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**Annual Report and Group Accounts**

*of*

**Redwings Horse Sanctuary**

*for the year ended*

*31<sup>st</sup> December 2024*

**REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY**

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## LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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<b>Full name of charity</b>	Redwings Horse Sanctuary Norwich Road, Hapton, Norfolk, NR15 1SP
<b>Constitution</b>	A charitable company limited by guarantee.
<b>Governing document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association as last amended on 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 (prior amendment 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2014).
<b>Objects of the Charity</b>	The Charity is established for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules which have suffered from maltreatment, neglect, or poor circumstances. To advance the education of the public in matters pertaining to the welfare of horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among such animals.
<b>Company registration number</b>	03524502
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1068911 (England & Wales) SC045070 (Scotland)
<b>Trustees</b>	Mark Little FRICS FAAV, Chair Paul Fileman, Vice Chair David Buckton Daren Moore FCCA, Treasurer Ian Scott Tom Sharpe Emma Williams (retired 31 December 2024)  The Trustees constitute Directors of the charitable company and Trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. In accordance with the company's Articles of Association all Trustees retire from office on a fixed term cycle with maximum terms, depending on which, at the Annual Retirement Meeting, they may seek re-election, and new Trustees can be elected.
<b>Chief Executive &amp; Secretary</b>	Lynn Cutress
<b>Bankers</b>	NatWest Bank plc, 21 Gentleman's Walk, Norwich, NR2 1NA
<b>Auditors</b>	Lovewell Blake LLP, Bankside 300, Peachman Way, Broadland Business Park, Norwich, NR7 0LB.
<b>Investment managers</b>	Quilter Cheviot, One Kingsway, London, WC2B 6AN

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### Mission Statement

We aim 'to provide and promote the welfare, care and protection of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules'.

### Who we are and what we do

Redwings Horse Sanctuary ('Redwings') was established in 1984 and today has grown to be the largest horse sanctuary in the UK. We are a national charity working across the UK to save horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules whose future would otherwise be bleak.

Welfare is at the heart of everything we do. Our work is based on the principle that once we admit a horse or donkey or mule ('horse') to our care, we retain ownership for the rest of their days.

We operate from 12 sites of owned grazing land in Norfolk, Essex, Warwickshire, Monmouthshire, and Angus (Scotland). Five of these sites are Visitor Centres - open to the public and free to visit.

The main themes of our work are – rescue and rehabilitation, specialist sanctuary care, and prevention of abuse and neglect through education. We run a rehoming scheme (guardianship) for those horses and donkeys with a potential for life outside the Sanctuary environment.

### Governance and Management

#### Governance

Redwings operates as a charitable company limited by guarantee, under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The overall direction and management of the Charity rests with a Management Board of a minimum of five Trustees. The Management Board sets an annual programme of quarterly meetings to approve new initiatives as well as to review and monitor the progress of the Charity in meeting its strategic objectives and its governance controls. Trustees also make provision and time, if necessary, to hold Extraordinary Meetings on significant projects and timely developments if they fall outside the quarterly cycle. A high level of attendance at Management Board meetings continues to be maintained, meetings are online (as permitted under our governing document), hybrid, or fully in-person, including an annual-away day. The Management Board assigns one of the Trustee roles to serve as Treasurer; this role includes working with management including reviewing the Annual Accounts and meeting with appointed Auditors as part of the Audit process.

#### Management

Day-to-day operational control of Redwings has been delegated by the Management Board to a Chief Executive & Secretary, who in turn is supported by a Senior Management Team of professionals including finance, human resources, equine care, communications & campaigning, fundraising, and veterinary.

#### Governance Policies

The Management Board has adopted policies addressing the role of the Trustees, the Chair, the Treasurer, and the Chief Executive, and adopted Codes of Conduct for the Board and the Chief Executive. All aspects of governance are kept under review in line with best practice and include the Chief Executive being a full member of the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO). The Chief Executive keeps the Board apprised of new charitable policies, Codes of Practice, and concepts relevant to the work of the Charity with

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regular items on the Board's agenda at meetings, and through bulletins from the Charity Commission and other regulatory and governance bodies. There is a governance section on Redwings' website which includes the Code of Conduct for Trustees. The Management Board keeps the Charity Governance Code under review as well as key policies on their Redwings Management Board's portal.

### **Recruitment, induction, and training of Trustees**

When a Trustee vacancy arises, a review and skills audit (adapted from Reach Volunteering's model) is carried out before recruitment. Appointed Trustees are chosen for the experience and skills thought necessary and relevant to ensure effective management of the Charity. New Trustees receive an induction in their initial months, including seeing the operational work, explaining policies and procedures, and taking part in Safeguarding training. Trustees are subject to a regular skills audit to ensure the knowledge is there to lead the Charity.

### **Fundraising**

Trustees are fully aware of their responsibility and commitment to the strategic leadership of Redwings as a charity which values its supporters; without its supporters, its work would not be able to continue.

Redwings pledges to adhere to best practice when raising and receiving funds from individuals, organisations, trusts and foundations. Redwings' fundraising team includes staff who are members of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising, and the Charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and The Gambling Commission. Guidelines and Codes of Practice set out by these bodies are regularly reviewed to ensure that operations are in line with best practice and the law. Redwings has a set of Organisational Values, Standard Operating Procedures, and comprehensive policies, and provides training and guidance to its staff and volunteers. Redwings understands that some donors may be vulnerable or not have the capacity to decide to donate; in which case Redwings will not accept or encourage a donation and will follow the guidance of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising and Fundraising Regulator. All Trustees are aware of their responsibilities regarding fundraising, including reviewing the guidelines from the Regulator at Management Board meetings, and keeping updated guidelines and documentation on the Redwings Management Board portal.

Redwings has a robust complaints process, including reviews to learn from any complaints received and to continually improve the supporter experience. The operational management team meet to review complaints, and the Management Board monitors complaints received and how they were addressed. A significant amount of fundraising is through appeals and newsletters and all fundraising complaints received during 2024 were minor and were swiftly resolved.

There are no third-party fundraisers acting on the Charity's behalf. Supporter data is not shared. Supporter recruitment methods are largely based around Redwings free-to-visit centres.

### **Strategic Report**

#### **Rescue and admissions**

Where possible Redwings tries to help horses remain in the care of their owners through providing advice. During 2024 the Welfare & Horse Care Helpline gave advice 1,196 times (a 49% increase on 2023). Concerns to the Helpline resulted in investigating 193 concerns (less investigations than in 2023, during which we had received our highest number for over five years). The welfare team's workload has become particularly demanding at times due to the complexity of calls and time spent per call impacted by increased costs of keeping horses and extremes of weather, which puts further demands on horse keeping.

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The welfare team is led by an experienced senior veterinary surgeon and is supported by dedicated welfare veterinary surgeons who attend rescues and cases to ensure proper assessment at the earliest opportunity. There is a team of field officers who, working alone or in partnership with other charities or agencies, act as Redwings' eyes and ears across the UK. This approach enables all partners to make the most of limited resources and saves duplication of effort, resulting in a focus on the horse(s) in need.

Redwings' veterinary teams have developed expertise in the management of infectious diseases through cases admitted to the Sanctuary. Before a horse is admitted, each one undergoes assessment at either the main Quarantine Centre or in set-aside quarantine facilities on other sites outside Norfolk.

In 2024, we continued to be running at capacity and limit admissions; 104 horses were safely admitted (2023:101) including some with high dependency needs. Formal admission requests unfortunately increased by 23% (646). The dedicated and knowledgeable team tried hard to support welfare needs that went beyond admissions, through their external veterinary work and field officer support. Working beyond-capacity puts continued pressure on facilities and operational costs. The Charity seeks to find more sustainable models for horse owners to deliver good welfare standards, including meeting regularly online with peer charities to ensure a common understanding of the challenges facing rescue centres. The operational team checks for trends whilst there is a cost-of-living challenge and costs continue to rise in most matters associated with horse-keeping.

