

WRAS ENFIELD CHAIR REPORT FOR YEAR 2023.

Reviewing the accounts of wras for the year 2023 we found the income to the charity was in par with the accounts of the previous year. There was a change in the income for admission fees to visit the centre, this was encouraging, donations were about the same thankfully we have some regular supporters that contribute the same each year. The increase in the tea shop sales were probably due to price rises we had to make as cost of buying products had increased. Legacies are always good to receive and have helped in keeping the charities bank balance fairly healthy although less than the previous year but we have had notice that we have been left a legacy due next year.

There were some increases in the outgoings for 2023 mainly due to the higher cost of animal feeds and the higher charges in the disposal of general and animal waste. Veterinary charges were higher but as expected as veterinary drugs and medicines have increased, we had more casualties in our care in 2023 so it was inevitable that we used more in the way of veterinary treatments. Thankfully we still have or vet John Gladstone that gives his time freely to treat the wildlife casualties that wras take into care.

The trustees agreed that the play area was looking rather tired and that as it is a great attraction for parents to bring their children it was due for an upgrade, and some of the donations received should go to this and if more funds are available in 2024 then to continue work on the proposal.

There is also a lot of work around the centre replacing the wooden fencing ,its over 25 years old and in some places and in need of urgent repairs, some of this work has been done but more next year if funds are available. The salaries for the employees are always a concern as it is the highest cost to the charity, we always have a good cover of staff to care for the animals in our charge and maintain a good amount of volunteers, and have students on placements, however we are expecting a rise in the wage bill for 2004.

We feel the charity operated well in 2023 , we had a higher amount of telephone calls for either help or advice for sick and injured wildlife, this also meant more casualties were coming into the centre. Calls are coming from inner and outer London and the home counties, it is not possible to be able to take in all the injured wildlife we get calls for but always pleased to give advise when needed. The extra calls seem to be that wildlife helpers are all struggling and can not deal with the call volume they are getting and people are desperate to get help and will try every where for help. We noticed a drop in the song bird population and hedgehogs again as in previous years along with other wildlife rehabilitors findings this I feel is due manly to environmental matters.

June and I are still playing a big part volunteering at the animal centre with treating the casualties as well as with cleaning of animal pens and paddocks, we attend the centre three days a week and spend another day collecting food stocks and supplies,

WILDLIFE RESCUE & AMBULANCE SERVICE (ENFIELD)
 REGISTERED CHARITY NO:1060452
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/23

BUILDING SOCIETY BALANCE @ 31/12/22	£96,605.00
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INCOME:

ADMISSION FEES:	£72,406.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED:	£45,114.00
TEA SHOP SALES:	£48,756.00
GIFT AID:	£4,012.00
LEGACIES:	£35,000.00
TOTAL:	£205,288.00

EXPENDITURE:

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, (FOOD, HOUSING & BEDDING):	£33,250.00
CLEANING MATERIALS/ HEALTH & SAFETY, WASTE DISPOSAL:	£23,821.00
ANIMAL TREATMENT/VETERINARY FEES & RESCUE EQUIPMENT:	£9,848.00
ELECTRICITY & SUNDRY:	£760.00
BUILDING UPKEEP/MATERIALS:	£18,473.00
TELEPHONES & BROADBAND:	£4,205.00
VEHICLES, (FUEL, MOT & REPAIRS):	£9,994.00
INSURANCE:	£4,858.00
FUNDRAISING & ADVERTISING:	£495.00
STATIONARY & OFFICE EQUIPMENT:	£826.00
WAGES & PAYEE:	£74,365.00
ACCOUNTANCY FEES:	£5,846.00
TEA SHOP PURCHASES:	£28,420.00
LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD ANNUAL RENT:	£3,000.00
TOTAL:	£218,161.00

NET OPERATING DEFICIT:

NET DUE TO OUTSTANDING CREDITORS:	NIL
NET DUE TO OUTSTANDING DEBTORS:	NIL
BUILDING SOCIETY BALANCE @ 31/12/23	£83,731.89

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ANALYSIS SHOWS A TRUE AND FAIR
 ACCOUNT OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
 ENDING 31/12/2023

SIGNED:

BARRY SMITHERMAN, MBE (CHAIRMAN) ACTING TREASURER

WRAS (Enfield) Reg Charity No 1060452

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023

I declare that this is a true record of the accounts for
Wildlife rescue and ambulance service (enfield)
For the year ending December 2023

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