornithological matters in relation to other bodies concerned with raising and distributing money for similar or allied purposes in Ireland or elsewhere; and,
- to act if so requested in an advisory capacity to any Government Department, public or private institution, or body of persons on matters appertaining to ornithology.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

We know that birds, other wildlife and the habitats on which these depend are interconnected – all part of the web of life, or biological diversity. We recognise that the health and resilience of our society and economy is dependent on the health and sustainability of the planet's ecosystems.

Our purpose is to make things better for the public good, by tackling the causes of harm and restoring nature. We believe that we will have the greatest impact if our strategy is informed by the values of our supporters, but also by our understanding of the state of species and ecosystems.

We fulfil our purpose through scientific research, direct conservation delivery, public and political advocacy and education. We believe that in delivering a public benefit, we are effective because we bring the breadth of our capabilities to bear on the complex challenges facing species and ecosystems.

The company's strategy clarifies how it will deliver its charitable purpose. The company's directors regularly review an assessment of progress against strategic objectives and the general performance of the organisation in a way that enables debate on, and refinement of, strategic priorities.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Our bird surveys are essential to monitor the changing status of birds in Ireland. For example, this year is the 30th year of the Garden Bird Survey, one of the largest and longest-running citizen science projects in the country. The valuable data we collect in our surveys provides a vital health check on our bird populations, allowing us to focus our conservation work and resources on those species that most need our help. With the help of our members and of the public, we will continue our important Survey and Monitoring programmes, ensuring that our most threatened and vulnerable species receive the attention they need.

Today's young people are the future custodians of the environment, and we work hard through our educational programmes and public relations to make sure they have the knowledge to make a positive difference in the future. We have worked in collaboration with five of our fellow European BirdLife International partners to compile and disseminate environmental and wildlife teacher training resources to no fewer than 60 teachers from various EU member states, including Ireland.

d. Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do and achieve; without their help, our work would be greatly diminished. Volunteers carry out a variety of roles, from practical conservation and field surveys, to support for office and retail activities, to managing the organisation as members of the Board.

Our volunteers assist with the IWeBS and CBS projects and other volunteer initiatives include Bloom Festival, Little Terns in Wicklow and Louth and Volunteer Thursdays at our East Coast Nature Reserve (ECNR) in Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.

Our ability to speak out for nature depends upon the support of our volunteers. The activities of our volunteers are crucial to our work and we will always seek volunteer involvement wherever possible. Our volunteering policy aims to reflect the high esteem in which the company holds volunteers. Volunteers are an established, valued and integral part of the company. They enhance our work by bringing valuable skills, experiences and energy as well as their gift of time. They champion the cause and often challenge opinions and perspectives whilst demonstrating loyalty and commitment to our mission.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

The company is reporting a net surplus of €270,145 (deficit in 2019: (€80,670)). The company's reserves at the year end were €1,976,022 (2020: €1,705,877).

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

Each year the directors consider the appropriate level of free financial reserves. They review the company's requirements and consider that a reasonable basis for setting a minimum level of reserves is a sustained fall in income of 10–15%. It is the intention of the directors to hold sufficient reserves to enable expenditure to be reduced in a managed fashion, should the need arise, avoiding the need to halt work abruptly. The directors have agreed that free reserves should normally be within a range of 8 to 16 weeks' worth of expenditure and the company is seeking to achieve this.

c. Surplus / (deficit)

The directors are pleased that the company has generated a surplus for the year ended 31 December 2021 following the deficits incurred for the financial years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019. Significant steps were and continue to be taken to address the issues contributing to these deficits. In this regard, the directors wish to recognise the support of all employees in implementing some difficult cost reduction plans in 2020 and 2021. The directors also acknowledge the support of RSPB in advancing a €100,000 short term loan to assist with the cash flow management of the company in these difficult times.

The directors further note that deferred income includes €123,659 (2020: €255,215) of advanced funding received for restricted project activities as at 31 December 2021. The directors are pleased that the company has reached agreements with the Project Funders to complete these projects and to settle these advanced funding amounts over the course of the projects.

