

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1093545

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS OF ANY SPECIES BUT PRIMARILY NATIVE BRITISH WILDLIFE WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE OR MAINTAIN A TEMPORARY REFUGE OR HOSPITAL OR OTHER FACILITY FOR THE COLLECTION, RECEPTION CARE AND REHABILITATION OF SICK, INJURED OR ILLTREATED ANIMALS OR BIRDS UNTIL THEIR EVENTUAL RELEASE BACK INTO THE WILD OR OTHERWISE THEIR TRANSFER TO AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY. (PLEASE SEE COPY OF CONSTITUTION FOR DETAILS).

Activities: The charity provides rescue, veterinary care and rehabilitation to sick, injured and orphaned wild animals. It often provides refuge and treatment to abandoned and ill treated domestic, farm and exotic animals. The charity also provides advice and training to the community and veterinary staff and work placements to students.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ESSEX - THURROCK
- Essex
- Thurrock
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£470,146	£382,102	-	-
2023-12-31	£403,934	£314,666	-	-
2022-12-31	£254,643	£244,853	-	-
2021-12-31	£262,624	£227,833	-	-
2020-12-31	£296,268	£193,340	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
james bryan	Chair	2021-04-28
Filipe Manuel Carvalho		2021-04-28
Frances Maria Haynes		2021-04-28
Stacey Emma Carvalho		2021-04-28
Stephen Mitchell		

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES	J Bryan F Carvalho S Carvalho F Haynes S Mitchell N Scotland
TREASURER	J Bryan
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1093545
ADDRESS	Orsett Road Orsett Grays RM16 3BH
ACCOUNTANTS	Peaty & Co 163-164 Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0LD

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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- The wildlife hospital has seen above inflation increases in income from most streams and continues to be robustly supported by donations (both in money and goods) and legacies from its loyal members, supporters and users. For this we are extremely grateful.
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- The Charity has been named as Lakeside shopping centre's Charity of the Year which has provided a useful boost to donations and retail sales
- Costs inevitably continue to increase: notably for the care of the animals and also staff as investment in new staff brings invaluable new skills to the organisation. The Charity's commitment to increase wages in line with the Living Wage Foundation's national living wage has also led to an increase in staff costs per person.
- The Charity continues its programme of expansion and improvement focussed this year upon preventative maintenance and improvements, energy efficiency and upgrades to the hospital buildings and the animals' enclosures.
- Investment continues in new and upgraded diagnostic veterinary equipment and ongoing training for staff.

Policy for holding reserves

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital aims to hold £317,500 to cover exceptional expense, equipment failure and the employment of locum and agency cover for key staff in the event of absence. This figure also includes an amount for the upgrade to the Charity's stable accommodation and reserves which are held for the construction of the new wet hospital building. These reserved funds will be kept in separate bank accounts and will be monitored on a monthly basis. A full breakdown is in our reserves policy which was adopted by the board in June 2024.
- This will be reviewed by the Trustees annually (as a minimum) and may be increased or decreased as required at the Trustees' discretion. The reserved funds will only be used in an emergency and if the current account is running low (below £60,000), and for no other purpose.

- Remaining funds are Free Reserves which are intended for significant projects, for example the wet hospital, upgrades/maintenance of the facilities at the Hospital, and the purchase of essential veterinary equipment.
- The Trustees believe this is the safest way to manage our funds and to ensure the security and efficiency of the Charity.
- The total reserves held at 31st December 2024 were £525,653

Principal sources of funds

- Public Donations and Gift Aid
- RSPCA and BDMLR Donations for Casualties
- Grant Applications
- Fundraising Appeals for Equipment
- Legacies

Principal risk facing the charity

- Local Land developments

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its trust deed. A new trustee may be appointed by the resolution/vote of the existing trustees recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and such evidence shall be conclusive evidence of his appointment.