### **Rehabilitation and equine behaviour**

Redwings has a specialist team who focus on leading on rehabilitation and equine behaviour work. The team trains staff on equine behaviour to ensure consistency of handling and helps to provide a positive experience for the rescued herds. New staff have an equine behaviour induction, instilling Redwings' approach from day one to ensure staff are safe and consistent in their day-to-day care of the rescued herds. The team has expertise in rounding up feral herds or horses with behavioural challenges; when needed Redwings sends a dozen or more staff (vets, field officers, drivers, and horse handlers). By spending time and applying our knowledge, rescued feral horses are transformed to a point where they no longer need to be sedated for routine care, such as farriery, worming or dentistry. The specialist behaviour team is keen to further share their knowledge and have advised other charities and enabled peer welfare workers in other charities and students to spend time observing their work. When necessary, the team admit cases via other organisations, in particular behaviour case referrals and/or other special care equines – demand remains high resulting in 31 such admissions in 2024 (2023:12).

### **Sanctuary – a home for life**

With pressures on land, facilities, and people-resources, Redwings' resident horse numbers in 2024 averaged 1,300, with an increasingly high proportion of equines with special care needs. Everyday sanctuary care is a lifeline for horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules who have often suffered neglect or come from difficult circumstances. Most of the permanent residents cannot be rehomed, often because they require lifelong specialist care including significant veterinary costs beyond the reach of the typical owner. These horses can still enjoy a good quality of life at Redwings. The number of 'places' available depends on the needs of existing residents and the needs of the potential candidate(s) for admission. In 2024, 57% of our resident horses were over 15 years of age, 22% were geriatrics (aged 20 and over). Even included in the younger population are special care case horses with severe ongoing veterinary needs, and horses in need of specialist handling for routine treatments. Life is a constant challenge as it is often not until a horse is admitted that the team is able to establish the true needs of the animal. Redwings' veterinary time remains in demand, despite having increased the number

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of veterinary surgeons on the team and changed modes of working. The next generation of vets and veterinary students need support and encouragement during their early years of practice, so Redwings supports a programme of in-practice experience through the Royal Veterinary College and university undergraduate referral.

Redwings strives to maintain the highest possible care standards, including encouraging suggestions from staff on how to best deliver day-to-day care. One of the most experienced veterinary surgeons leads the team on everyday checking practices of the horses in the Sanctuary, including any herd and equine care practices and initiatives (such as faecal-worm-egg counting to help the fight to reduce wormer product resistance).

### **Rehoming of ridden or companion horses (Guardianship scheme)**

Those horses that have been retired or require life-long specialist care (veterinary or behavioural or both) will always remain in the direct care of Redwings. Depending on their needs, some may be rehomed as companion horses. Rehoming horses creates space for other horses requiring help.

Healthy horses that have the potential to enjoy a working life can learn to be ridden or assessed as companion animals and then be found a suitable foster home. As well as our dedicated central team at Hapton HQ, our rehoming reach has expanded and now includes our existing visitor centres at Caldecott (Norfolk) and Oxhill (Warwickshire) where we can raise awareness of the benefits of caring for a rehomed horse from the charity through visitors seeing our rehoming work and meeting horses going through our rehoming programme. In 2024 we rehomed 92 horses (2023: 108, following 2022's record year of 154). In our work last year leading on the analysis of the National Equine Welfare survey on the impact of the cost of living on horse-keeping (which received 8,000 responses) we remain aware that one in five owners/keepers of horses are having to consider making difficult decisions regarding their horse(s) and respect that rising costs will have an impact on the availability of homes. Arguably this may eventually lead to people preferring to loan rather than buy a horse, but for now it is impacting directly on rehoming enquiries.

If during their time at one of the Rehoming Centres a horse indicates that they are not suited to a working life, they will not be pushed but will return to the permanent care of the Sanctuary. Redwings retains ownership of every horse for the rest of its life, so that should a Guardian no longer be able to provide for the horse, or if a regular home check shows that a high standard of care is not being maintained, Redwings will step in and return the horse to the Sanctuary. Due to a reduction in demand, our number of rehoming checks in 2024 reduced by 6% on prior year, having returned to in-person checks post-pandemic whilst continuing some online checks (an innovation resulting from the pandemic) on long-established guardianships. Redwings supports with checks on some horses rehomed by other charities; this reciprocal arrangement provides good value for charity partners as well as keeping contact with Redwings horses on loan at remote locations.

### **Education and campaigning**

Rather than having to rescue horses and donkeys from abuse, abandonment or neglect, Redwings would prefer people to have the knowledge and commitment to prevent their animals from suffering in the first place or from taking on an unsuitable horse for their situation.

The Charity therefore works with a wide range of people to help disseminate information and promote equine welfare:

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- In addition to education groups visiting, or working directly with them, including schools, universities and colleges, Redwings provides talks and visitor experiences to local community groups to educate on equine welfare issues and provide examples of good horse care.
- Holding free seminars for horse owners on veterinary care; attendees meet experienced veterinary and care teams, some seminars in conjunction with external veterinary practices.
- The education section of the website ([www.redwings.org.uk](http://www.redwings.org.uk)) provides free educational resources for teachers and children to encourage an understanding of the importance of equine welfare. In addition, the welfare section provides a range of publications for owners on issues such as equine Cushing's disease, Strangles, hoof care and farriery, and donkey care. There are educational campaigns, including laminitis awareness, use of grazing muzzles, and good biosecurity (Strangles Awareness).
- Training days are hosted for farriers and equine dentists, enabling them to further develop their welfare and equine behaviour knowledge in their professional work.
- Training days on horse behaviour are run for the RSPCA and for the fire brigade, as well as welfare training for local authorities, and courses for the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) and vet nursing.
- There is work alongside the gypsy, roma, and traveller community including running a campaign at the Appleby travellers' fair, called 'Best in Show', encouraging good horse care, and spreading the word to this extensive number of horse owners.
- Widening our educational reach by opening the birthplace of Anna Sewell, the author of Black Beauty, for free so that the need for preventing horses' suffering can be shared with the public in Great Yarmouth town at Anna Sewell House.

### The people behind Redwings

#### Supporters

The Charity is indebted to many thousands of generous supporters without whom the team would not be able to deliver our horse welfare work across the UK. From letters, telephone calls, emails, and social media support through to donations, adopting a Redwings resident, purchasing products from the catalogues, donating items for sale, or visiting and buying tea and cake - all forms of support are appreciated. Staff across all teams are indebted to our supporters and staff come together for an annual Thankathon to convey their gratitude.

#### Guardians

Individuals, families, and yards that take a Redwings horse out on loan are not only caring for that horse but also supporting other horses in need. By enabling a horse to have a life outside our sanctuary, space can be found for another in need. Many Guardians have more than one Redwings loan horse or pony or donkey, many having done so for a decade or longer.

#### Volunteers

Volunteers give their time to the Charity without charge. There is support by a team of volunteers, some of whom have returned to us after the pandemic.

We were indebted to 26 volunteers who gave a total of 1,536 hours in their roles at visitor centres, to 10 volunteers who gave a total of 373 hours to welcome the public to Anna Sewell House, and to the four corporate groups who gave 27 days on project work to support the care for our rescued herds.



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### Staff

In 2024, 77% (326) of the staff care for the horses and donkeys: either by providing direct care or by working in one of the support teams (day and night horse care, veterinary, maintenance and land management, horse transport, equine behaviour, rehoming, and dedicated quarantine).

Administration to run our operations includes essential functions such as compliance, finance, supporter engagement, campaigning, human resources, health & safety, fundraising, trading, and communications. There are front line staff leading the field and welfare work supported by dedicated welfare veterinary surgeons. The visitor centre teams meet supporters and the public and inform them about the work of the Charity.

There is a programme of investing in training staff and developing them to support our everyday work, such as Mentors for new staff in their initial probation and first year and Training Support Co-workers. The training and development programme invests in employee wellbeing and values diversity. We run training for staff to be Wellbeing Champions supporting mental health, run awareness training to support colleagues understanding of autism, LGBT awareness and Dignity at Work. We provide an Employee Assistance App to support all staff. Our Staff Forum is at the heart of employee engagement and works with Management to establish which priorities to focus on through staff development and internal communications.

Recruiting staff is a challenge, in particular for posts that need to be on a rota and physically present to care for the horses every day. Unfortunately, there are unfilled vacancies – which puts pressure on the existing staff teams and results in some initiatives needing to be put aside. There is a good history of employing part-time workers and this is helping in these tough times along with flexible working where possible.