We are very proud of how all stakeholders have contributed given these unusual conditions to ensure that the activities of the company remain fully operational. In this regard we specifically acknowledge the contributions of members and the public who donated in excess of €55,000 (2020: €100,000) to our funds in the year ended 31 December 2021 as part of the company's Covid Appeal.

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d. Post balance sheet events

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented global challenges. From the outset, and in close consultation with our staff, suppliers and customers we have been acting and focusing our efforts to provide as much support as we can to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and partners. We have taken early actions and continue to act on an ongoing basis to manage the activities of the company so that it can operate as effectively as possible with minimum risk.

The directors have determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations for the year ended 31 December 2021 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the company for future periods.

e. Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors are responsible for identifying and managing the major risks facing the company. Risk management is considered in every aspect of the company's work: managing large areas of countryside with much of it visited by many people, entails risk and demands constant attention. In response to the recommendations set out in FRS102, the directors consider risk management in a broad and strategic manner. They consider all relevant internal and external factors that might alter or undermine the capacity of the company to fulfil its charitable objectives, its mission and its strategy. Risk registers, risk mapping and internal audit provide assurance of the following areas of risk and control:

- Delivery of our strategy and projects,
- Our responsibility to employees, volunteers, supporters, and visitors, and in particular to safeguard the wellbeing of vulnerable individuals,
- Our reputation, including our environmental credentials,
- Our compliance with relevant law and regulation,
- Our physical assets, including land, buildings, data, technological and financial assets,
- Retaining and building know-how, and
- Protecting and growing our sources of income.

Reviews assess each of the major risks and the effectiveness of the arrangements for managing them. The resulting report is scrutinised by the directors. Following the most recent review, the directors confirmed that they are satisfied with such arrangements and identified a number of strategic risks for the year ahead that represent, by their nature, both opportunity and challenge. The company will work to limit any possible negative impact on the delivery of our charitable objects and to secure all possible positive outcomes in line with our overall risk appetite.

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f. Charities Regulator investigation

The Charities Regulator announced the launch of formal investigation into the affairs of the company in August 2021. This followed a protracted exchange of correspondence between the Charities Regulator and the company between 2019 and 2021. This is the link to the announcement on the Charities Regulator's website:-

<https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/information-for-the-public/our-news/2021/august/charities-regulator-appoints-inspectors-to-investigate-birdwatch-ireland>

There were two main phases of the investigation:

(i) Information Gathering

The initial phase involved the assembly and submission of large quantities of information. Despite the significant scale of the demands, we have sought to co-operate in full with the Charities Regulator at all times.

(ii) Interviews

A number of current and past staff and board members were interviewed in January and February 2022.

Final Report

The Final Report of the Charities Regulator's investigation is still awaited.

g. Principal funding

Our three key sources of funds are membership subscriptions, conservation project income and donations & legacies. These are complemented by a range of smaller, but still important income sources. This diversity of our income streams is a financial strength that helps us plan and invest for the future with confidence, to support our mission for nature.

As a company seeking donations from the public the company aims to comply with the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising. Our pledge is to treat all our donors with respect, honesty and openness.

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland, not having a share share capital. The company was set up and constituted under a Memorandum of Association and was granted charitable status (CHY (Revenue) no. 5703 and registered charity no. 20008963) under sections 207 and 208 of Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

b. Methods of appointment or election of directors

The management of the company is the responsibility of the directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Board of Directors is elected from our membership to oversee the governance of the company. The Board delegates authority to the Chief Executive and to other staff members for certain activities. There is a detailed schedule of delegation in place which is re-confirmed annually. We have systems and policies in place to monitor these delegations. Major strategic, financial and policy decisions are reserved to the Board and its committees, all of which have formal terms of reference.

Effective leadership helps the company adopt an appropriate strategy for effectively delivering its aims. It also sets the tone for the company, including its vision, values and reputation.

