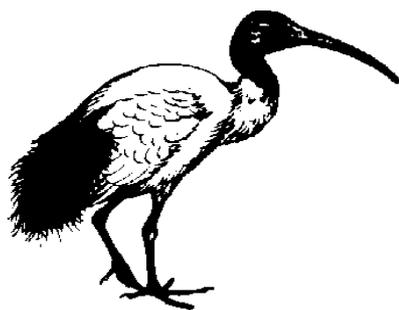


# BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

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## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

*Porrill Rainey*  
*Chartered Accountants*

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## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Firstly I should like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee for their contributions and support over the last year. In particular I must thank David Montier, our Treasurer, for carefully managing our resources through yet another financially difficult year. I greatly value his advice and his knowledge on a wide range of issues. Tony Statham has remained in post as Hon. Secretary for the whole of 2010 but, following some redistribution of the Secretary's duties, he was able to resign with effect from 31st December. He will remain on the Committee until the AGM. I am grateful to Tony for all the work he has done for the Club since 2004. I am also grateful to Robert Prÿs-Jones for agreeing to take over as acting Hon. Secretary from 1st January 2011 and to David Fisher for agreeing to take over Robert's post as acting Vice-Chairman. I should also thank Guy Kirwan for producing another four excellent Bulletins with interesting articles covering a wide range of topics and geographical areas. The Bulletin is now greatly enhanced by colour illustrations making it attractive as well as informative. Steve Dudley continues to provide valuable support towards the administration of the Club, particularly in the collection of subscriptions and sales of publications. Our website is well looked after by David Fisher and Eng-Li Green.

Apart from the publication of the Bulletin and the series of indoor meetings, the main event of the year has been the publication of *Systematic Notes on Asian Birds* in conjunction with the Trust for Oriental Ornithology and admirably edited by David Wells. On the administrative side we have reviewed and updated our Memorandum of Agreement with the BOU.

In my review last year I drew attention to the difficulty of finding new office holders. This remains a problem. As is apparent from the Trustees' Report we are also faced with a falling membership and diminishing attendance at the evening meetings, even though we had an excellent series of talks on topical issues. In an attempt to address these problems, the committee held an informal "brainstorming" meeting in July and agreed to experiment with a new format for our evening meetings in 2011. The new arrangements have been publicised in birdwatching magazines and we will need to assess their impact before planning next year's programme. To help us with our discussions, members' views would, of course, be very welcome. Plans are also in hand for a full day Saturday meeting in London later in the year.

*Helen Baker*

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H. Baker  
Chairman

Date: 14th June 2011

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

### LIST OF TRUSTEES - COMMITTEE

Miss H. BAKER *Chairman* (2009)  
Dr. R.P. PRŶS-JONES *Vice-Chairman* (2009)  
S.A.H. STATHAM *Hon. Secretary* (2004)  
D.J. MONTIER *Hon. Treasurer* (1997)  
D.J. FISHER (2007)  
S.M.S GREGORY (2009)  
K. HERON JONES (2009)  
C.W.R. STOREY (2009)  
M.J. WALTON (2008)

**Correspondence and enquiries** to the acting *Hon. Secretary*,

Dr. R.P. Prŷs-Jones, Bird Group, Department of Zoology, Natural History  
Museum, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AP, UK

**Hon. Editor** - G.M. Kirwan

**Independent Examiners** - Porritt Rainey, 9 Pembroke Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1XR

**Bankers** - Barclays Bank plc, Dale House, Wavertree Boulevard, Liverpool, L7 9PQ

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

**Trustees of the Herbert Stevens Trust Fund** –Mr N.J. Crocker, Mr R.C. Price and Mr S.J.R. Rumsey.

### OBJECTIVES

#### Objects of the Charity

The promotion of scientific discussion between Members of the British Ornithologists' Union (BOU) and others interested in ornithology, and to facilitate the dissemination of scientific information concerned with ornithology, with a particular emphasis on avian systematics, taxonomy and distribution. These objects are pursued through the Club's publications, especially the Bulletin published four times a year, and a regular programme of meetings.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Constitution and Committee

The British Ornithologists' Club was founded in October 1892. It currently operates under Rules revised in 2000 and approved at a Special General Meeting on 31st October of that year. Members of the Committee, who are also the trustees of the Club, are listed above with the dates of their appointment.