Redwings is committed to equality of opportunity for all, whether that be employees, applicants for employment, volunteers, supporters, or users of services. The aim is to ensure that no person is discriminated against, for example by having fair systems in place for recruitment and selection and pay and recognition. The Charity believes that everyone has the right to be treated fairly and understand the responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010, with a no tolerance approach to discrimination on the grounds of any protected characteristic. Redwings has fair systems and processes in place for pay, selection for employment, promotion, and opportunities for training and development. To achieve a demonstrably fair way for determining pay, Redwings uses a job evaluation system that is transparent, based on objective criteria and free from bias. Job Evaluation measures jobs not job holders. It does not measure volume of work or determine a specific pay rate within the range and ensures there is no pay gap between colleagues undertaking the same role. Employees progress within the pay range based on performance against objectives.

Remuneration of senior management adopts the same policies as for all staff, but with the Management Board's prior authorisation, led by the Treasurer. The Charity is mindful of our funding model and when using published pay ranges for comparison, we continue to base pay on the lower quartiles even in these difficult recruitment times. In 2024, a cost-of-living increase was awarded to redress the significant entry-level increase in the National Living Wage, and how it impacts on experienced staff.

Redwings' gender pay gap continues to be influenced by the make-up of its employees. On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 we employed 402 people of which 81% identified as female. Our 2024 mean pay gap is strongly influenced by the number of women in managerial, and senior management roles (89% compared to 11% of men in similar roles). Redwings acknowledges that whilst there is a gender pay gap this can partly be attributed to the nature of the roles that account for the majority of its workforce. Whilst Redwings will continue to be committed to equality of pay based on job and not gender, it faces a wider challenge to attract a more diverse workforce and will aim to appeal to both men and women equally through its recruitment advertising processes.

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### Public Benefit

The 2022 Charities Act requires that the Charity demonstrates the public benefit of its work. In considering its objectives and activities, Trustees complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and the Scottish Charity Regulator. The Charity's nationwide work benefits the public through the following ongoing activities:

**Offering support** through our dedicated Horse Care & Welfare Helpline to horse or donkey carers including experienced owners facing a new challenge, and giving initial advice on the level of care, financial cost and commitment needed before taking on a horse. Our Helpline also advises people who report a welfare concern before we then act on the information to investigate the reported case. Our field officers offer advice directly to owners. We attend equestrian events to offer advice on a range of issues including rehoming and horse care (such as weight management, laminitis and Strangles). Our in-house veterinary surgeons speak at our webinars and those of veterinary practices/other charities on specific topics to help horse owners.

**Partnership working** with local authorities and agencies to help resolve the socio-economic, health and safety and other challenges of stray horses (be it from one escapee on a road through to over-populated herds being illegally grazed). We provide training and support to the police and fire service on horse behaviour and handling, as well as training for RSPCA Welfare Officers, and hosting training days for fellow professionals – including farriers, veterinary nurses, and equine dentists.

**Working with the gypsy, roma, and traveller community** to offer equine passporting and microchipping initiatives. Whilst engaging we demonstrate what good equine welfare standards mean in practice, face to face, and through our Best in Show initiative.

Participating in the **British Horse Council** and being a full member and on the Board of the **National Equine Welfare Council**, and the **Animal Welfare Network Wales**.

Providing an **informed education programme**, through attendance at schools and colleges to give general horse care or more specific care talks. We welcome groups and we also provide educational material on our website, using leaflets and displays at our centres and Anna Sewell House and sharing the significance of the Black Beauty book in partnership with the University of East Anglia.

**Providing employment** and running a popular work experience programme. Staff have can benefit from a range of bespoke in-house equine care training programmes or professional external training to develop staff in their relevant professional fields. Our in-house veterinary surgeons undertake continuing professional development to enable them to carry out their veterinary medicine, including some of them serving as mentors for new professionals.

**Providing free-to-visit visitor centres** with cafés and shops to support tourism and the local economies. At Aylsham we host a community wellbeing hub to support mental health and regularly host a dementia group.

**Running a rehoming scheme** for our suitable rescued horses to have a life outside Redwings with Guardians who can meet our horses' needs (ridden or companion).

**Running a volunteer programme**, including a variety of rewarding roles for people.

Managing our land holdings as a **responsible landowner respecting the environment and the impact of biodiversity** on our land and infrastructure.

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### Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)

The assessment period coincides with the 2024 financial calendar year and is the fifth year of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) reporting.

The scope of the energy assessment covers all charitable operations including office buildings and operational farms (12) caring for c1,300 horses predominantly living out naturally in paddocks, the in-house veterinary activities, visitor centres, welfare operations outside the Sanctuary, and trading subsidiary Redwings Enterprises.

Methodology used is GHG protocol. Our emission calculations are broken down into three areas: Scope 1 – Direct GHG emissions, Scope 2 – Energy indirect GHG emissions and Scope 3 – Other indirect emissions.

EMISSIONS BREAKDOWN BY SCOPE	2024-25 UK Emissions	Base Year UK Emissions	
	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	% Change -Current year to base year
Scope 1	407	368	11%
<i>Gas</i>	5	5	
<i>Transport Fuels</i>	377	310	
<i>Other direct emissions</i>	25	52	
Scope 2 ( <i>Electricity - Location Based</i> )	89	100	-11%
Scope 3 ( <i>Grey fleet</i> )	0	9	-100%
Total Gross tCO <sub>2</sub> e	496	476	4%
Intensity Metric: tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Direct equine care	0.25	0.31	-20%
Intensity Metric: tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Full time employee	1.51	1.83	-17%
Scope 1: Controlled Vehicles - kWh	403,010	342,050	18%
Scope 1: On-site Vehicles - kWh	1,010,586	888,151	14%
Scope 1: Onsite fuel (Mains Gas) - kWh	0	0	
Scope 1: Onsite Fuels (Other)* - kWh	118,281	223,783	-47%
Scope 2: Electricity - kWh	429,416	429,509	0%
Scope 3 Grey Fleet Transport - kWh	0	0	100%
Total UK Energy Consumption (kWh)	1,961,294	1,883,493	4%

Energy Efficiency actions undertaken during reporting year included (noting that our sites are remote and need to be accessed by travel by car):

- Using technology to increase telemedicine on some assessments, with resulting reduction in car travel between sites.
- Co-ordinating in-person meetings many months ahead to allow for more Teams reviews online and resulting in car travel.

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### Our Strategy now and our Plans for the Future

Our Strategy has four themes:

**Horses:** To help more horses in need of care and sanctuary, with a focus on the experience for the horse

**People:** To enable the people behind Redwings to deliver our work and apply our values every day

**Resources:** To value the resources needed to deliver our horse welfare and support work

**Communications:** To share our knowledge and make a positive impact on horse welfare.

In 2024 we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; due to financial constraints we modified our (pre pandemic) plans. During the year the Charity continued to make progress on some key operational objectives, including:

- **Horses:** supporting and investigating outside the sanctuary in order to improve horse welfare without some horses needing to be admitted to sanctuary whilst increasing the number of horses out on loan, to ensure that our limited space is there for special care and case animals – 104 horses admitted of which 30% were from other charities and sanctuaries who needed our specialist help.
- **People:** bringing apprentices into horse care and doing so through using mentors trained by the Charity, supporting them in their learning through Training Support Co-workers, with the result that development is shared and applied.
- **Resources:** in a tough year when the cost of living was felt by supporters and horse-keepers, as well as initiatives across the sanctuary to reuse materials and respect donations, we continued to restrict expenditure and where possible defer project work. We try to innovate to save funds or increase income – one such initiative led to supporting another welfare charity by using our design and build skills for a horse handling unit and they donated funds for our materials and time, resulting in using our experience to share good ideas and replicate a welfare-friendly process.
- **Communications and Campaigns:** in 2024 we celebrated our Ruby Anniversary with a 'Great Big Ruby Tea Party' and our first ever Redwings Book Festival, which was attended by more than 120 adults and children with guests including bestselling crime writer Elly Griffiths and TV personality Suzie Fletcher. Our first ever television advert went live in July on Sky Adsmart, served to relevant addresses in the Norfolk area and on national satellite channels, voiced by Joanna Lumley and promoting our adoption scheme. We saw increases in visits and in donations as a result. We also launched a brand-new campaign for tighter regulations on fireworks called 'Keep Horses in Mind' and in March we devised and hosted a roundtable to discuss the legal application of the 2006 Animal Welfare Act for fireworks incidents, producing a ground-breaking report which has been shared with Government, police forces and the media.