Reference and administrative details

Details are set out on page 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 4 to 7, of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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L. Ayling FCA

Peaty & Co

Chartered Accountants

163-164 Moulsham Street

Chelmsford

Essex

CM2 0LD

27th August 2025

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>funds</u> £
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		367,754	10,000	377,754	343,145
Charitable activities		20,770	-	20,770	12,399
Other trading activities		64,285	-	64,285	43,317
Investments		7,337	-	7,337	5,073
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Total		460,146	10,000	470,146	403,934
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<u>Resources expended</u>	4				
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		32,741	-	32,741	9,596
Charitable activities		346,947	2,414	349,361	305,070
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Total		379,688	2,414	382,102	314,666
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Net movement in funds		80,458	7,586	88,044	89,268
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward		590,315	-	590,315	501,047
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Total funds carried forward		670,773	7,586	678,359	590,315
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	133,953		141,591	
Current assets					
Stocks	9	15,850		8,800	
Debtors	10	7,611		5,543	
Cash at bank and in hand		525,653		442,588	
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Total current assets		549,114		456,931	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	11	4,708		8,207	
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Net current assets		544,406		448,724	
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Total net assets		678,359		590,315	
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Funds of the charity	12				
Unrestricted funds		670,773		590,315	
Restricted funds		7,586		-	
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		678,359		590,315	
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The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on 27th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan
Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. **Basis of preparation**

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

(b) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. **Accounting policies**

(a) Income

- income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability
- there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS 102
- grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met
- legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met
- Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the original donation unless the donor or the terms of appeal have specified otherwise
- contractual income is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related services
- income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Income (continued)

- membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies
- insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income criteria are met and are included as an item of other income.

(b) Expenditure and liabilities

- liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty
- the charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
- a liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the transaction at the reporting date.

(c) Assets

- tangible fixed assets purchased since 1st January 2023 are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000
- depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that assets as follows:

Buildings	10% reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	20% reducing balance basis
- stocks of merchandise, animal feed and medical supplies are valued at cost
- debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

(d) Fund structure

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. 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.

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31ST DECEMBER 2024

3. Analysis of income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership subscriptions	276,735	246,337
Gift aid	18,909	-
Legacies	82,110	96,808
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	377,754	343,145
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Charitable activities:		
RSPCA contributions towards costs	20,770	12,399
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Other trading activities:		
Fundraising	64,285	43,317
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Investment income:		
Bank interest	7,337	5,073
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4. Analysis of expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:		
Merchandise for resale	32,741	9,596
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Expenditure on charitable activities:		
Staff and volunteer costs (including uniforms and food)	201,444	164,512
Medical costs	74,235	75,044
Premises expenses	29,473	35,241
Administration expenses	44,209	30,273
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	349,361	305,070
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5. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	594	570
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6. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023 - £Nil).

7. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	186,698	154,067
Social security costs	9,559	6,428
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	3,491	2,675
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	199,748	163,170
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The average number of employees during the year amounted to 9 (2023 8).

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles	Buildings	Total
Cost:			
At 1st January 2024	11,615	146,999	158,614
Additions	-	8,355	8,355
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At 31st December 2024	11,615	155,354	166,969
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Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2024	2,323	14,700	17,023
Charge for the year	1,858	14,135	15,993
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At 31st December 2024	4,181	28,835	33,016
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8. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Motor Vehicles	Buildings	Total
Net book value: At 31st December 2024	7,434	126,519	133,953
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At 1st January 2024	9,292	132,299	141,591
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9. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Merchandise	14,850	7,800
Animal feed	500	500
Medical supplies	500	500
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	15,850	8,800
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10. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	2,507	1,077
Prepayments	5,104	4,466
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	7,611	5,543
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**11. Creditors: amounts falling due
within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	4,114	7,637
Accruals	594	570
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	4,708	8,207
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12. **Statement of funds**

	At 01/01/24	Income	Expenditure	At 31/12/24
Unrestricted funds:				
General reserve	590,315	460,146	(379,688)	670,773
Restricted funds:				
Training fund	-	10,000	(2,414)	7,586
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<u>Total funds</u>	590,315	470,146	(382,102)	678,359
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The General reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

The Training Fund represents funds received towards staff training.