The administrative details of the company, its directors and advisors for the the year ended 31 December 2021 are as set out on page 1 of the financial statements.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of directors

All directors go through an induction programme. This programme covers the roles and responsibilities of directors.

e. Directors who served in the period

The directors who served in the period are as follows:

James Fitzharris
Jonathan Taylor
Conor O'Keefe
Enda Lee (co-opted 15 July 2021)
Breffni Martin (resigned 19 June 2021)
Andrew McMillan (resigned 19 June 2021)
Aisling Tallon (resigned 19 June 2021)
Catherine Casey (resigned 19 June 2021)

f. Related party relationships

The company discloses details of all transactions with related parties in the notes to the financial statements.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

g. Financial risk management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

h. Taxation status

The company has received an exemption from taxation as a charitable organisation and is registered under No CHY 5703 and 20008963. The company also received approval of the Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and other Approved bodies under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

i. Transparency and public accountability

We try to create a culture where donors and supporters, our employees and volunteers, our institutional partners, as well as the wider public, can see and understand how we work, how we deal with problems when they arise and how we spend our funds. Through our magazine, our website and our wider communications we strive to keep people involved and informed about the huge range of projects and activities we deliver.

The Board agree policies, procedures and reporting mechanisms to make sure there is compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements. The company is registered with the Charities Regulator and an annual audit is conducted each year by Independent Auditors.

An Annual Report is produced which includes a set of audited financial statements and is displayed on the company's website. All the codes and standards of practice to which the organisation subscribes to are publicly stated and available.

j. The Governance code

The Board considers compliance with the Charities Governance Code 2020 (the "Code") for community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland at board meetings. In October 2021, the company submitted the Charities Governance Code Compliance Record Form with its Annual Report to the Charities Regulator. This showed that the company is compliant with many of the principles in the Code and will strive to ensure full compliance in 2022.

Plans for future periods

Looking forward, our thoughts and actions are dominated by the economic impact of Covid-19. We are closely monitoring the effect of social distancing on our fundraising operations together with the likely wider impact of a recession and increased unemployment across all our income streams. The financial impact of Covid-19 has been central to our assessments.

An initial review of a range of scenarios assessing its impact on income projections has confirmed that appropriate actions can be implemented to maintain financial reserves within policy range and it is reasonable to expect the company to have adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Board of Directors consider it appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. However, this is also a time to be bold and innovative. These difficult times have shown the importance of nature to people, and we will build on these connections so that the natural world is central to a green recovery with healthy communities at the heart of a sustainable economic future.

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Members' liability

Each of the Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding €1.27 to the assets of the company in the event of winding up.

Accounting records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Park, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

Auditors

The auditors, DMQ Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated directors will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the directors.

Disclosure of information to auditor

In accordance with Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of directors on 23 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

James Fitzharris

Jonathan Taylor

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), and with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Directors on 23 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

James Fitzharris

Jonathan Taylor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY (CAIRDE ÉANLAITH ÉIREANN)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) (the "Charities SORP").

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 as applied with regard to the Charities SORP; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority ("IAASA"), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 32 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY (CAIRDE ÉANLAITH ÉIREANN) (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <https://www.iaasa.ie/Publications/Auditing-standards>. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Manus Quinn
for and on behalf of
DMQ Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Summerhill
Wicklow Town
Co. Wicklow
A67 TD54
23 May 2022

IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY (CAIRDE ÉANLAITH ÉIREANN)
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 €	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
Income from:					
Voluntary income	4	2,057,664	583,905	2,641,569	1,783,423
Total income		<u>2,057,664</u>	<u>583,905</u>	<u>2,641,569</u>	<u>1,783,423</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	1,757,753	613,671	2,371,424	1,864,093
Total expenditure		<u>1,757,753</u>	<u>613,671</u>	<u>2,371,424</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>299,911</u>	<u>(29,766)</u>	<u>270,145</u>	<u>(80,670)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		656,839	1,049,038	1,705,877	1,786,547
Net movement in funds		299,911	(29,766)	270,145	(80,670)
Total funds carried forward		<u>956,750</u>	<u>1,019,272</u>	<u>1,976,022</u>	<u>1,705,877</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 116468