The Committee is responsible for the general control and management of the Club and consists of four Officers, namely a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, each elected for a term of four years, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, each elected for a term of one year and five other members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of four years.

Elections to the Committee from amongst the Club's membership are by a simple majority of those Members of the Club present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A Member may be co-opted by the Committee to fill a temporary vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting.

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### Management

The Committee met six times during the year. Mr S.A.H. Statham was re-elected as Honorary Secretary and Mr D.J. Montier was re-elected Honorary Treasurer at the AGM on 27th April. No other changes to the Committee were proposed or made, as all other members were eligible to serve at least one more year in office.

Under the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Club and the BOU entered into in 2004 and reviewed and updated this year, certain administrative matters are undertaken on behalf of the Club by the BOU Administrative Office under the management of Mr S.P. Dudley, the BOU Senior Administrator. Under this arrangement, Mr Dudley continued his *ex officio* roles as Membership Secretary and advisor on publication matters, including management of BOC publications (publishing, sales and warehousing) subscription management of BOC Institutional Subscribers to the Bulletin and other Bulletin related matters.

### Membership

Individual members in 2010 totalled 383 (405 at close of 2009), comprising 199 in the UK and 184 overseas, spread over 43 countries.

The Club welcomed 15 new members, but mourned the death of four, Mrs.D.M.Bradley (1953), Dr J. Haffner (1981), C.A.Walker (1996) and Cdr. F.S.Ward (1996).

Diana Bradley joined the Club in 1953 and was thus the third most long-standing member and an Honorary Life Member since 2003. She was a committee member from 1968 to 1972, returned to the Committee again in 1975, was then appointed Hon. Treasurer in 1978 and filled that post for a total of eleven years up to 1989. Subsequently, she was a fairly regular attendee at meetings until quite recently and is being sadly missed.

### Institutions

Subscriptions from Institutional Subscribers during 2010 totalled 92 (96 at close of 2009), with 19 in the UK and 73 overseas in 23 countries.

## ACTIVITIES

### Meetings

Six evening meetings were held at Imperial College, London, during the year. Attendance ranged from 16 to 25, with a total of 119 and an average of 20. The programme of talks covered a variety of topics. At the opening meeting in January Chris Bowden gave an informative talk on *Conserving the Northern Bald Ibis (Geronticus eremita) – what's being done to halt centuries of decline in Morocco, Syria, Turkey and elsewhere*. In March, Dr Julian Hume gave a well-illustrated presentation on *Birds of the Comoros Islands*. The April meeting, following the AGM, was the Club's social evening with a series of mini-talks by five members. These covered *hummingbirds, the number of species on the world list, wintering birds in Japan, an ingenious trap for mass capture of Red-billed Quelea (Quelea quelea), and the case of the Large-billed Reed Warbler (Acrocephalus orinus) - museum collections shed light on an unknown species*. In September Dr Andrew Gosler spoke about *Eggs dressed and undressed*, giving an up-date on his work on eggshell pigmentation since his talk in December 2004. His recent work was developed from the discussion engaged in after the earlier talk. At the final meeting of the year in November, Michael Jennings gave a presentation on *Birds of Arabia*, reporting on the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Arabia Project. Summaries of the main talks are published in the Club Announcements section of the Bulletin.

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### The Bulletin

Vol. 130 comprised 320 pages and 42 papers of broad geographical scope. Taxonomy and nomenclature remain Bulletin mainstays, and one new species and five new subspecies were described, namely *Buteo socotraensis*, *Amazilia amazilia azuay*, *Anisognathus lacrymosus yariguierum*, *Crateroscelis robusta diamondi*, *Pachycare flavogriseum lecrovae* and *Pterodroma brevipes magnificens*. Other highlights included papers describing the rediscovery of the Banggai Crow *Corvus unicolor*, preliminary documentation concerning several potentially new bird taxa on the Sula Islands and, separately, on Peleng Island (both in Indonesia), as well as the first at-sea observations of Vanuatu Petrel *Pterodroma (cervicalis) occulta*.