13. **Analysis of net assets between funds:**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Fund balances at 31st December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	133,953	-	133,953
Current assets	541,528	7,586	549,114
Creditors	(4,708)	-	(4,708)
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<u>Net assets:</u>	670,773	7,586	678,359
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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
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EXPENDITURE				
Wages and salaries	186,698		154,067	
Social security costs	9,559		6,428	
Pension costs	3,492		2,675	
Staff and volunteer uniforms	764		655	
Staff and volunteer food	931		687	
Vets and medical expenses	30,105		40,662	
Vet training and insurance	1,169		713	
Animal food and bedding	42,961		33,669	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	9,000		4,789	
Rates and water	2,691		5,922	
Insurance	3,043		2,651	
Light and heat	10,224		18,206	
Cleaning	7,558		6,324	
Office equipment	6,763		504	
Printing, postage and stationery	3,486		2,415	
Website	5,952		-	
Telephone	2,378		2,527	
Ambulance running costs	2,987		3,173	
Travel	1,279		-	
Legal fees	900		-	
Accountancy	1,260		1,206	
Merchandise for resale	32,741		9,596	
Bank charges	5		586	
Cashback	(57)		-	
Miscellaneous	220		188	
Depreciation	15,993		17,023	
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		382,102		314,666
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Net income for the year		88,044		89,268
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- Investment continues in new and upgraded diagnostic veterinary equipment and a second vehicle, thus increasing the Charity's capacity and ability to respond to emergency call-outs.

Policy for holding reserves

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital aims to hold £209,000 to cover exceptional expense, equipment failure and the employment of locum and agency cover for key staff in the event of absence. This figure also includes an amount for the upgrade to the Charity's stable accommodation and reserves which are held for the construction of the new wet hospital building. These reserved funds will be kept in separate bank accounts and will be monitored on a monthly basis. A full breakdown is in our reserves policy which was adopted by the board in June 2023.

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

- This will be reviewed by the Trustees annually (as a minimum) and may be increased or decreased as required at the Trustees' discretion. The reserved funds will only be used in an emergency and if the current account is running low (below £60,000), and for no other purpose.
- Remaining funds are Free Reserves which are intended for significant projects, for example the wet hospital, upgrades/maintenance of the facilities at the Hospital, and the purchase of essential veterinary equipment.
- The Trustees believe this is the safest way to manage our funds and to ensure the security and efficiency of the Charity.
- The total reserves held at 31st December 2023 were £442,588.

Principal sources of funds

- Public Donations and Gift Aid
- RSPCA Donations for Casualties
- Grant Applications
- Fundraising Appeals for Equipment
- Legacies

Principal risk facing the charity

- Local Land developments

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its trust deed. A new trustee may be appointed by the resolution/vote of the existing trustees recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and such evidence shall be conclusive evidence of his appointment.

Reference and administrative details

Details are set out on page 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 4 to 7, of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	2023 <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	2023 <u>Total</u> <u>funds</u> £	2022 <u>Total</u> <u>funds</u> £
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		343,145	343,145	203,650
Charitable activities		12,399	12,399	22,128
Other trading activities		43,317	43,317	26,504
Investments		5,073	5,073	2,361
		-----	-----	-----
Total		403,934	403,934	254,643
		-----	-----	-----
<u>Resources expended</u>	4			
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		9,596	9,596	9,818
Charitable activities		305,070	305,070	235,035
		-----	-----	-----
Total		314,666	314,666	244,853
		-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		89,268	89,268	9,790
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>				
Total funds brought forward		501,047	501,047	491,257
		-----	-----	-----
Total funds carried forward		590,315	590,315	501,047
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		141,591		135,701
Current assets					
Stocks	9	8,800		5,071	
Debtors	10	5,543		5,741	
Cash at bank and in hand		442,588		357,358	
		-----		-----	
Total current assets		456,931		368,170	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	11	8,207		2,824	
		-----		-----	
Net current assets			448,724		365,346
			-----		-----
Total net assets			590,315		501,047
			-----		-----
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			590,315		501,047
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The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. **Basis of preparation**

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

(b) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. **Accounting policies**

(a) Income

- income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability
- there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS 102
- grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met
- legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met
- Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the original donation unless the donor or the terms of appeal have specified otherwise
- contractual income is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related services
- income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Income (continued)

- membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies
- insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income criteria are met and are included as an item of other income.