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 €	2020 €
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	11	105,847	158,771
Tangible assets	12	2,849,185	2,873,185
Investments	13	4,600	4,600
		<u>2,959,632</u>	<u>3,036,556</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	4,765	3,067
Debtors	15	209,617	171,914
Cash at bank and in hand	23	268,884	129,801
		<u>483,266</u>	<u>304,782</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(691,315)</u>	<u>(828,085)</u>
Net current liabilities		(208,049)	(523,303)
Total assets less current liabilities		2,751,583	2,513,253
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>(775,561)</u>	<u>(807,376)</u>
Total net assets		1,976,022	1,705,877
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	20	956,750	656,839
Unrestricted funds	20	1,019,272	1,049,038
Total funds		1,976,022	1,705,877

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the directors on 23 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

James Fitzharris

Jonathan Taylor

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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	2021	2020
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities (Note 22)	197,914	206,675
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of intangible assets	-	(13,951)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(1,758)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	-	(15,709)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(18,858)	(32,960)
Movement in funding to subsidiary	(24,887)	(39,814)
Net cash used in financing activities	(43,745)	(72,774)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	154,169	118,192
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	114,715	(3,477)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year (Note 23)	268,884	114,715

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements

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1. General information

Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland. The registered number of the company is 116468 and the registered office of the company is Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's activities and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), and the Companies Act 2014.

Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Budgets have been prepared for the next twelve months from the the date of approval of the financial statements which indicate that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Company status

The company is an Irish registered company limited by guarantee, the members of the company are the directors. The liability of the members is limited. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members or within one year thereafter for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves such amount as may be required, not exceeding €1.27 per member.

2.4 Consolidated financial statements

The company is entitled to the exemption provided for in section 293 (1A) of the Companies Act 2014 from the obligation to prepare group accounts because it qualifies as a small company in accordance with the small companies' regime.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Membership subscriptions received during the period have been accounted for using the accruals basis of accounting and where appropriate have been deferred proportionately and included in deferred income.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.6 Government and other grants

Income from government and other grants, 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants received to fund capital expenditure are taken to capital grants and amortised to income over the estimated useful lives of the related fixed assets.

2.7 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Support costs have been allocated to the headings in the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of salary percentage.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Foreign currency

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euros at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into euros at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.9 Taxation

The company has received an exemption from taxation as a charitable organisation and is registered under No CHY 5703 and 20008963. The company also received approval of the Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and other Approved bodies under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

2.10 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	- 25 % Straight line
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost includes the original purchase price and costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use.

After recognition, under the revaluation model, tangible fixed assets whose fair value can be measured reliably shall be carried at a revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the end of the reporting date.

Fair values are determined from market-based evidence by appraisal that is normally undertaken by professionally qualified valuers. If there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialised nature of the tangible fixed asset and it is rarely sold, except as part of a contributing business, a company may need to estimate fair value using an income or depreciated replacement cost approach.

Gains and losses on revaluation are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities, with a separate revaluation reserve being shown in the Statement of Funds note.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Land and library books are not depreciated. Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-	20% Straight line

2.12 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Stocks

Stocks comprise consumable items and are stated at cost, less provisions for obsolescence and any other diminution in value. Cost is the purchase price, net of any trade discount, plus any additional costs associated with bringing the items to their current location and condition.

2.14 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Subsequently these are measured at amortised cost less any provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. All movements in the level of provision required are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.15 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.16 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.17 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.18 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.19 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

2.20 Contingencies

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote. Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

2.21 Employee benefits

The company provides a range of benefits to employees, including paid holiday arrangements.

(i) Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

(ii) Defined contribution pension plans

The company operates a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. Under defined contribution plans, the company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

(iii) Termination benefits

Once-off termination payments that are not required by contract, legislation, or other obligations or commitments, are recognised in the financial year in which they become payable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.22 Related party transactions

The company discloses transactions with related parties in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and generally accepted accounting principles.