### Financial Review

Redwings is incredibly grateful to all our supporters for their commitment to protecting horses, particularly in the current financial climate when times are difficult for all. We rely on donations to continue to help horses. A priority for us is to sustain and grow our loyal supporter base and fundraised income, as our expenditure and operating costs increase. As a substantial provider of long-term care, the Charity relies on and appreciates income from legacies to fund a large percentage of everyday work. Legacy income in 2024 accounted for 75% of charity income for the year. Direct Charitable Expenditure was 11% up on 2023 despite working with suppliers to keep delivery and supplies costs low, as caring for and treating horses combined with increased costs of running our ageing equipment and plant rose significantly. The protracted war in Ukraine had already made a direct impact on feed prices and forage costs, most importantly our unsettled economy continues to impact on the cost-of-living gap widening between rising costs and forecasted income.

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The percentage of income received from legacies remains high and is difficult to forecast, however legacy income is much valued as supporters are feeling the impact of the cost of living; our reliance on bequests continues. We have been grateful for trust and foundation income which has helped to fund capital and core expenditure. We are mindful of the impact of inflation on such funders and the number of applications they receive increase, which may impact future grants and donations. Going forwards, it is essential for Redwings to grow and diversify income to continue to fund our work.

The Charity cares every day for around 1,300 horses as well as providing welfare for horses in need and rehoming services for over 700 Redwings horses out in Guardian homes. In total we are responsible for over 2,000 horses. With the demands on the horse care, rehoming, welfare, and veterinary teams, the biggest spend is on staffing. In 2024 staff costs accounted for over £9.9m of annual expenditure; which included statutory increases in the National Living Wage. The increased cost could have been higher were it not for many vacant positions and gaps in filling positions across the year.

The cost of living continues to have both a direct and indirect impact on proceeds from the trading subsidiary, with increased costs for our cafés impacting on sales and profit margins, increased interest rates and the cost-of-living uncertainty. We ended the year with a profit but need to review the continued impact on trading to ensure it makes a consistently positive financial contribution to our operational work, following the prior year loss.

### Reserves Policy

The balance sheet shows the Charity's reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. To quantify the funds which are freely available for general purposes, it is necessary to consider how the reserves are applied.

Total charity unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date	£33,596,148
Less: tangible & intangible fixed assets	(£ 18,015,758)
Less: designated capex funds	(£744,912)
	<u>£14,835,478</u>

When considering reserves, it is essential to put them in the context of funds for work needed, as follows:

- As a major provider of sanctuary for horses and donkeys, Redwings must ensure that the horses in our care can be looked after until the end of their days. Redwings has directly helped other sanctuaries when they faced closure, but due to size, is unlikely to be helped by others.
- Even if we ceased to take in horses, we would still be wholly responsible for those horses already in our everyday care and for those horses that might have to return from Guardian homes.
- We are responsible for not only Redwings horses and donkeys that can live out in herds, but horses that need veterinary treatment or intensive veterinary care. We would need to maintain our Horse Hospital facility and core veterinary team for a sustained period.
- Our cost of keeping horses includes ensuring that a maintenance programme for facilities and land is in place and sufficiently resourced with enough grazing to meet the needs of our horses.
- All horse care and maintenance costs would need to be met from 'free reserves' (i.e. not those tied up in assets such as land and buildings, as they would need to remain for the life of the horses).

The Trustees believe that in view of this level of expenditure it is their duty to hold an appropriate reserve for sanctuary costs on a large scale of 1,300 horses and donkeys.

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We held an annual review of our reserve levels in light of several key factors, including the increase in high dependency and case horses as well as recessionary trends in income and expenditure demands. As stated in the Financial Review on the previous page, our biggest costs are staffing, feed, forage, plant & machinery maintenance, and veterinary; all of which have increased considerably above inflation over successive years. We have assisted other charities with funding problems or even where they face closure, but as we are the UK's largest charitable provider of permanent residence to horses in need, we need to be realistic about who would be able to rescue us. Our reserves review concluded that, for Redwings to be managed efficiently, we should work towards establishing a 'buffer' in the form of a general reserve equivalent to 18 months of unrestricted fund expenditure. Based on expenditure during the year under review this reserve would amount to approximately £25m. Free reserves shown are therefore below target (59% of target). This percentage, along with income and expenditure trends was the focus of 2024 Board meetings. The Board concluded that current trends are unsustainable. The Board had already set up a Financial Review Sub Committee specifically to review essential costs and income to set a new financial plan as longer-term forecasts suggested that free reserves would be further eroded under the coming years unless action was taken and that it was essential not to continue to forecast a deficit budget. This subcommittee conducted their extensive review and presented their findings to the Board with recommendations for improving the financial health of the charity. The Board approved these recommendations and then set a series of extraordinary Board meetings so that the priority recommendations could start to make an impact on the last quarter of 2024 and revise 2025 budgets. One of the most significant financial decisions was that due to the investment that would be needed, the viability of the site at Chepstow needed review. After consultation it was concluded that the site be closed, the horses moved to other Redwings sites, and then the Chepstow site would be prepared and then sold. It was decided to run an innovative operational change programme, starting from Q4 2024 to run throughout 2025, giving staff the opportunity to be involved in how we can work with less resources.

In addition to day-to-day running costs, we continue to review spend on improved or replacement facilities and capital works, in particular the next phases in Warwickshire and commitments for current and proposed works included in the Planning process, that are being phased. Some significant works put on hold due to economic factors driving up costs, including some maintenance and core horse-care facilities, were completed if they were for horse care or income generation, other works remained on hold. Trustees set aside up to £750k of phased works depending on available funds to source appropriate contractors or materials to complete in-house.

Cash and cash equivalents reduced by £3.5m during the year (2022: £1.7m). Trustees review actual and projected spend on a quarterly basis, reporting on cash flow, particularly in the light of fluctuating income from legacies which can have a significant impact on annual income. Trustees have taken additional steps to manage cash flow in the light of unpredictable income streams, alongside financial constraints to restrict operational expenditure.

### **Investment - Policy and Performance**

The Trustees have the power to administer and manage the assets of the Charity in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association. The Trustees have appointed professional fund managers to manage our investment portfolio. The fund managers are issued with investment guidelines which are determined by the Trustees with due care for the social, ethical, and environmental considerations of the Charity. The fund managers have been instructed to manage the funds on a medium risk basis. There was a reduction in value of £972k at year end, this is due to the sale of some investments of £1m to help with cash flow.

The Charity also continues to hold some funds in interest-earning bank accounts ensuring monies are readily available, but we recognise that those accounts are unable to achieve interest above inflation. With our forecast needs, this policy is expected to be maintained.

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### Financial Strategy

The Management Board takes its responsibility as custodians of Redwings supporter donations very seriously. There is a qualified accountant on the Management Board, and all Trustees have budgeting experience as managers and officers in their current or past employment. The Board makes use of our Auditors and our in-house finance team, led by a qualified accountant at Fellowship level. We have policies for Financial Procedures, Reserves, and Investments. Finance is the first agenda item at the Board of Management meetings so that all Trustees support the Treasurer in prioritising financial review and strategy. Information prepared for the Board of Management's review includes annual benchmarking with peer charities to ensure there is context and market-understanding, such as common financial demands and trends in our sector; all of which inform financial strategy. In 2024, a Board of Management Away Day was held to reset the scope for a financial strategy due to the gap in rising costs and forecasted income in that a deficit is projected in 2025 that would not be sustainable in the medium term. The subcommittee set up in the prior year has had to research and review further proposals following the additional demands placed on the Charity, our supporters, and suppliers, by the increase in employer National Insurance contributions, these costs widen the gap between expenditure and income. The full Management Board has continued to have dedicated meetings to consider before an onward budget can be determined, in the meantime putting a hold on some expenditure and some posts.

The Trustees review financial trends on income and expenditure quarterly, this includes those trends associated with the trading arm of Redwings, Redwings Enterprises Limited (REL). This entity markets and sells Redwings' branded products and associated merchandise and plays an important role in our trading at our visitor centres, at events and with our mail order operation. Following return to full visitor centre opening, overall trading turnover increased by 30%, and overall profit margins by 24%, with the result that in 2024 REL made a profit of £30,379 (2023 a loss of £15,113).