(b) Expenditure and liabilities

- liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty
- the charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
- a liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the transaction at the reporting date.

(c) Assets

- tangible fixed assets purchased since 1st January 2022 are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000
- depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that assets as follows:
Buildings 10% reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles 20% reducing balance basis
- stocks of merchandise, animal feed and medical supplies are valued at cost
- debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

3. Analysis of income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership subscriptions	246,337	188,471
Gift aid	-	12,288
Legacies	96,808	2,891
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	343,145	203,650
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2023

3.	Analysis of income (continued)	2023	2022
		£	£
	Charitable activities:		
	RSPCA contributions towards costs	12,399	22,128
		_____	_____
	Other trading activities:		
	Fundraising	43,317	26,504
		_____	_____
	Investment income:		
	Bank interest	5,073	2,361
		_____	_____
4.	Analysis of expenditure	2023	2022
		£	£
	Expenditure on raising funds:		
	Merchandise for resale	9,596	9,818
		_____	_____
	Expenditure on charitable activities:		
	Staff and volunteer costs (including uniforms and food)	164,512	131,089
	Medical costs	75,044	59,013
	Premises expenses	35,241	27,380
	Administration expenses	30,273	17,553
		_____	_____
		305,070	235,035
		_____	_____
5.	Fees for examination of the accounts	2023	2022
		£	£
	Independent examiner's fee	570	546
		_____	_____

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31ST DECEMBER 2023

6. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2022 - £Nil).

7. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	154,067	122,738
Social security costs	6,428	4,288
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,675	2,346
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	163,170	129,372
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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles	Buildings	Total
Cost:			
At 1st January 2023	-	135,701	135,701
Additions	11,615	11,298	22,913
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At 31st December 2023	11,615	146,999	158,614
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	Motor Vehicles	Buildings	Total
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2023	-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,323	14,700	17,023
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At 31st December 2023	2,323	14,700	17,023
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	Motor Vehicles	Buildings	Total
Net book value:			
At 31st December 2023	9,292	132,299	141,591
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At 1st January 2023	-	135,701	135,701
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2023

9. Stocks	2023	2022
	£	£
Merchandise	7,800	4,071
Animal feed	500	500
Medical supplies	500	500
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	8,800	5,071
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10. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	1,077	2,427
Prepayments	4,466	3,314
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	5,543	5,741
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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	7,637	2,278
Accruals	570	546
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	8,207	2,824
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and membership subscriptions		246,337		187,161
Gift aid		-		12,288
Legacies		96,808		2,891
Essex lottery		-		1,310
RSPCA reimbursements		12,399		22,128
Fundraising		43,317		26,504
Bank interest		5,073		2,361
		-----		-----
		403,934		254,643
EXPENDITURE				
Wages and salaries	154,067		122,738	
Social security costs	6,428		4,288	
Pension costs	2,675		2,346	
Staff and volunteer uniforms	655		601	
Staff and volunteer food	687		1,116	
Vets and medical expenses	40,662		24,432	
Vet training and insurance	713		447	
Animal food and bedding	33,669		34,134	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	4,789		3,395	
Rates and water	5,922		533	
Insurance	2,651		2,295	
Light and heat	18,206		17,006	
Cleaning	6,324		6,446	
Office equipment	504		4,582	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,415		3,389	
Telephone	2,527		2,704	
Ambulance running costs	3,173		2,848	
Accountancy	1,206		1,140	
Merchandise for resale	9,596		9,818	
Bank and transaction charges	586		583	
Miscellaneous	188		12	
Depreciation	17,023		-	
		-----		-----
		314,666		244,853
		-----		-----
Net income for the year		89,268		9,790
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1093545