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to make estimates, judgements and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period to which they relate.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and could impact the results of reported operations are:

Income recognition

In applying the income recognition principles of the Charities SORP, judgements are occasionally required to ascertain whether a grant agreement is performance or non-performance based. This is done using established criteria that are applied consistently across all funding instruments and from one period to the next. Furthermore, where grant agreements are found to be performance based, judgements are required as to the level of income that should be recognised for the year. The organisation typically uses incurred expenditure as the most appropriate basis to measure progress on grant agreements and to recognise the related income. This is done in conjunction with a qualitative assessment of the status of the underlying projects in order to ensure it represents the most appropriate basis of recognition. All judgements are made at the individual grant level and are subject to appropriate review and approval processes.

Cost allocation

Support costs, which cannot be attributed directly to one activity, are allocated in proportion to the level of salaries allocated to each activity. Management perform the cost allocation process annually with due regard to prior year consistency and assess if a change in allocation basis is appropriate from time to time.

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4. Voluntary income

	Restricted funds 2021 €	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	<i>Total funds 2020 €</i>
Membership subscriptions	-	355,653	355,653	278,953
Bequests and donations	-	153,838	153,838	157,599
Conservation projects	2,032,778	-	2,032,778	1,264,489
Grants	24,886	-	24,886	24,886
Similar incoming resources	-	74,414	74,414	57,496
	<u>2,057,664</u>	<u>583,905</u>	<u>2,641,569</u>	<u>1,783,423</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>1,289,375</u>	<u>494,048</u>	<u>1,783,423</u>	

Government and other grants, receivable from various government departments and bodies, used to fund conservation projects are recognised in the financial statements on a performance basis and released to income as the project objectives are satisfied. Total grant income recognised for the year amounted to €1,079,421 (2020: €540,819).

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2021 €	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	<i>Total funds 2020 €</i>
Species and land management	1,058,705	237,569	1,296,274	1,068,591
Survey monitoring	605,202	162,838	768,040	527,856
Policy and advocacy	93,846	40,495	134,341	117,812
Supporter care	-	172,769	172,769	149,834
	<u>1,757,753</u>	<u>613,671</u>	<u>2,371,424</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>1,258,369</u>	<u>605,724</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2021 €	Depreciation 2021 €	Other costs 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
Species and land management	617,920	38,373	639,981	1,296,274	1,068,591
Survey monitoring	489,174	29,476	249,390	768,040	527,856
Policy and advocacy	105,326	5,433	23,582	134,341	117,812
Supporter care	70,597	3,642	98,530	172,769	149,834
	<u>1,283,017</u>	<u>76,924</u>	<u>1,011,483</u>	<u>2,371,424</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>1,093,119</u>	<u>45,268</u>	<u>725,706</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 €	Support costs 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
Species and land management	1,058,705	237,569	1,296,274	1,068,591
Survey monitoring	579,970	188,070	768,040	527,856
Policy and advocacy	93,846	40,495	134,341	117,812
Supporter care	145,626	27,143	172,769	149,834
	<u>1,878,147</u>	<u>493,277</u>	<u>2,371,424</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>1,367,228</u>	<u>496,865</u>	<u>1,864,093</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Species & land mgt 2021 €	Survey monitoring 2021 €	Policy and advocacy 2021 €	Supporter care 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
Staff costs	518,522	410,486	88,383	59,241	1,076,632	862,083
Depreciation	6,500	4,244	-	-	10,744	10,476
Contractor costs	145,547	100,086	2,403	-	248,036	136,101
Administration and other	388,136	65,154	3,060	86,385	542,735	358,568
	<u>1,058,705</u>	<u>579,970</u>	<u>93,846</u>	<u>145,626</u>	<u>1,878,147</u>	<u>1,367,228</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u><u>786,950</u></u>	<u><u>383,149</u></u>	<u><u>78,137</u></u>	<u><u>118,992</u></u>	<u><u>1,367,228</u></u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Species & land mgt 2021 €	Survey monitoring 2021 €	Policy and advocacy 2021 €	Supporter care 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
Staff costs	99,398	78,688	16,943	11,356	206,385	231,036
Depreciation	31,873	25,232	5,433	3,642	66,180	34,792
Contractor costs	1,810	1,433	309	207	3,759	1,398
Administration and other	104,488	82,717	17,810	11,938	216,953	229,639
	<u>237,569</u>	<u>188,070</u>	<u>40,495</u>	<u>27,143</u>	<u>493,277</u>	<u>496,865</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u><u>281,641</u></u>	<u><u>144,707</u></u>	<u><u>39,675</u></u>	<u><u>30,842</u></u>	<u><u>496,865</u></u>	