### Principal Risks, Uncertainties and Decision-making

Directors (Trustees) are aware of the duty under s172 of the Companies Act 2006 to act in the way in which they consider, in good faith, would be the most likely to promote the success of the Charity (i.e., the Company), and in doing so, to have regard (amongst other matters) to the s172 matters:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- the interests of the Charity's employees;
- the need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others;
- the impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the Charity.

The Directors have sought to balance the needs of its members with the s172 matters throughout the year, for example in ensuring the policies and standard operating practices which run across the Charity and reputation for high standards of conduct, are maintained and in engagement with employees.

The Directors of the Charity have a duty to promote the success of the Charity, and it relies on smooth operations and the support of stakeholders, specifically supporters and collaborative organisations. Through communication the Directors seek to build relationships based on mutual trust and have processes in place to support engagement and feedback.

With suppliers and others in a business relationship with the Charity (including its trading subsidiary), there is the need to work closely with suppliers to ensure the product or service is of a type, quality, and price suitable for

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operations and customers. There is a recognised need to strive to establish and maintain long-term relationships for these purposes. There are robust processes which include feedback and contractual review. The Charity always seeks to meet payment terms agreed with suppliers to respect their needs and support long-term relationships that deliver a good product or service.

Customers include supporters, visitors, and retail. There are robust processes in place to ensure clear communication with customers, feedback and follow-up should customers not be satisfied.

### Principal Risks

The Trustees have a formal risk management process to assess the risks faced by the Charity and to implement strategies to manage those risks. Strategic and Operational Risk Management Registers are maintained which identify the types of risks the organisation faces (prioritising them in terms of likelihood of occurrence and potential impact), set out the control procedures in place and the established framework of reporting and monitoring adopted to manage those risks.

Registers are reviewed annually (risk management is an agenda item at Management Board meetings) dealing with particular risks, responsibilities, controls and monitoring processes and the need for new risks to be added. Due to the gap between above-inflation costs (including the impact on the staffing budget resulting from the National Living Wage) and cost-of-living impacting on our ability to raise funds, the joint two highest retained risks are financial, resulting in a priority set by the Management Board to carry out a full review of the financial strategy. With controls and monitoring in place, the biggest 'primary' operational retained risk in recent years was 'infectious disease throughout the centres' despite our significant investment in vaccinations, training, time, testing and prompt response systems with regard to equine influenza. Equal in risk is Equine (resistance to de-wormers or other treatments); we are working with other veterinary professionals to together find solutions that address the fight against de-wormers and we have a focussed worming programme, with investment in worm-egg-counting that results in de-wormers only being used where needed.

Some risks we can only manage but not eliminate as our 2015 Strangles outbreak reminded us; our first outbreak for over 20 years. We have very strict equine disease controls as any disease spread would have a dramatic effect on our herds and our work. Our veterinary team train other veterinary practices, students, and organisations in disease control; we continue to share our knowledge with the wider public through the Strangles campaign aimed at livery yards and private horse owners.

### Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Redwings Horse Sanctuary for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company and group for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;



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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Statement of disclosure to auditors

(a) So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware.

(b) The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**This report, including the Strategic Report, was approved by the Trustees on 31 August 2025.**

*Mark Little*

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**Chair**

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Redwings Horse Sanctuary (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Parent Company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and Parent company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, the Parent Company Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

*In our opinion the financial statements:*

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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 trustees' 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 group and parent charitable 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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

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 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 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.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

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- the information given in the trustees' report which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### ***Matters on which we are required to report by exception***

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with
- the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### ***Responsibilities of trustees***

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement (set out on page 4-17), the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable 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 trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### ***Auditor 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 (UK) 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance to confirm there are no instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Review of disclosures within the financial statements and vouching these to supporting documentation to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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- Review of key accounting estimates, to ensure reasonable and no signs of management bias.
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of activities and reviewing accounts estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-forauditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its trustees 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Mark Proctor*

Mark Proctor FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Endowment	Restricted Funds	Total Year Ended 31 December 2024	Total Year Ended 31 December 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowment from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	13,043,922	-	436,126	13,480,048	14,158,777
<b>Other trading activities:</b>						
Merchandising income	3	698,536	-	-	698,536	556,340
Lottery income		267,853	-	-	267,853	285,539
Estate grants & other income		114,658	-	-	114,658	137,573
Investments	4	275,180	-	-	275,180	254,906
<b>Total income</b>		<b>14,400,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>436,126</b>	<b>14,836,275</b>	<b>15,393,135</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Raising funds:</b>						
Fundraising and publicity		2,759,504	-	-	2,759,504	2,638,271
Merchandising		588,313	-	-	588,313	497,026
<b>Charitable activities:</b>						
Sanctuary operations		12,995,362	-	718,651	13,714,013	12,374,396
Education		339,272	-	-	339,272	302,773
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>16,682,451</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>718,651</b>	<b>17,401,102</b>	<b>15,812,466</b>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments</b>		<b>(2,282,302)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(282,525)</b>	<b>(2,564,827)</b>	<b>(419,331)</b>
Net gains on investments		335,688	-	-	335,688	185,328
Net transfers between funds		84,427		(84,427)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,862,187)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(366,952)</b>	<b>(2,229,139)</b>	<b>(234,003)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Funds brought forward		35,251,791	20,372	553,124	35,825,287	36,059,290
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>33,389,604</b>	<b>20,372</b>	<b>186,172</b>	<b>33,596,148</b>	<b>35,825,287</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

All of the 2023 income was unrestricted with the exception of £1,248,359 of donations and gifts classed as restricted funds. All of 2023 expenditure was unrestricted with the exception of £1,004,975 Sanctuary Operations Expenditure classed as restricted funds.

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## PARENT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Endowment	Restricted Funds	Total Year Ended 31 December 2024	Total Year Ended 31 December 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowment from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	13,043,922	-	436,126	13,480,048	14,158,777
			-			
<b>Other trading activities:</b>						
Merchandising income	3	69,153	-	-	69,153	64,440
Lottery income		267,853	-	-	267,853	285,539
Estate Grants & other income		114,658	-	-	114,658	137,573
Investments	4	285,870	-	-	285,870	264,893
<b>Total income</b>		<b>13,781,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>436,126</b>	<b>14,217,582</b>	<b>14,911,222</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b>Raising funds:</b>						
Fundraising and publicity		2,759,504	-	-	2,759,504	2,638,271
<b>Charitable activities:</b>						
Sanctuary operations		12,995,362	-	718,651	13,714,013	12,374,396
Education		339,272	-	-	339,272	302,773
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>16,094,138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>718,651</b>	<b>16,812,789</b>	<b>15,315,440</b>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments</b>		<b>(2,312,682)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(282,525)</b>	<b>(2,595,207)</b>	<b>(404,218)</b>
Net gains on investments		335,688	-	-	335,688	185,328
Net transfers between funds		84,427	-	(84,427)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,892,567)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(366,952)</b>	<b>(2,259,519)</b>	<b>(218,890)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Funds brought forward		35,343,447	20,372	553,124	35,916,943	36,135,833
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>33,450,880</b>	<b>20,372</b>	<b>186,172</b>	<b>33,657,424</b>	<b>35,916,943</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

All of the 2023 income was unrestricted with the exception of £1,248,359 of donations and gifts classed as restricted funds. All of 2023 expenditure was unrestricted with the exception of £1,004,975 Sanctuary Operations Expenditure classed as restricted funds.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET		PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET	
		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	18,015,758	18,499,397	18,015,758	18,499,397
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-
Investments	11	5,164,175	6,136,253	5,164,177	6,136,255
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>23,179,933</b>	<b>24,635,650</b>	<b>23,179,935</b>	<b>24,635,652</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	12	-	-	150,000	150,000
Stocks	13	335,061	379,139	238,825	260,739
Debtors	14	9,395,513	7,583,516	9,432,982	7,649,240
Cash at bank and in hand		1,318,764	3,862,314	1,269,542	3,842,708
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>11,049,338</b>	<b>11,824,969</b>	<b>11,091,349</b>	<b>11,902,687</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	15	633,123	635,332	613,860	621,395
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>10,416,215</b>	<b>11,189,637</b>	<b>10,477,489</b>	<b>11,281,292</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>33,596,148</b>	<b>35,825,287</b>	<b>33,657,424</b>	<b>35,916,943</b>
<b>Funds</b>	17				
Endowment fund		20,372	20,372	20,372	20,372
Restricted funds		186,171	553,124	186,171	553,124
Designated funds		744,912	1,597,378	744,912	1,597,378
Revaluation reserve		919,596	1,163,196	919,596	1,163,196
General reserve		31,725,097	32,491,217	31,786,373	32,582,873
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>33,389,605</b>	<b>35,251,791</b>	<b>33,450,881</b>	<b>35,343,447</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>33,596,148</b>	<b>35,825,287</b>	<b>33,657,424</b>	<b>35,916,943</b>

The financial statements of pages 22-37 were approved by the Trustees on 31 August 2025.