Accounts

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

CHARITY NUMBER 1093545

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES	J Bryan F Carvalho S Carvalho F Haynes S Mitchell N Scotland
TREASURER	J Bryan
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1093545
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ACCOUNTANTS	Peaty & Co 163-164 Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0LD

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Objectives and activities

- To relieve the suffering of animals and birds of any species but primarily native British Wildlife who need care and attention and, in particular, to provide or maintain temporary refuge or hospital or other facility for the collection, reception, care and rehabilitation of sick, injured or ill-treated animals or birds until their eventual release back into the wild or otherwise their transfer to an animal sanctuary.
- To advance public education in the behaviour and ecology of all British Wildlife.
- The rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds.
- The training of professionals and students in the care and rehabilitation of wildlife.
- To advance the education of the public in the proper care and treatment of wildlife and habitat.
- To give presentations to interested groups detailing the history and work of the Hospital.

The Trustees are satisfied that the activities, projects and services it has carried out within the Report period have been according to Charity's mandate and to the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital Charity (The Charity) achieves the ongoing rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds for the benefit of the public by relieving the suffering of animals in need of care and medical attention and, subsequently, releasing them back into the wild.
- The Charity promotes humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and loss of habitat and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- The Charity offers shelter or sanctuary for animals which need medical attention; provides medical treatment for animals; and then actively seeks new homes for "rescued" animals.
- The Charity is a registered veterinary practice registered with the RCVS.

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

- The Charity contributes to RSPCA and Police prosecutions of animal and wildlife cases.
- The number of casualties passing through the doors of the hospital continues to grow and has increased every year since 2015. This growth in admissions also results in significant increase to costs across the organisation; particularly veterinary expenses, feed and also more staff being necessary and working longer hours to provide the high standards of care we pride ourselves on.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

- During 2022 fundraising activities were still reduced compared to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels. Fundraising was further restricted in this period between April and September by filming for a six-part documentary due to be shown on Channel 4. This impacted the Charity by essentially placing any rescue stories of note under embargo until the series had aired. Without social media and press releases that would normally accompany such stories, public interest and engagement with a wider audience was severely curtailed. The documentary was due to be aired in Autumn 2022 however as at 31.12.2022 we still have no broadcast date scheduled.
- The wildlife hospital continues to be robustly supported by donations (both in money and goods) from its loyal members, supporters and users.
- A three-year sponsorship deal for the running of the Charity's new seal facilities has been secured in partnership with DP World, The London Gateway Port.
- Costs across all areas of the Charity continue to increase due to Brexit and international pressures: electricity and gas prices continue to rise, feed prices have seen a sharp increase this year and veterinary supplies have increased in price, although these increases have been mitigated by securing preferential deals with our suppliers. Although staff costs are reduced, staffing costs per head have increased in line with the increase in workload and also because of the Charity's important commitment to increase wages in line with the Living Wage Foundation's national living wage.
- The Charity has this year completed several large capital expenditure and deferred maintenance projects including the refurbishment of two of the Charity's outdoor stables, increasing capacity for larger animals, and indoor wards for birds and small mammals. A new workshop building for the maintenance team of volunteers is a welcome addition to the Charity's facilities too. In addition, the most significant capital expenditure this year has been the building of the new hedgehog ward and a ground-up development of the seal hospital building incorporating a rehabilitation swimming pool and filtration system.
- Despite what continues to be a challenging financial environment, South Essex Wildlife Hospital has continued its programme of investment in new facilities and energy efficient technologies to leave the Charity well placed to deal with any future challenges.

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Policy for holding reserves

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- Remaining funds are Free Reserves which are intended for significant projects, for example the wet hospital, upgrades/maintenance of the facilities at the Hospital, and the purchase of essential veterinary equipment.
- The Trustees believe this is the safest way to manage our funds and to ensure the security and efficiency of the Charity.
- The total reserves held at 31st December 2022 were £348,094.