Support costs are included in the expenditure reported in the financial activities and have been allocated on the basis of salary percentage. The cost allocation includes an element of judgement and the company has had to consider the cost benefit of detailed calculations and record keeping.

Administration costs (analysis in note 7) include governance costs such as audit, legal and costs associated with the constitutional and statutory requirements, such as directors' and member meetings.

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7. Analysis of support costs - administration and other

	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	<i>Total funds 2020 €</i>
Bank interest and similar charges	14,349	14,349	31,973
Computer costs	48,133	48,133	44,540
Development and events	3,042	3,042	10,560
Insurance	47,084	47,084	11,832
Legal and professional	20,282	20,282	36,170
Light and heat	5,391	5,391	5,416
Printing, postage and stationary	33,098	33,098	44,708
Rent and rates	16,960	16,960	11,030
Repairs and maintenance	5,548	5,548	11,713
Staff training	-	-	859
Subscriptions	12,522	12,522	7,171
Telephone	8,624	8,624	11,062
Travel and subsistence	1,920	1,920	2,605
	<u>216,953</u>	<u>216,953</u>	<u>229,639</u>

8. Auditor's remuneration

	2021 €	<i>2020 €</i>
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	12,300	12,100
	<u>12,300</u>	<u>12,100</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	€	€
Wages and salaries	1,283,017	<i>1,093,119</i>

Employer PRSI costs incurred during the year, and included in the above, totalled €122,770 (2020: €99,266).

Redundancy payments amounting to €nil (2020: €16,649) were paid to key management staff during the year.

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Administration and charitable activities	37	<i>36</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than €60,000 in either year.

The company has received amounts totalling €Nil (2020: €95,336) under the EWSS scheme due to the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on the activities of the company.

10. Directors' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no directors received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - €NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2021, no director expenses have been incurred (2020 - €NIL).

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11. Intangible assets

	Computer software €
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	189,886
At 31 December 2021	189,886
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2021	31,115
Charge for the year	52,924
At 31 December 2021	84,039
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	105,847
<i>At 31 December 2020</i>	158,771

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life. The directors have amended the expected useful life of these assets from 10 to 4 years. On this basis the opening net book value at 1 January 2021 is to be amortised over 3 years, therefore the current year amortisation charge is €52,924 (2020: €18,989).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings €	Motor vehicles €	Fixtures, fittings & equipment €	Library books €	Total €
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2021	2,884,618	59,012	222,905	1,037	3,167,572
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,884,618</u>	<u>59,012</u>	<u>222,905</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>3,167,572</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2021	40,346	56,772	197,269	-	294,387
Charge for the year	12,400	1,680	9,920	-	24,000
At 31 December 2021	<u>52,746</u>	<u>58,452</u>	<u>207,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,387</u>
Net book value					
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,831,872</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>15,716</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>2,849,185</u>
<i>At 31 December 2020</i>	<u>2,844,272</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>25,636</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>2,873,185</u>

The company has adopted a policy of revaluation for tangible fixed assets. Had these assets been measured at historic cost, the carrying values would have been as follows:

	2020 €	2020 €
Freehold property	<u>721,675</u>	<u>739,733</u>

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12. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Freehold land and buildings includes land of €2,264,618 (2020: €2,264,618), which is not depreciated. The company has adopted the revaluation model in respect of freehold buildings.