For papers published in 2010, the interval between receipt and publication was 3–26 months, with a mean of *c.*9 months, the lowest to date under the present editor. The Hon. Editor will continue in his efforts to reduce waiting times still further whenever possible. The Bulletin received a total of 44 new manuscripts in 2010. Of these, just two were rejected and the rest have been accepted or are still being refereed for potential publication.

Grateful thanks are due, as ever, to referees who have given freely of their time and expertise; members of the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature (SCON), especially Edward Dickinson and Richard Schodde; to Eng-Li Green, of Alcedo Publishing, for her constant dedication to Bulletin duties, including production of the index and updating the website; and Latimer Trend (printers) for their efficiency. Tony Statham and Helen Baker prepared the cover information and Club Announcements, whilst staff at The Natural History Museum, Tring, continue to offer much-needed assistance in all manner of small but useful ways.

### BOC - BOU Joint Publications Committee.

**Members:** Revd.T.W.Gladwin (Chairman), Dr.D.R.Wells (Commissioning and Checklist Series Editor), S.P.Dudley (Publications Manager), D. J.Montier, Dr. R.P.Prys-Jones and Dr. J.H.Cooper.

### The committee

This joint committee (JPC), which is responsible for the BOU's and BOC's non-journal publications, met once in 2010; much of its business otherwise continuing to be conducted by email. The Chairman of the committee is alternately appointed by the BOC and the BOU. Nominated by the BOC in 2009, Tom Gladwin continues to chair the committee until April 2011. Dr. Robert Prys-Jones succeeded Tony Statham as one of the BOC representatives. There is a vacancy for a BOU representative following the retirement of Prof. Chris Perrins.

### Publications

No new titles were published during the year. Michael Walters' manuscript, *The Birds of Linnaeus 1758*, has been received. The committee is reviewing its policy to ensure the avifaunal integrity of the areas covered by titles recommended for publication. It continues to maintain contact with authors of nine other potential titles and evaluate new proposals.

### Acknowledgements

The Committee is grateful to all who have contributed to its work and especially to Prof. Chris Perrins and Tony Statham who retired during the year, to Steve Dudley (Publications Manager) for progressing and managing the titles in its charge, and to Angela Langford for kindly servicing and minuting its meetings.

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### Other Publications

#### Systematic Notes on Asian Birds

Between 2000 and 2006 the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH, Leiden, The Netherlands) published, in conjunction with The Trust for Oriental Ornithology (TOO), six volumes of collected papers on the taxonomy and nomenclature of birds under the general title *Systematic Notes on Asian Birds (SNAB)*. Changes in publication policy by the NMNH interrupted this series, but the BOC entered into an agreement with TOO to take on publication in the Club's *Occasional Publications* series. The region covered is a "broadly defined Oriental Realm", bounded to the north-west by the further borders of Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and Mongolia, all of which are included, and to the south-east by the edge of the Australasian Sahul shelf. The seventh volume (the first under the new arrangement) edited by David R. Wells and containing nine papers numbered sequentially (68-76) with previous volumes, plus a letter commenting on a previous paper in the series, was published in October 2010.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2010 of £27,108 shows a drop of about £8,600 compared with 2009. Subscription income was down slightly, but the two main causes of the decline were the continuation of very low interest rates available on cash deposits throughout the year and the absence of any new Checklists.

Distributions from the two unit trust investments within the Herbert Stevens Fund continued at about the same level as the previous year and, thus, the drop of almost £3,400 in investment income was entirely the result of low interest rates. There was a steady sale of earlier Checklists, but with no boost from new titles, income from sales was down by £4,000. The Club's own publications, however, benefited from the appearance in the autumn of the first issue of SNAB under the Club's auspices.

Expenditure for the year amounted to £32,188, with savings on publication costs being partly offset by a grant of £1,000 towards the expense of transporting storage boxes generously donated by the Natural History Museum, Tring, to the Natural History Museum in Almaty, Kazakhstan. These arrangements, being organised by the Ornithological Society of the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia, should assist in the preservation of that country's important bird collection.

