

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**WEST HATCH ANIMAL CENTRE FRIENDS GROUP (RSPCA)
Charity Registration Number 1062697**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number	1062697
Principal address	West Hatch Animal Centre West Hatch Taunton Somerset TA3 5RT
Trustees	R Hill - Chairman S Walker - Treasurer Mrs J Hill - Secretary Mrs J Ibbs Mrs M Lidster-Walker M J Benwell Mrs D Benwell Ms R Buckley - Appointed 22/6/2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution, objects and policies

The Charitable Trust is constituted by Trust Deed, and its objects are to further the charitable work of the Animal Establishment by making grants or providing such other assistance to the Animal Establishment. Under the charities legislation in England, Wales and Scotland the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. However, under the legislation, charities are also required to demonstrate that the work they do benefits the public in some way. Ensuring the welfare of animals and relieving the suffering of animals has benefits for society as a whole which is recognised in the passing of the Animal Welfare Acts.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees have served throughout the year, except where otherwise indicated. Appointment of trustees is governed by the constitution of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee. Trustees shall retire from office at the AGM but may be re-elected.

Wider network

The charity works closely with the staff of the RSPCA at West Hatch in order to provide for the Animal Establishment.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity. The trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. They would view the most likely risks to be for example false applications for animal care but the risks of this are mitigated as much as is practically possible by the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aim of the charity is to improve the living conditions of domestic animals and wildlife.

In carrying out the activities of the charity the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ADVISORS TO THE TRUST

Bankers : HSBC Bank
Solicitors :- none appointed
Investment Advisors : Hawksmoor Investment Managers, Fitzwarren House, Queen Street, Taunton, TA1 3UG

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this year has been satisfactory. There are no significant plans for the future, other than to continue to support the Animal Establishment. The aim of the charity is to support the work of the RSPCA Animal Centre focused on the welfare of the animals and animals adopted from the Centre and anything related thereto.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

We hold cash at bank and investments of £1,487,460, all of which is unrestricted funds. The trustees consider that the reserves held are sufficient to continue the support of the Animal Establishment in future years.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trust Deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. The Trustees consider that the investment strategy is of a conservative nature and are very happy with the performance thus far.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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 the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



R Hill - Chairman - Trustee

Date : 14-12-2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
WEST HATCH ANIMAL CENTRE FRIENDS GROUP**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages four to eight.

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 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions of the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act ; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent examiner's 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 Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

R Mugford FCCA
Bray Accountants
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Tiverton
Devon
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Date: 3rd December 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME			
Income from generated funds			
Donations, legacies etc	2	138,320	32,613
Investments	3	26,034	19,843
Total income		<u><u>164,354</u></u>	<u><u>52,456</u></u>
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on raising funds			
Charitable activities		63,751	74,894
Total expenditure		<u><u>63,751</u></u>	<u><u>74,894</u></u>
Net income (expenditure) before investment gains (losses)		100,603	-22,438
Net gains (losses) on investments		48,669	-29,549
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u><u>1,347,131</u></u>	<u><u>1,399,118</u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,496,403</u></u>	<u><u>1,347,131</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST AUGUST 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	9,573	11,262
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		679,896	677,604
Investments		807,564	658,895
		<u>1,487,460</u>	<u>1,336,499</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-630	-630
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,486,830	1,335,869
NET ASSETS		<u>1,496,403</u>	<u>1,347,131</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	1,496,403	1,347,131
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,496,403</u>	<u>1,347,131</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Hill - Chairman - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity under FRS 102

Income

Income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with associated costs included in resources expended. No permanent endowments have been received in the period.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to this category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a reducing balance basis having regard to the useful lives of the assets. The rates used are as follows:

Plant and machinery - 15% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
2. DONATIONS, LEGACIES ETC		
	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,107	3,157
Gift aid	180	190
Legacies	133,448	27,160
Subscriptions - new members	790	786
Subscriptions - renewals	1,795	1,320
	<u>138,320</u>	<u>32,613</u>

3. INVESTMENTS

Deposit account interest	2,744	807
Dividends received	23,290	19,036
	<u>26,034</u>	<u>19,843</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS ALLOCATED TO CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Finance	Support costs	Projects	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Other resources expended	130	6,004	57,617	63,751

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 or for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' Expenses

During the year one trustee was reimbursed for direct charitable expenses incurred on behalf of the charity amounting to £4,589 (2023: £1,619)

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	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
COST		
At 1st September 2023	48,272	48,272
At 31st August 2024	<u>48,272</u>	<u>48,272</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1st September 2022	37,010	37,010
Charge for the year	1,689	1,689
At 31st August 2023	<u>38,699</u>	<u>38,699</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 August 2024	<u>9,573</u>	<u>9,573</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>11,262</u>	<u>11,262</u>

	2024	2023
7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accrued expenditure	<u>630</u>	<u>630</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,347,131	149,272	1,496,403
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,347,131</u>	<u>149,272</u>	<u>1,496,403</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains/losses on investments	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	164,354	-63,751	48,669	149,272
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,354</u>	<u>-63,751</u>	<u>48,669</u>	<u>149,272</u>

N.B - there was a loss on investment of £29,549 during the year to 31.8.23

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations, legacies etc		
Donations and gifts	2,107	3,157
Gift aid	180	190
Legacies	133,448	27,160
Subscriptions - new members	790	786
Subscriptions - renewals	1,795	1,320
	<u>138,320</u>	<u>32,613</u>
Investments		
Deposit account interest	2,744	807
Dividends received	<u>23,290</u>	<u>19,036</u>
	26,034	19,843
Total income	164,354	52,456
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Support costs		
Bank charges	130	139
Postage, stationery and advertising	3,673	2,107
Professional fees	642	660
Depreciation - Plant and machinery	<u>1,689</u>	<u>1,988</u>
	6,134	4,894

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Projects		
Domestic & Wildlife	54,745	63,676
Animal behaviour training	940	162
Vet fees	1,932	6,162
	<u>57,617</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Total expenditure	63,751	74,894
Net income	<u>100,603</u>	<u>-22,438</u>

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