Principal sources of funds

- Public Donations and Gift Aid
- RSPCA Donations for Casualties
- Grant Applications
- Fundraising Appeals for Equipment
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Principal risk facing the charity

- Local Land developments

Structure, governance and management

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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Reference and administrative details

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 14th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 4 to 7, of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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14th September 2023

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 <u>Unrestricted</u> funds	2022 <u>Total</u> funds	2021 <u>Total</u> funds
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		203,650	203,650	209,712
Charitable activities		22,128	22,128	23,601
Other trading activities		26,504	26,504	26,909
Investments		2,361	2,361	2,402
		-----	-----	-----
Total		254,643	254,643	262,624
		-----	-----	-----
<u>Resources expended</u>	4			
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		9,818	9,818	284
Charitable activities		235,035	235,035	227,549
		-----	-----	-----
Total		244,853	244,853	227,833
		-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		9,790	9,790	34,791
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>				
Total funds brought forward		491,257	491,257	456,466
		-----	-----	-----
Total funds carried forward		501,047	501,047	491,257
		-----	-----	-----

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	135,701	-
Current assets			
Stocks	9	5,071	9,272
Debtors	10	5,741	6,270
Cash at bank and in hand		357,358	483,721
		_____	_____
Total current assets		368,170	499,263
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	2,824	8,006
		_____	_____
Net current assets		365,346	491,257
		_____	_____
Total net assets		501,047	491,257
		_____	_____
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		501,047	491,257
		_____	_____

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on 14th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. **Basis of preparation**

(a) Basis of accounting

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(b) Going Concern

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(a) Income

- income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability
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- grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met
- legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met
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- income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Income (continued)

- membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies
- insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income criteria are met and are included as an item of other income.

(b) Expenditure and liabilities

- liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty
- the charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
- a liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the transaction at the reporting date.

(c) Assets

- tangible fixed assets purchased since 1st January 2021 are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000
- stocks of merchandise, animal feed and medical supplies are valued at cost
- debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

3. Analysis of income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership subscriptions	188,471	198,465
Gift aid	12,288	11,247
Legacies	2,891	-
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	203,650	209,712
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3.	Analysis of income (continued)		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Charitable activities:		
	RSPCA contributions towards costs	22,128	23,481
	Student fees	-	120
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		22,128	23,601
		-----	-----
	Other trading activities:		
	Fundraising	26,504	26,909
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	Investment income:		
	Bank interest	2,361	2,402
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4.	Analysis of expenditure		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Expenditure on raising funds:		
	Staging fundraising events	-	15
	Merchandise for resale	9,818	269
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		9,818	284
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	Expenditure on charitable activities:		
	Staff and volunteer costs (including uniforms and food)	131,089	134,860
	Medical costs	59,013	50,793
	Premises expenses	27,380	30,527
	Administration expenses	17,553	11,369
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		235,035	227,549
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5. Fees for examination of the accounts	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	546	498
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6. Trustees' remuneration		
The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2021 - £Nil).		
7. Staff costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	122,738	126,967
Social security costs	4,288	4,115
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,346	1,774
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	129,372	132,856
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8. Tangible fixed assets		
	Buildings	Total
Cost:		
At 1st January 2022	-	-
Additions	135,701	135,701
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At 31st December 2022	135,701	135,701
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9. Stocks	2022	2021
	£	£
Merchandise	4,071	8,272
Animal feed	500	500
Medical supplies	500	500
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	5,071	9,272
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10. Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	2,427	2,809
Prepayments	3,314	3,461
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	5,741	6,270
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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	2,278	7,508
Accruals	546	498
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	2,824	8,006
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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and membership subscriptions		187,161		195,911
Gift aid		12,288		11,247
Legacies		2,891		-
Essex lottery		1,310		2,554
RSPCA reimbursements		22,128		23,481
Fundraising		26,504		26,909
Bank interest		2,361		2,402
Student fees		-		120
		-----		-----
		254,643		262,624
EXPENDITURE				
Wages and salaries	122,738		126,967	
Social security costs	4,288		4,115	
Pension costs	2,346		1,774	
Staff and volunteer uniforms	601		1,041	
Staff and volunteer food	1,116		963	
Vets and medical expenses	24,432		28,363	
Vet training and insurance	447		1,151	
Animal food and bedding	34,134		21,279	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	3,395		10,012	
Rates and water	533		4,768	
Insurance	2,295		1,987	
Light and heat	17,006		10,451	
Cleaning	6,446		5,296	
Office equipment	4,582		1,878	
Printing, postage and stationery	3,389		2,885	
Telephone	2,704		525	
Ambulance running costs	2,848		1,640	
Travel	-		275	
Accountancy	1,140		1,140	
Merchandise for resale	9,818		269	
Bank and transaction charges	583		409	
Miscellaneous	12		645	
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		244,853		227,833
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Net income for the year		9,790		34,791
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CHARITY INFORMATION