The net result of the Club's activities during the year was a deficiency of £5,080. This was more than covered, however, by an increase of just over £11,000 in the market value of the Herbert Stevens unit trusts.

With the improvement in market values, the Club's investments stood at £264,754 at the year-end and a further sum of almost £123,000 was held mainly in cash deposits under current assets.

#### Reserves

As indicated above, the Club maintains a satisfactory level of liquidity to meet its commitments, including its contribution to the costs of future joint Checklists and any further publications in the *Occasional Publications* series. A sum of £15,562 remains in the Unrestricted Designated Fund towards future publications and a balance of £3,053 is still held in the Publications Fund. In addition, the Clancey bequest, totalling £64,626 at the year-end, is available as backing for new developments for the Bulletin.

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### Risks

The Committee keeps the major risks to which the Club is exposed under review, particularly with regard to managing the Club's cash resources during the current period of economic uncertainty. Expenditure on the Bulletin is a major item and has a regular production schedule, but timing of other publications, particularly the joint Checklists, produced in conjunction with the BOU, is less predictable as we are reliant on dedicated work by authors working on an entirely voluntary basis and with other commitments of their own. The production timetable is regularly reviewed to ensure that sufficient resources are available when required. The Herbert Steven Fund is managed by three Trustees, Mr.N.J.Crocker, Mr.R.C.Price and Mr.S.J.R.Rumsey, who report regularly to the Committee.

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 1993, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of the incoming resources and application of resources in the year. In preparing the statement the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts;
- prepare the financial accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that any statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulations under section 41(1) of the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Helen Baker*

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Miss H. Baker  
Chairman

Date: 14th June 2011

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## BALANCE SHEET

31st December 2010

|                                       | Notes | 2010           |                | 2009    |         |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
|                                       |       | £              | £              | £       | £       |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                   |       |                |                |         |         |
| Projection Equipment                  | 2     |                | -              |         | -       |
| <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                    |       |                |                |         |         |
| At market value                       | 3     |                | <b>264,754</b> |         | 252,286 |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                 |       |                |                |         |         |
| Stock of publications                 |       | <b>100</b>     |                | 100     |         |
| Cash at bank and in hand              |       | <b>3,120</b>   |                | 5,656   |         |
| Cash on deposit                       |       | <b>122,938</b> |                | 125,614 |         |
| Prepayments                           |       | -              |                | -       |         |
| Other debtors                         |       | <b>1,768</b>   |                | 5,038   |         |
|                                       |       | <b>127,926</b> |                | 136,408 |         |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>            |       |                |                |         |         |
| Subscriptions in advance              |       | <b>(3,243)</b> |                | (3,589) |         |
| Creditors falling due within one year |       | <b>(933)</b>   |                | (2,676) |         |
|                                       |       |                | <b>123,750</b> |         | 130,143 |
| <b>PROVISIONS</b>                     |       |                |                |         |         |
| Grant for Reftax project              | 4     |                | <b>(3,334)</b> |         | (3,334) |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   |       |                |                |         |         |
|                                       |       |                | <b>385,170</b> |         | 379,095 |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                          |       |                |                |         |         |
| <b>Unrestricted</b>                   |       |                |                |         |         |
| Designated                            | 5     |                | <b>15,562</b>  |         | 15,562  |
| Other                                 | 6     |                | <b>301,929</b> |         | 294,733 |
|                                       |       |                | <b>317,491</b> |         | 310,295 |
| <b>Restricted</b>                     |       |                |                |         |         |
|                                       | 7     |                | <b>67,679</b>  |         | 68,800  |
|                                       |       |                | <b>385,170</b> |         | 379,095 |

