HERTFORDSHIRE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Notes to accounts 31/03/2026

1. **General Fund:**

This is used to pay for the day-to-day running costs of the Society, including general administration, the website, meetings, annual events, and our annual publications.

2. **Project Fund:**

This is used to fund specific projects such as major website enhancements, one-off publications, or other initiatives to further the objectives of the Society.

3. **Restricted Funds:**

We do not currently have any Restricted Funds as defined by charity law.

4. **Dividends and Interest:**

Income primarily from the Society's long-term investment in the M&G Charities Fund, and to a lesser extent its deposit accounts.

5. **Annual Publications:**

Copies of the annual Bird Report and Hertfordshire Naturalist are sent free to members. Back copies (where available) are made available for a small donation to Society funds.

6. **Sales of HNHS Books:**

Primarily sales of Hertfordshire Geology and Landscape, Beetles of Hertfordshire, and other HNHS books (excluding annual publications) through various outlets.

7. **Printing and Distribution of Annual Publications:**

Includes all printing and distribution costs for the annual Bird Report and Hertfordshire Naturalist.

8. **Printing and Distribution of Books:**

No new books were published.

9. **Administration Costs:**

Of the total of £977, the main costs incurred were the purchase of the 1875 award crystals, insurance, member mojo software to help manage membership communications and renewals, and the printing and distribution of AGM and other papers.

10. **Website:**

There was no significant investment in the website this year over and beyond routine hosting and maintenance.

11. **150th Anniversary Events:**

2025 was the Society's 150th anniversary, and we held various events to mark the occasion, most notably an exhibition in St Albans Museum. We have invested in a number of displays and other materials which will continue to be used in the future.

12. **Fees and Exceptional Items:**

The fees relate to a commission charged by Stripe for processing membership renewals through the website.

13. **Subscription refunds**

This relates to membership refunds, usually where a member has inadvertently paid twice.

14. **Capital Movements:**

The Society has some long term investments in the M&G Charities Fund, from which we get a regular income accounted for under dividends and interest in the accounts.