*Mark Little*

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Chair

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Treasurer

Company Registration Number 03524502

# REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	Notes a	<b>(3,574,982)</b>	<b>(1,168,680)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>			
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		275,180	254,906
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment		11,075	5,480
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment		(562,590)	(963,397)
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,545,342	425,384
Purchase of investments		(1,237,575)	(312,484)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>1,031,432</b>	<b>(590,111)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(2,543,550)</b>	<b>(1,758,791)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	b	<b>3,862,314</b>	<b>5,621,105</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	b	<b>1,318,764</b>	<b>3,862,314</b>
<b>a) Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
<b>Net expenditure for the reporting period before gains and losses on investments</b>		<b>(2,564,827)</b>	<b>(419,331)</b>
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		898,594	836,764
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		(275,180)	(254,906)
Profit on the sale of fixed assets		(11,075)	(5,482)
WIP allocated back to statement of financial activities		147,635	-
Decrease in stocks		44,078	(63,067)
Increase in debtors		(1,811,999)	(1,082,538)
Decrease in creditors		(2,208)	(180,120)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(3,574,982)</b>	<b>(1,168,680)</b>
<b>b) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
		<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Cash in hand		787,945	3,362,314
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)		530,819	500,000
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>1,318,764</b>	<b>3,862,314</b>

A reconciliation of net debt is required by FRS 102.

There was no debt within the group during 2024 and 2023, and there were no non-cash flows to reflect.



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## PARENT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	c	<b>(3,615,288)</b>	<b>(1,178,962)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>			
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		285,870	264,893
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment		11,075	5,480
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment		(562,590)	(963,397)
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,545,342	425,384
Purchase of investments		(1,237,575)	(312,484)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>1,042,122</b>	<b>(580,124)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(2,573,166)</b>	<b>(1,759,086)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	d	<b>3,842,708</b>	<b>5,601,794</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	d	<b>1,269,542</b>	<b>3,842,708</b>
<b>c) Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
<b>Net expenditure for the reporting period before gains and losses on investments</b>		<b>(2,595,207)</b>	<b>(404,218)</b>
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		898,594	836,764
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		(285,870)	(264,893)
Profit on the sale of fixed assets		(11,075)	(5,482)
WIP allocated back to statement of financial activities		147,635	-
Decrease in stocks		21,914	(21,194)
Increase in debtors		(1,783,746)	(1,152,990)
Decrease in creditors		(7,533)	(166,949)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(3,615,288)</b>	<b>(1,178,962)</b>
<b>d) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
		<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Cash in hand		738,723	3,342,708
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)		530,819	500,000
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>1,269,542</b>	<b>3,842,708</b>

A reconciliation of net debt is required by FRS 102.

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### 1 - Accounting policies

Redwings Horse Sanctuary ("the Charity") is an incorporated Charity limited by guarantee, domiciled, and registered in England which constitutes a Public Benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The address of the Charity is stated on page 3. The principal activity of the Charity is to provide and promote the welfare, care and protection of horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules.

#### **a. Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recognised Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention modified to include investment property and fixed asset investments at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### **b. Assessment of Going Concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue, as a going concern, and therefore these accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The budgeted income and expenditure for 2025 has taken into account the rise in the NLW and the increase to the employers' NI, this increased the already deficit budget considerably. Whilst there are levels of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern, the Trustees and SMT have put in measures to achieve cost savings. These include selling our Chepstow site and some of our rental and investment properties to increase the cash position and reduce operational costs. The sales of these assets should be realised during 2026. Currently our legacy debtor is standing at over £9M due to legacies taking longer to realise; therefore we may need to sell some of our long-term investments during 2025 to help with cash flow. Notwithstanding the aforementioned concerns relating to the projected 2025 budget deficit, with a revised financial strategy for 2025 onwards, we anticipate being able to continue our day-to-day operations by when needing to sell some of our long-term investments. With our current level of liquid reserves, we will be able to provide adequate resources to cover our commitments whilst the changes are delivered.

#### **c. Basis of consolidation**

The financial statements comprise the assets, liabilities and funds, and the statement of financial activities of Redwings Horse Sanctuary and its 100% owned subsidiary, Redwings Enterprises Limited (company number 02841087).

#### **d. Income**

All income is accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, it is capable of measurement, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income includes donations and legacies. For legacies, entitlement is recognised from the earlier of the date of receipt or when sufficient notification is received by the Charity to enable it to quantify its entitlement with probability. Income is not recognised for legacies, which remain subject to a life interest. Donations are recognised when the Charity has received the income. If the donation is subject to a restriction the Charity will recognise when the restriction is met or wholly within the control of the Charity.

Other income comprises merchandising income, lottery income, investment income, property rentals, and estate grants & other income. The merchandising income is generated by Redwings Enterprises Limited and is recognised as unrestricted income on a receivable basis. The lottery income is recognised as at the closing date of the draw when the charity is entitled to the income. Rental income from assets leased under operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

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### **e. Expenditure**

All expenditure is included in the SOFA on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

### **f. Support costs**

Support costs include human resources, finance IT, health and safety and premises costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on the basis of activity and income.

### **g. Pension costs**

The Charity operated a defined contribution scheme, which is a Group Personal Plan. The cost of providing pension benefits is charged in the year for which they are payable.

### **h. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less depreciation. No depreciation is provided on freehold land, or assets under construction. Depreciation is provided on all other tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Wasting structures	over 3 or 10 years
Plant and equipment	over 5 years

Assets under construction are not depreciated until the work is complete.

### **i. Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets are stated at cost, less amortisation, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Software	over 5 years
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### **j. Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted bid price. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals through the year. Gains and loss on investment disposals is based on the previous months market value and the consideration received on disposal.

Investment property is initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at fair value determined annually by the trustees. No depreciation is charged. Changes in fair value are recognised in the SOFA.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

### **k. Operating leases**

Rentals are charges to the SOFA on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### **l. Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first in first out method.

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### **m. Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable are included at the best estimate of the amount receivable at the balance sheet date.

### **n. Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

### **o. Fund accounting**

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

### **p. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The judgements estimates and assumptions which have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below:

#### Legacy debtor

The Charity has entitlement to legacy income at 31st December, but which will be received after the year end. An estimate of the amount of be received has to be made at the year-end. See note 14 for the legacy receivable debtor at the year-end. "Pecuniary legacies are recognised once the charity has been formally notified that a gift is payable. Residuary legacies are recognised once confirmation has been received that the charity will benefit and sufficient information has been made available by the Personal Representatives to estimate the charity's entitlement with reasonable certainty. Estimates are calculated based on experience with previous Estates and knowledge of the likely deductions to be incurred."

## **2. Income from donations and legacies**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	2,766,090	3,495,763
Legacies	10,713,958	10,663,014
	<u>13,480,048</u>	<u>14,158,777</u>

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### 3. Merchandising income

	Sale of Donated Goods	Redwings Enterprises Ltd Sales	Total Year Ended 31 December 2024	Total Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Parent company	69,153	-	69,153	64,440
Subsidiary company	-	629,383	629,383	491,900
<b>Total income</b>	<b>69,153</b>	<b>629,383</b>	<b>698,536</b>	<b>556,340</b>
<b>Merchandising costs</b>				
Subsidiary company costs of sales	-	369,448	369,448	282,192
Administration expenses	-	218,865	218,865	214,834
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>588,313</b>	<b>588,313</b>	<b>497,026</b>
<b>Merchandising surplus</b>	<b>69,153</b>	<b>41,070</b>	<b>110,223</b>	<b>59,314</b>

### 4. Income from investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Interest	141,598	111,832
Dividends	144,272	163,131
Rent	-	(10,070)
<b>Investment income - charity</b>	<b>285,870</b>	<b>264,893</b>
Interest	130,908	101,845
Dividends	144,272	163,131
Rent	-	(10,070)
<b>Investment income - group</b>	<b>275,180</b>	<b>254,906</b>

### 5. Analysis of expenditure

	Staff Costs	Direct Charitable Costs	Other Costs	Total Year Ended 31 Dec 2024	Total Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising and publicity	687,744	-	2,071,760	2,759,504	2,638,271
Sanctuary operations	9,357,531	4,356,482	-	13,714,013	12,374,396
Education	72,364	266,908	-	339,272	302,773
<b>Expenses - charity</b>	<b>10,117,639</b>	<b>4,623,390</b>	<b>2,071,760</b>	<b>16,812,789</b>	<b>15,315,440</b>
Merchandising costs	60,886	-	527,427	588,313	497,026
<b>Expenditure – group</b>	<b>10,178,525</b>	<b>4,623,390</b>	<b>2,599,187</b>	<b>17,401,102</b>	<b>15,812,466</b>

Both staff costs and other costs contain costs that are directly allocated to activities as well as support costs that have been apportioned in accordance with the methods outlined in note 1f.