Approved and Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Helen Baker*

Helen Baker  
Chairman

Date: 14th June 2011

**BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB***Registered charity No. 279583***STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****31st December 2010**

|                                    | <b>2010</b>         |                   |               | <i>2009</i>   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>  | <i>Total</i>  |
|                                    | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>          |                     |                   |               |               |
| <b>SUBSCRIPTIONS and DONATIONS</b> |                     |                   |               |               |
| Members                            | <b>7,597</b>        | -                 | <b>7,597</b>  | 7,966         |
| Institutional subscribers          | <b>3,260</b>        | -                 | <b>3,260</b>  | 3,182         |
| Donations                          | <b>81</b>           | -                 | <b>81</b>     | 122           |
| Income Tax recoverable             |                     |                   | -             | -             |
| under Gift Aid & Deeds of Covenant | <b>606</b>          | -                 | <b>606</b>    | 655           |
|                                    | <b>11,544</b>       | -                 | <b>11,544</b> | <i>11,925</i> |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>           |                     |                   |               |               |
| Herbert Stevens Trust Fund         | <b>7,927</b>        | -                 | <b>7,927</b>  | 9,264         |
| Interest received                  | <b>578</b>          | <b>944</b>        | <b>1,522</b>  | 3,571         |
|                                    | <b>8,505</b>        | <b>944</b>        | <b>9,449</b>  | <i>12,835</i> |
| <b>SALES OF PUBLICATIONS</b>       |                     |                   |               |               |
| Bulletin                           | <b>424</b>          | -                 | <b>424</b>    | 1,035         |
| Other BOC publications             | <b>1,128</b>        | -                 | <b>1,128</b>  | 232           |
| Joint BOC/BOU publications         | <b>1,859</b>        | -                 | <b>1,859</b>  | 6,197         |
|                                    | <b>3,411</b>        | -                 | <b>3,411</b>  | <i>7,464</i>  |
| <b>OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES</b>    |                     |                   |               |               |
| <b>MEETINGS</b>                    | <b>2,678</b>        | -                 | <b>2,678</b>  | 3,510         |
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>                | <b>26</b>           | -                 | <b>26</b>     | -             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>    | <b>26,164</b>       | <b>944</b>        | <b>27,108</b> | <i>35,734</i> |

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Continued)

**31st December 2010**

|  |       | 2010              |                 |            |                    |
|--|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£ | 2009<br>Total<br>£ |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                              |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| <i><b>CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b></i>                   |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| <b>BOC BULLETIN</b>                                    |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| Production, printing and distribution                  |       | 12,996            | -               | 12,996     | 12,279             |
| Bulletin Scanning Project                              |       | -                 | -               | -          | -                  |
| <b>OTHER PUBLICATIONS</b>                              |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| Production Costs                                       |       | -                 | 1,990           | 1,990      | 4,438              |
| Publicity, postage and packing                         |       | 642               | 75              | 717        | 1,122              |
| <b>GRANTS</b>  |       | 1,000             | -               | 1,000      | 125                |
| <b>MEETINGS</b>  |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| Room and equipment hire, speakers' expenses, etc.      |       | 1,666             | -               | 1,666      | 1,186              |
| Restaurant   |       | 2,804             | -               | 2,804      | 3,361              |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                                  | 8     | 11,015            | -               | 11,015     | 10,637             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                               |       | 30,123            | 2,065           | 32,188     | 33,148             |
| <b>SHORTFALL / EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>   |       |                   |                 |            |                    |
| Realised Loss on sale of investments                   |       | (3,959)           | (1,121)         | (5,080)    | 2,586              |
| Increase in value of investments                       | 6     | 11,155            | -               | 11,155     | ( 561)             |
|  |       | 7,196             | (1,121)         | 6,075      | 15,036             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b> brought forward at 1st January 2010 |       | 310,295           | 68,800          | 379,095    | 364,059            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b> at 31st December 2010               |       | 317,491           | 67,679          | 385,170    | 379,095            |

# BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st December 2010

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Basis of Accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments in the Herbert Stevens Trust Fund at market values. They are also prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2005).

#### b) Investments and Cash Deposits

The Herbert Stevens Trust Fund is invested in quoted charity unit trusts and charity cash deposits and shown as investments in the Balance Sheet with the unit trusts valued at year-end market values. Income from the Fund and from other cash deposits shown in the Balance Sheet under Current Assets is included in Incoming Resources in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receipts basis. The Clancey bequest is held in a fixed term deposit account which forms part of the total of investments in the Balance Sheet. Interest on this deposit account is brought into the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

#### c) Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the current year and any arrears are included in Incoming Resources in the Statement of Financial Activities. Subscriptions received in advance are carried forward in the Balance Sheet as Current Liabilities.