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S Carvalho
F Haynes
S Mitchell
N Scotland

TREASURER

J Bryan

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1093545

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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Objectives and activities

- To relieve the suffering of animals and birds of any species but primarily native British Wildlife who need care and attention and, in particular, to provide or maintain temporary refuge or hospital or other facility for the collection, reception, care and rehabilitation of sick, injured or ill-treated animals or birds until their eventual release back into the wild or otherwise their transfer to an animal sanctuary.
- To advance public education in the behaviour and ecology of all British Wildlife.
- The rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds.
- The training of professionals and students in the care and rehabilitation of wildlife.
- To advance the education of the public in the proper care and treatment of wildlife and habitat.
- To give presentations to interested groups detailing the history and work of the Hospital.

The Trustees are satisfied that the activities, projects and services it has carried out within the Report period have been according to charity's mandate and to the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital Charity (The Charity) achieves the ongoing rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds for the benefit of the public by relieving the suffering of animals in need of care and medical attention and, subsequently, releasing them back into the wild.
- The Charity promotes humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and loss of habitat and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- The Charity offers shelter or sanctuary for animals which need medical attention; provides medical treatment for animals; and then actively seeks new homes for "rescued" animals.
- The Charity is a registered veterinary practice registered with the RCVS.

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- The Charity contributes to RSPCA and Police prosecutions of animal and wildlife cases.
- The number of casualties passing through the doors of the hospital continues to grow and has increased every year since 2015. The calendar year of 2021 saw over 9000 patients receive our help, which represents a 29% increase compared to 2020. This growth in admissions also results in significant increase to costs across the organisation; particularly veterinary expenses, feed and also more staff being necessary and working longer hours to provide the high standards of care we pride ourselves on.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

- During 2021 fundraising activities were still reduced compared to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, however the wildlife hospital continues to be robustly supported by donations (both in money and goods) from its loyal members, supporters and users. Whilst the 2021 figures show a decrease of 11% from the income received in 2020 donations and fundraising income has increased by 5.5% which is testament to the support that we continue to receive.
- Costs across all areas of the charity continue to increase due to Brexit and COVID-19: electricity and gas is up by 38% and the hospital is continuing to make energy-efficient alterations to help mitigate these increases. The cost of veterinary supplies has risen over 200% and this is due to price increases and the increase in the number of patients we are treating. The hospital has upgraded its x-ray machine and continues with its programme of improvements and ongoing maintenance. In all the charity's costs have risen 18% compared to 2020.
- Despite what continues to be a challenging financial environment, South Essex Wildlife Hospital has generated a surplus of almost £35,000 for the year, leaving the Charity well placed for the anticipated further increase in costs as well as continuing with the improvement and expansion plans for its facilities.

Policy for holding reserves

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital aims to hold £256,000 to cover exceptional expense, equipment failure and the employment of locum and agency cover for key staff in the event of absence. This figure also includes an amount for the upgrade to our stable accommodation and reserves which are held for the construction of the new wet hospital building. These reserved funds will be kept in separate bank accounts and will be monitored on a monthly basis. A full breakdown is in our reserves policy which was adopted by the board in March 2022.

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- This will be reviewed by the Trustees annually (as a minimum) and may be increased or decreased as required at the Trustees' discretion. The reserved funds will only be used in an emergency and if the current account is running low (below £60,000), and for no other purpose.
- Remaining funds are Free Reserves which are intended for significant projects, for example the wet hospital, upgrades/maintenance of the facilities at the Hospital, and the purchase of essential veterinary equipment.
- The Trustees believe this is the safest way to manage our funds and to ensure the security and efficiency of the charity.
- The total reserves held at 31st December 2021 were £491,257.