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### 6. Support costs

	Fundraising And publicity £	Sanctuary Operations £	Education £	Merchandising Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Human resources	65,226	59,115	599	7,177	132,117	82,738
Health & Safety	44,599	74,174	-	1,931	120,704	79,206
Finance/IT	299,556	319,423	-	12,696	631,675	665,768
Premises/Office costs	219,397	13,545	10,303	8,906	252,151	202,308
Central Services	817,292	275,902	3,957	145,957	1,243,108	908,340
Depreciation/amortisation	172,458	724,720	-	1,417	898,595	836,763
<b>Support costs - group</b>	<b>1,618,528</b>	<b>1,466,879</b>	<b>14,859</b>	<b>178,084</b>	<b>3,278,350</b>	<b>2,775,123</b>
	Fundraising And publicity £	Sanctuary Operations £	Education £	Merchandising Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Human resources	64,136	67,371	699	-	132,206	82,738
Health & Safety	46,530	74,174	-	-	120,704	78,496
Finance/IT	299,556	332,119	-	-	631,675	654,904
Premises/Office costs	219,397	22,451	10,303	-	252,151	196,661
Central Services	763,095	421,858	3,957	-	1,188,910	735,814
Depreciation/amortisation	172,458	726,136	-	-	898,594	835,798
<b>Support costs - charity</b>	<b>1,565,172</b>	<b>1,644,109</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,224,240</b>	<b>2,584,411</b>

### 7. Staff costs

	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
Wages and salaries	8,803,639	8,001,802
Social security costs	700,643	607,480
Pension costs	442,163	389,197
	<b>9,946,445</b>	<b>8,998,479</b>

### Number of employees by function

Sanctuary and welfare	326	329
Fundraising and administration	94	87
	<b>420</b>	<b>416</b>

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 in the year was as follows

£60,001 - £70,000	2	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	2
£100,001 -£110,000	1	1

Remuneration for the ten (2023: eight) Senior Management Team members totalled £576,828 (2023: £523,460). The Senior Management Team and Trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the Charity and Group.

### 8. Pension costs

The Charity operates defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of certain employees. The contributions to the schemes are paid into external independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the schemes, which amounted to £442,163 (2023: £389,197). This included a contribution of £23,214 (2023: £24,376) made on behalf of the employees earning above £60,000. £53,797 (2023: NIL) were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in other creditors.

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### 9. Net income for the year

	Year Ended 31 December 2024 £	Year Ended 31 December 2023 £
Net income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Remuneration of the Charity auditors		
- Audit of these accounts	29,200	26,500
- Audit of subsidiary undertakings	5,800	6,500
- Taxation compliance services	800	5,825
Depreciation of tangible owned assets	898,594	836,764
Operating leases		
- Land and buildings	44,054	31,000
Profit on sales of assets	11,075	5,480

### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Group and Charity				
	Freehold Property £	Assets under Construction £	Wasting Structure £	Plant & Equipment £	Total £
<b>Costs</b>					
01 January 2024	16,765,741	630,135	7,378,075	4,678,699	29,452,650
Additions	-	-	394,981	167,609	562,590
Disposals	-	-	-	(114,362)	(114,362)
Transfers	-	(630,135)	482,500	-	(147,635)
31 December 2024	16,765,741	-	8,255,556	4,731,946	29,753,243
<b>Depreciation</b>					
01 January 2024	2,273,936	-	4,494,840	4,184,477	10,953,253
Charge in year	135,731	-	561,902	200,961	898,594
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(114,362)	(114,362)
31 December 2024	2,409,667	-	5,056,742	4,271,076	11,737,485
<b>Net book value</b>					
31 December 2024	14,356,074	-	3,198,814	460,870	18,015,758
31 December 2023	14,491,805	630,135	2,883,235	494,222	18,499,397

All assets are owned by the Charity and are free from charge. The cost of freehold land not being depreciated included in land and buildings is £9,812,307 (2023: £9,812,307). The balance of £147,635 in transfers is the balancing figure of what was completed WIP, and what was allocated back to the statement of financial activities for projects now got going ahead.

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### 11. Fixed asset investments

	Group		Charity	
	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £
<b>Quoted Investments</b>				
Market Value at Start of period	5,586,253	5,513,824	5,586,253	5,513,824
Additions at cost	1,237,575	312,485	1,237,575	312,485
Disposal proceeds	(2,545,342)	(425,384)	(2,545,342)	(425,384)
Net investment gains/(losses)	335,688	185,328	335,688	185,328
Market value at end of period	4,614,175	5,586,253	4,614,175	5,586,253
<b>Investment property</b>				
Investment property at start of period	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Market value at end of period	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
<b>Un-quoted investments</b>				
Shares in Redwings Enterprises Limited	-	-	2	2
<b>Total fixed asset investments</b>	5,164,175	6,136,253	5,164,177	6,136,255
<b>Historical Cost of quoted investments at 31 December</b>	4,244,579	4,973,057	4,244,579	4,973,057
<b>Analysis of Quoted Investments at 31 December 2024 between funds:</b>				
Fixed Interest UK	715,346	697,786	715,346	697,786
Fixed Interest Overseas	182,069	181,807	182,069	181,807
Equities UK	1,077,456	1,520,398	1,077,456	1,520,398
Equities Europe	301,767	428,008	301,767	428,008
Equities Other	1,949,631	2,237,904	1,949,631	2,237,904
Hedge/Absolute Return Funds	387,906	520,350	387,906	520,350
	4,614,175	5,586,253	4,614,175	5,586,253

All investments are carried at fair value. Quoted investments fair values are normally mid-market closing or mid-prices. If the valuation date falls on a non-business day, the prices will be those on the last business day.

Savills plc completed the initial valuation of Spa Farm investment property. The fair value at the balance sheet date is determined annually by the trustees.

The main risk from the charity's investment portfolio is uncertainty in the investment markets. This is managed by appointing professional fund managers who manage the funds on a low-risk basis. Liquidity risk is considered low because investments are in traded securities.

### 12. Current asset investments

	Group		Charity	
	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £
Loan to Redwings Enterprises Limited (see note below)	-	-	150,000	150,000
	-	-	150,000	150,000



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The only financial instrument measured at amortised cost comprises the loan made to Redwings Enterprises Limited. This is unsecured and is due for repayment on demand. Interest is charged on the loan at 2% above the Bank of England base rate.