#### d) Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### e) Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their value over their expected useful lives at an annual rate of 25% on cost.

#### f) Publications

The cost of publications is written off in the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred except for a nominal stock value of £100 carried in the Balance Sheet.

### 2. FIXED ASSETS

#### *Projection Equipment*

|   | <b>2010</b> |
|---|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    |
| <b>Cost at 1st January and 31st December 2010</b> | <b>648</b>  |
| Accumulated depreciation at 1st January 2010      | <b>648</b>  |
| Charge for the year                               | -           |
| At 31st December 2010                             | <b>648</b>  |
| Net Book Value: <b>At 31st December 2010</b>      | -           |
| <i>At 31st December 2009</i>                      | -           |

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

31st December 2010

### 3. INVESTMENTS - at market value

|                            | 2010           | 2009           |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                            | £              | £              |
| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>  |                |                |
| Herbert Stevens Trust Fund | 215,754        | 203,286        |
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>    |                |                |
| Clancey Bequest            | 49,000         | 49,000         |
|                            | <u>264,754</u> | <u>252,286</u> |

All investments are held in the UK.

### 4. PROVISIONS

A Grant of £5,000 was agreed in 2007 to further the development of an internationally available website for locating bird type specimens in national museum collections (the Reftax project), of which £1,666 was paid during that year. The balance of £3,334 is being carried forward pending completion of further work on the project.

### 5. UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUND

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| for future publications       | 2010          |
|                               | £             |
| Balance at 1st January 2010   | 15,562        |
| Movements in the year         | -             |
| Balance at 31st December 2010 | <u>15,562</u> |

### 6 OTHER UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

|   | GENERAL<br>FUND | HERBERT<br>STEVENS<br>TRUST FUND | TOTAL          |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|   | £               | £                                | £              |
| Balances at 1st January 2010                    | 91,447          | 203,286                          | 294,733        |
| Increase in value of<br>investments during year | -               | 11,155                           | 11,155         |
| Distributions reinvested                        | ( 1,313)        | 1,313                            | -              |
| Shortfall of income over<br>expenditure         | ( 3,959)        | -                                | ( 3,959)       |
| Balances at 31st December 2010                  | <u>86,175</u>   | <u>215,754</u>                   | <u>301,929</u> |

# BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

Registered Charity No. 279583

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

31st December 2010

### 7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

|                                | CLANCEY<br>BEQUEST | PUBLICATIONS<br>FUND | TOTAL         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                | £                  | £                    | £             |
| Balances at 1st January 2010   | 63,708             | 5,092                | 68,800        |
| BOC Publications               |                    | (2,065)              | (2,065)       |
| Interest received              | 918                | 26                   | 944           |
| Balances at 31st December 2010 | <u>64,626</u>      | <u>3,053</u>         | <u>67,679</u> |

- a .The Clancey bequest was donated by the late Dr P A Clancey with the request that it should be used to support and enhance the Club's Bulletin.
- b .The Publications Fund is available to finance Club publications other than regular issues of the Bulletin.

### 8. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

|  | 2010          | 2009          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             |
| Club's share of rental of storage unit | 1,839         | 1,839         |
| Audit and Independent Examination fees | 600           | 600           |
| BOU administration services            | 6,988         | 6,885         |
| Other administration expenses          | 1,588         | 1,313         |
|  | <u>11,015</u> | <u>10,637</u> |

### 9 . REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Trustees do not receive any remuneration and have not been reimbursed for any costs they may incur in attending regular Trustee meetings. They are reimbursed for any other expenses incurred on behalf of the Club. The total amount reimbursed during the year was **£ 671** (2009 £3,281).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB**

I report on the accounts of the Club for the year ended 31st December 2010, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

***Basis of independent examiners' report***

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

***Independent examiners' statement***

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Alan Peal*

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Alan Peal ACA - Principal  
Porritt Rainey  
Chartered Accountants