

## **The Southern Wildlife Care & Advisory Trust/The Folly Wildlife Rescue Trust RCN 1091857**

### **Annual Report 2020**

In 2020, like most charities throughout the country, the Trust faced its most challenging time in its history.

Covid-19 placed a tremendous strain on every aspect of the Trust's work, but throughout the year, and faced with much uncertainty, we managed to keep our doors open for animal admissions. But at the same time this had to be done without the support of much of our volunteer workforce, as social distancing and other regulations meant the majority had to be laid off. While at the same time every resource and budget was stretched to the absolute limit.

The Trust receives no local or government funding, and as we were unable to fundraise in our usual way and lost all face-to-face contact with the public, we had to work hard to maintain at least some sort of income; and as a result every resource and budget was stretched to the absolute limit.

And while this was a challenging time, we are immensely proud that we continued to remain open under such extreme circumstances.

### **Admissions**

The national lockdown began at the start of our peak season, and we were unsure as to how our admission numbers would be affected. In the event admission numbers exceeded the previous year by over a 1000.

Admissions for 2020 totalled 4667 casualties, including:

Badgers: 27

Deer: 277

Hedgehogs: 443

Bats: 34

### **Staffing**

Despite Covid-19 our staffing levels remained the same. However, we did have a reduction in veterinary cover due to staff isolation, but this was partly covered by the provision of a seasonal part-time vet nurse.

### **Veterinary Unit**

Our veterinary unit continued to go from strength to strength and seeing the benefits a vet nurse role played in everyday animal care, it was decided in the autumn to extend the role to a full-time one. Her principal role was to lead on admissions and triage and work with the team to set up Standard Operating Procedures for the animal care team to follow.

### **Fundraising**

During the year the majority of our fundraising events were cancelled. Our online auction was temporarily closed but the fundraising team did manage to make adjustments to how it operated, and within two months it was back in operation and continued to raise considerable amounts of funds.

Our 2020 Christmas Appeal proceeded as normal and was very well supported, raising over £8000.

### **Deer Rescue Unit**

The Trust's Deer Rescue Unit continued in operation until November but was forced to stop due to lack of funding and other operational problems. Until the problems can be resolved we are operating a temporary advisory telephone and email adviceline but this is no substitute for what was a very valuable service.

### **Volunteers & Student Placements**

Due to Covid-19 the Trust saw a significant drop in volunteer numbers at the beginning of the year – many of our existing volunteers stopped altogether, and even after a gradual re-opening in May and June, many did not return. Eventually, due to the restrictions, all applications for new volunteers had to be closed, including student and work experience placements.

For those that remained, social distancing and lone working protocols meant that numbers had to be kept low, but those that did remain were very welcome, especially as the main season, May to September was so busy.

### **Wildlife Ambulance**

Our small transit ambulance was sold in December 2020 as it was found to be not up to the job required, and was replaced by a larger Ford Transit Custom that allowed us to carry larger items of rescue equipment as well as being able to transport animals for release.

### **Educational Programme**

The Trust's educational programme which each year normally attends many schools, youth and community groups to highlight the plight of British wildlife got off to a good start, but in March, once again due to the COVID 19 situation, had to be put on hold.

### **Hospital and Land Developments**

A planning application for a proposed extension to Building 1 that will incorporate a *Wildlife Awareness Centre* and new Reception, together with new holding enclosures for deer was, after a long delay approved and we began applying for grants towards the costs.

Southern Wildlife Care and Advisory Trust

Accounts

31 December 2020

## **Southern Wildlife Care and Advisory Trust**

### **Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts to Southern Wildlife Care and Advisory Trust**

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me.

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**Southern Wildlife Care and Advisory Trust**  
**Income and Expenditure account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2019</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>1</b>	323,996	297,391
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Wages, salaries and other staff costs	2	182,891	146,627
Direct costs	3	49,495	40,345
Car, van and travel expenses	4	2,475	1,862
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	5	14,348	12,400
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	6	12,397	11,506
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		431	726
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	7	6,178	3,956
Depreciation and loss/(profit) on sale		21,965	15,804
		<u>290,180</u>	<u>233,226</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		33,816	64,165

**Southern Wildlife Care and Advisory Trust**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Land, buildings, vehicles and equipment	1	667,295	641,901
		<u>667,295</u>	<u>641,901</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank/building society balances	171,056	162,634	
		<u>171,056</u>	<u>162,634</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>838,351</u>	<u>804,535</u>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Balance at start of period	278,487	214,322	
Excess of income over expenditure			-
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>33,816</u>	<u>64,165</u>	
		312,303	278,487
<b>Folly Wildlife Centre project</b>			
Balance at start of period	526,048	526,048	
Expenditure	<u>-</u>		
		<u>526,048</u>	<u>526,048</u>
		<u>838,351</u>	<u>804,535</u>

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
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**1 Income and expenditure analysis**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	7,585	14,420
Sundry donations (including collection		
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box and support group)	145,594	98,199
Legacies	119,579	122,693
RSPCA	4,026	5,630
F P rental	6,000	7,220
Sale of Merchandising and fundraising	25,933	32,860
Educational talks	503	493
Adoptions	895	1,076
Tax refunds	13,749	14,507
Interest received	132	293
	<u>323,996</u>	<u>297,391</u>

**2 Wages, salaries and other staff costs**

Wages and salaries	176,468	143,317
Pensions	6,423	3,310
	<u>182,891</u>	<u>146,627</u>

**3 Direct costs**

Veterinary fees and supplies	15,537	10,519
Equipment repair and renewal	19,497	7,343
Animal feed	8,405	8,457
Deer rescue	4,709	5,792
Merchandise	5	4,852
Promotional costs	1,342	2,833
Protective clothing	-	549
	<u>49,495</u>	<u>40,345</u>

**4 Car, van and travel expenses**

Transport costs	2,475	1,862
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**5 Rent, rates, power and insurance costs**

Rent		
Rates	1,475	1,406
Light and heat	3,508	2,609
TV and Alarm	-	362
Waste disposal	6,195	4,369
Water	712	667
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**6 Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs**

Telephone and fax	2,060	2,186
Stationery, postage and printing	3,903	5,065
Software	1,856	1,339
Sundry expenses	4,578	2,916
	<u>12,397</u>	<u>11,506</u>

**7 Accountancy, legal and other professional fees**

Accountants fees	525	525
Other legal and professional	5,653	3,431
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**2 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles**

	<b>Freehold land</b>	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2020	123,769.00	47,931	10,536	459,665	641,901
Additions		19,983	9,411	17,965	47,359
Disposals		-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>123,769.00</u>	<u>67,914</u>	<u>19,947</u>	<u>477,630</u>	<u>689,260</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2020		-	-	-	-
Charge for the year		16,978	4,987	-	21,965
On disposals		-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020		<u>16,978</u>	<u>4,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,965</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2020	<u>123,769.00</u>	<u>50,936</u>	<u>14,960</u>	<u>477,630</u>	<u>667,295</u>
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