### 13. Stock

	Group		Charity	
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
Stock of feed and consumables	149,831	167,727	149,831	167,727
Veterinary supplies	88,994	93,012	88,994	93,012
Merchandising goods for resale	96,236	118,400	-	-
	<u>335,061</u>	<u>379,139</u>	<u>238,825</u>	<u>260,739</u>

### 14. Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid & recoverable tax	41,254	38,444	41,254	38,444
Legacies receivable	9,223,522	7,346,267	9,223,522	7,346,267
Accrued income	-	38,512	-	38,512
Amount owed to subsidiary	-	-	44,989	73,416
Prepayments and other debtors	124,458	142,480	120,232	137,903
Trade debtors	6,279	17,813	2,985	14,698
	<u>9,395,513</u>	<u>7,583,516</u>	<u>9,432,982</u>	<u>7,649,240</u>

### 15. Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	357,703	488,364	346,687	484,270
Amount re merged Charity	-	-	100	100
Other creditors	79,683	26,888	79,684	26,890
VAT and social security	122,148	-	122,148	-
Accruals	73,589	120,080	65,241	110,135
	<u>633,123</u>	<u>635,332</u>	<u>613,860</u>	<u>621,395</u>

### 16. Subsidiary company

The Charity owns 100% of the share capital of its trading subsidiary Redwings Enterprises Limited, a company registered in England. The Company operates all of the commercial trading activities of the Charity. The Company gift aids its taxable profits to the Charity. A summary of its trading results and capital and reserves is shown below. Audited accounts are filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Company's results are consolidated into the group accounts. The registered office is Norwich Road, Hapton, Norfolk NR15 1SP.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income	629,383	491,900
Expenditure	(588,313)	(497,026)
Interest payable	<u>(10,691)</u>	<u>(9,987)</u>
<b>(Loss)for the period retained by the subsidiary</b>	<u>30,379</u>	<u>(15,113)</u>
The aggregate of assets, liabilities and funds was:		
Current assets	153,078	145,799
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(214,353)	(237,455)
<b>Total net liabilities</b>	<u>(61,275)</u>	<u>(91,656)</u>

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### 17. Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Funds Movements Expenditure	Transfers Gains & Losses	Closing Balance	Represented by Fixed assets	Net current assets
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Endowment</b>							
WJ Turner Settlement	20,372	-	-	-	20,372	-	20,372
<b>Restricted</b>							
Anaesthetic Machine	6,400	-	-	-	6,400	-	6,400
Anna Sewell House	1,532	-	(1,532)	-	-	-	-
Aylsham Field Shelter	5,000	2,000	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
ATV's	-	31,500	-	(29,593)	1,907	-	1,907
Ada Cole Memorial Stables	-	48,428	(48,428)	-	-	-	-
Aylsham Paddock Map	-	11,200	-	-	11,200	-	11,200
Aylsham	-	100	(100)	-	-	-	-
Behaviour Centre	-	1,275	(1,275)	-	-	-	-
Oxhill	-	38,490	(38,490)	-	-	-	-
Oxhill Donkey Barns	7,935	25,000	-	(32,935)	-	-	-
Lady at Oxhill	-	100	(100)	-	-	-	-
Hapton	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-	-	-
Mountains	-	44,633	(44,633)	-	-	-	-
Rehoming Horse Box	21,899	-	-	(21,899)	-	-	-
SWHP	-	8,249	(8,249)	-	-	-	-
Care of Cinnabar	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
Christmas Treats for Ponies	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
Medication for Bowthorpe Park Mare	-	53	(53)	-	-	-	-
Veterinary Expenses	-	360	(360)	-	-	-	-
Donkeys at Caldecott	-	500	(500)	-	-	-	-
Layby Field Piggots	6,436	-	(6,436)	-	-	-	-
Alan Fraser Trust	503,921	186,238	(530,494)	-	159,664	-	159,664
<b>Total restricted</b>	553,124	436,126	(718,651)	(84,427)	186,171	-	186,171
<b>Total endowment &amp; restricted</b>	573,496	436,126	(718,651)	(84,427)	206,543	-	205,543
<b>Designated</b>							
Planned capital expenditure	1,597,378	-	-	(852,466)	744,912	-	744,912
Revaluation reserve	1,163,196	-	-	(243,600)	919,596	919,596	-
General reserve	32,491,217	14,400,149	(16,682,452)	1,516,182	31,725,097	22,260,337	9,464,763
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	35,251,791	14,400,149	(16,682,452)	420,116	33,389,605	23,179,933	10,209,675
<b>Group Total</b>	35,825,287	14,836,275	(17,401,102)	335,688	33,596,148	23,179,933	10,416,215

Any income or expenditure over £5,000 will be explained in below.

### Purpose of funds

Name	Primary use of funds and designated
ATV's	To purchase ATV's
Ada Cole Memorial Stables	For general use at Ada Cole
Hapton	For general use at Hapton
Aylsham Paddock Map	For paddock mat at Aylsham
Oxhill	For general use at Oxhill
Oxhill Donkey Barns	For new Donkey Barns at Oxhill
Layby Feld Piggots	For layby field at Piggots
SWHP	For general use at SWHP
Alan Fraser Trust	For use in Scotland Mountains only.

The movement under designated funds, planned capital expenditure closing balance represent the Capital project for 2025. The expenditure in 2024 represents the amount less items that were fixed assets the total Capital spend for 2024 was £1,354,179.

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### 18. Funds – comparative 2023

	Opening Balance	Income	Funds Movements Expenditure	Transfers Gains & Losses	Closing Balance	Represented by Fixed assets	Net current assets
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Endowment</b>							
WJ Turner Settlement	20,372	-	-	-	20,372	-	20,372
<b>Restricted</b>							
Anaesthetic Machine	-	6,400	-	-	6,400	6,400	-
Anna Sewell House	-	4,000	(2,468)	-	1,532	-	1,532
Aylsham Field Shelter	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Ada Cole Stables	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-	-
Ada Cole Memorial Stables	-	6,546	(6,546)	-	-	-	-
Aylsham Woodchips	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-	-	-
Aylsham	-	203,371	(203,371)	-	-	-	-
Behaviour Centre	-	1,100	(1,100)	-	-	-	-
Care for Cinnabar	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-	-	-
Oxhill	-	16,700	(16,700)	-	-	-	-
Oxhill Donkey Barns	-	41,500	-	(33,565)	7,935	7,935	-
Hapton	-	37,518	(37,518)	-	-	-	-
SWHP	-	16,520	(16,520)	-	-	-	-
Mountains	-	14,183	(14,183)	-	-	-	-
Rehoming Horse Box	-	21,899	-	-	21,899	21,899	-
Tractor	-	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-	-
Food & Medical services	-	724	(724)	-	-	-	-
Care of the animals	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
Veterinary expenses	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
Layby Field Piggots	13,003	-	(6,567)	-	6,436	-	-
Alan Fraser Trust	380,302	753,898	(630,278)	-	503,921	-	503,921
<b>Total restricted</b>	393,305	1,248,359	(1,004,975)	(83,565)	553,124	41,234	505,453
<b>Total endowment &amp; restricted</b>	413,677	1,248,359	(1,004,975)	(83,565)	573,496	41,234	511,889
<b>Designated</b>							
Planned capital expenditure	2,439,578	-	-	(842,200)	1,597,378	-	1,597,378
Revaluation reserve	1,017,991	-	-	145,205	1,163,196	1,163,196	-
General reserve	32,188,044	14,144,775	(14,807,492)	965,889	32,491,217	23,431,220	9,059,997
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	35,645,613	14,144,775	(14,807,492)	268,894	35,251,791	24,594,416	10,657,375
<b>Group Total</b>	36,059,290	15,393,135	(15,812,466)	185,328	35,825,287	24,635,650	11,189,637

### 19. Operating leases receivable

The Charity as lessee, holds the following commitments

	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £
Within one year	31,287	50,298

### 20. Related party transactions

- No remuneration was paid to any member of the board during the period.
- One Trustee was reimbursed £112 (2023: one trustee £176) in respect of travel expenses to attend Board of Management meetings.
- Fees totalling £37,883 (2023: £15,349) have been paid to Savills PLC in Norwich in which Mr M Little is a director. The fees were in respect of estate management advice.
- Fees totalling £7,117 (2023: £8,717) have been paid to Birketts LLP in which Mr T Sharpe is a director. The fees were in respect of legal services.

The above transactions are specifically permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association and were at arms-length and in the ordinary course of business.

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In 2024 the following transaction took place between the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Redwings Enterprises Limited:

- Management charge of £200,619 (2023: £192,713)
- Rental charge of £3,000 (2023: £3,000)
- Interest charge of £10,691 (2023: £9,987)

At the 31 December 2024 £44,989 was due from Redwings Enterprises Limited to the Charity (2023: £73,416 was due from Redwings Enterprises Limited) to the Charity. In addition to this, the Charity has provided a loan of £150,000 to Redwings Enterprises Limited. The loan is due for repayment in one year from the balance sheet date. Interest is charged on the loan at 2% above NatWest Bank plc's base rate.

21. Members Guarantee

The Charity has no share capital but is limited by guarantee. Every member of the Charity is a guarantor and undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity, in the event of it being wound up, such amounts as may be required. Each guarantor's liability is limited to £1.

22. Financial instruments

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value	4,614,175	5,586,253