The company's premises at Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow was revalued to fair value of €330,000 in 2018. The building was professionally valued by an independent valuer, O'Dwyer English Auctioneers, on 10 April 2018 using market value as the basis of the valuation.

The Observatory Building on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork was revalued to fair value of €120,000. The building was professionally valued by an independent valuer, Charles McCarthy Estate Agents & Valuers, on 21 November 2018 using market value as the basis of valuation.

In the opinion of the directors, there has been no material change in the fair value of the building located at Kilcolman Nature Reserve, Co. Cork since it came into ownership in August 2016.

In the opinion of the directors, there has been no material change in the fair value of freehold land and buildings compared to their carrying values noted above.

Property, plant and equipment with a carrying value of €644,850 (2020: €644,850) are pledged as security for the company's bank loans and overdrafts.

13. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary company €	Listed investments €	Unlisted investments €	Total €
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	100	4,437	63	4,600
At 31 December 2021	<u>100</u>	<u>4,437</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>4,600</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	<u>100</u>	<u>4,437</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>4,600</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>100</u>	<u>4,437</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>4,600</u>

The unlisted investments consist of Prize Bonds which cost €63, the listed investments consist of a small portfolio of shares received as a bequest a number of years ago, the market value of the shares as at 31 December 2021 was €4,516 (2020: €4,437).

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Subsidiary company

The company holds 100% of the ordinary share capital in issue of the following subsidiary company:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
BWI Retail and Services Limited	543457	Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow	Retail Shop

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income €	Expenditure €	Net assets €
BWI Retail and Services Limited	178,319	178,319	1,434

The directors are pleased to report that the activities of BWI Retail and Services Limited contributed €51,370 (2020: €58,061), which is included in the total expenditure figure noted above, to the company during the year.

14. Stocks

	2021 €	2020 €
Inventories	4,765	3,067

15. Debtors

	2021 €	2020 €
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	137,132	29,143
Amounts owed by group undertakings	65,477	40,590
Prepayments and accrued income	7,008	102,181
	209,617	171,914

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 €	2020 €
Bank overdrafts	-	15,086
Bank loans	6,671	18,599
Trade creditors	33,479	74,114
Monies held for BWI branches	1,633	1,633
Other taxation and social security	30,922	1,740
RSPB funding loan	100,000	100,000
Accruals and deferred income	518,610	616,913
	691,315	828,085
	691,315	828,085
	2021 €	2020 €
Deferred income movements		
Deferred income at 1 January	599,098	473,940
Net resources deferred/expended during the year	(121,200)	125,158
	477,898	599,098
	477,898	599,098

Deferred income comprises grants and other income of €477,898 (2020: €599,098) which does not meet the criteria for income recognition during the financial year.

The directors note that deferred income includes €123,659 (2020: €225,906) of advanced funding received for restricted project activities as at 31 December 2021. The directors further note that the company has reached agreements with the Project Funders to complete these projects and to settle these advanced funding amounts over the course of the projects.

Bank security

Bank of Ireland holds a legal charge over Kilcoman Nature Reserve, Buttevant, Co. Cork in respect of the bank overdraft facility provided.

The company has a bank loan with Ulster Bank Ireland DAC of €10,774 (2020: €17,804). Ulster Bank Ireland DAC holds a legal charge over the company's premises at Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 €	2020 €
Bank loans	4,103	11,032
Government grants received	771,458	796,344
	775,561	807,376

18. Financial instruments

	2021 €	2020 €
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	268,947	129,864
	268,947	129,864

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and Prize Bonds.

19. Government grants deferred

	2021 €	2020 €
Capital grants received and receivable		
Deferred income at 1 January	796,344	821,230
Amounts released from previous periods	(24,886)	(24,886)
Deferred income at 31 December	771,458	796,344

Government grants, totalling €1,244,289 (2020: €1,244,289) relate to support received in the acquisition of nature reserves were taken to capital grants and are amortised to the Statement of Financial Activities annually over the useful economic life of the asset to which it relates.

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20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Balance at 31 December 2021 €
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	929,038	583,905	(613,671)	899,272
Revaluation reserve	120,000	-	-	120,000
	<u>1,049,038</u>	<u>583,905</u>	<u>(613,671)</u>	<u>1,019,272</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	<u>656,839</u>	<u>2,057,664</u>	<u>(1,757,753)</u>	<u>956,750</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,705,877</u></u>	<u><u>2,641,569</u></u>	<u><u>(2,371,424)</u></u>	<u><u>1,976,022</u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2020 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2020 €</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	1,040,714	494,048	(605,724)	929,038
Revaluation reserve	120,000	-	-	120,000
	<u>1,160,714</u>	<u>494,048</u>	<u>(605,724)</u>	<u>1,049,038</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	<u>625,833</u>	<u>1,289,375</u>	<u>(1,258,369)</u>	<u>656,839</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,786,547</u></u>	<u><u>1,783,423</u></u>	<u><u>(1,864,093)</u></u>	<u><u>1,705,877</u></u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021 €	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €
Tangible fixed assets	2,238,928	610,257	2,849,185
Intangible fixed assets	-	105,847	105,847
Fixed asset investments	-	4,600	4,600
Current assets	79,520	403,746	483,266
Creditors due within one year	(590,240)	(101,075)	(691,315)
Creditors due in more than one year	(771,458)	(4,103)	(775,561)
Total	<u>956,750</u>	<u>1,019,272</u>	<u>1,976,022</u>

22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 €	2020 €
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>270,145</u>	<u>(80,670)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	24,000	26,280
Amortisation charges	52,924	18,988
Movement in stocks	(1,699)	7,276
Movement in debtors	(12,816)	147,917
Movement in creditors	(109,754)	111,770
Amortisation of government grants	(24,886)	(24,886)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>197,914</u>	<u>206,675</u>

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23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 €	2020 €
Cash in hand	268,884	129,801
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	(15,086)
Total cash and cash equivalents	268,884	114,715

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2021 €	Cash flows €	At 31 December 2021 €
Cash at bank and in hand	129,801	139,083	268,884
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	(15,086)	15,086	-
Debt due within 1 year	(18,599)	11,928	(6,671)
Debt due after 1 year	(11,032)	6,929	(4,103)
	85,084	173,026	258,110

25. Contingent liabilities

The directors have given indemnities to executors under the standard terms for legacies and bequests received. They believe the chance of significant claims arising as a result of these to be negligible.

26. Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments at the financial year end 31 December 2021 (2020: €Nil).

27. Operating lease commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are dealt with in the income and expenditure account as incurred over the ongoing rental agreements relating to office equipment.

28. Members' liability

Each member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding €1.27 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

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29. Related party transactions

Other than those transactions already disclosed, the company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, BWI Retail and Services Limited owed the company €65,477 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: €40,590).

The board are pleased to report that the activities of BWI Retail and Services Limited contributed €51,370 (2020: €58,061), to the company during the year.

30. Post balance sheet events

Since the year end, the world has continued to encounter Covid-19, a pandemic virus which has caused illness and fatalities across the world. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recognised this as a global pandemic.

The presence of Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the ability of the company to meet the needs of its membership.

The directors feel that it is appropriate to disclose and note the presence of Covid-19 has far reaching consequences for both the global and local economy post year end. However, they believe that this pandemic will not impact the carrying value of fixed assets or other assets or the ability of the company to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

31. Controlling party

Irish Wildbird Conservancy (Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) is a Company Limited by Guarantee not having a share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to €1.27 per member of the company.

The controlling party is considered to be the Board of Directors.

32. Provisions available for audits of small entities

In common with many other organisations of our size and nature, our auditors assist us with the preparation of the financial statements and when required to prepare and submit tax returns to the Revenue.

33. Comparative figures

Some amendments have been made to the analysis of prior year figures. However these changes have not impacted on the results or net assets previously reported.

34. Approval of financial statements

The Board of Directors approved these financial statements for issue on 23 May 2022.