Principal sources of funds

- Public Donations and Gift Aid
- RSPCA Donations for Casualties
- Grant Applications
- Fundraising Appeals for Equipment
- Legacies

Principal risk facing the charity

- Local Land developments

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its trust deed. A new trustee may be appointed by the resolution/vote of the existing trustees recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and such evidence shall be conclusive evidence of his appointment.

Reference and administrative details

Details are set out on page 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 4 to 7, of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. Ayling FCA

Peaty & Co

Chartered Accountants

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6th April 2022

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 <u>Unrestricted</u> funds	2021 <u>Total</u> funds	2020 <u>Total</u> funds
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		209,712	209,712	248,286
Charitable activities		23,601	23,601	40,490
Other trading activities		26,909	26,909	5,558
Investments		2,402	2,402	1,934
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Total		262,624	262,624	296,268
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<u>Resources expended</u>	4			
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		284	284	191
Charitable activities		227,549	227,549	189,149
Other		-	-	4,000
		-----	-----	-----
Total		227,833	227,833	193,340
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Net movement in funds		34,791	34,791	102,928
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>				
Total funds brought forward		456,466	456,466	353,538
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Total funds carried forward		491,257	491,257	456,466
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	2021	2020
		£	£
Current assets			
Stocks	8	9,272	1,000
Debtors	9	6,270	25,893
Cash at bank and in hand		483,721	432,818
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Total current assets		499,263	459,711
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	8,006	3,245
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Net current assets		491,257	456,466
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Total net assets		491,257	456,466
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Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		491,257	456,466
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The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on 6th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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J Bryan
Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Basis of preparation

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

(b) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Income

- income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability
- there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS 102
- grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met
- legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met
- Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the original donation unless the donor or the terms of appeal have specified otherwise
- contractual income is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related services
- income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Income (continued)

- membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies
- insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income criteria are met and are included as an item of other income.

(b) Expenditure and liabilities

- liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty
- the charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
- a liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the transaction at the reporting date.

(c) Assets

- tangible fixed assets purchased since 1st January 2020 are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000
- stocks of merchandise, animal feed and medical supplies are valued at cost
- debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

3. Analysis of income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership subscriptions	198,465	207,742
Gift aid	11,247	26,199
Legacies	-	14,345
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	209,712	248,286
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3.	Analysis of income (continued)		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Charitable activities:		
	RSPCA contributions towards costs	23,481	40,940
	Student fees	120	-
		-----	-----
		23,601	40,940
		-----	-----
	Other trading activities:		
	Fundraising	26,909	5,558
		-----	-----
	Investment income:		
	Bank interest	2,402	1,934
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4.	Analysis of expenditure		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Expenditure on raising funds:		
	Staging fundraising events	15	93
	Merchandise for resale	269	98
		-----	-----
		284	191
		-----	-----
	Expenditure on charitable activities:		
	Staff and volunteer costs (including uniforms and food)	134,860	111,858
	Medical costs	50,793	42,263
	Premises expenses	30,527	27,066
	Administration expenses	11,369	7,962
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		227,549	189,149
		-----	-----
	Other:		
	University funding	-	4,000
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5. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	498	480
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6. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2020 - £Nil).

7. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	126,967	106,654
Social security costs	4,115	1,789
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,774	1,494
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	132,856	109,937
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8. Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Merchandise	8,272	-
Animal feed	500	500
Medical supplies	500	500
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	9,272	1,000
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9. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	2,809	22,700
Prepayments	3,461	3,193
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	6,270	25,893
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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	7,508	2,765
Accruals	498	480
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	8,006	3,245
	_____	_____

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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and membership subscriptions		195,911		205,702
Gift aid		11,247		26,199
Legacies		-		14,345
Essex lottery		2,554		1,790
SEIB award		-		250
RSPCA reimbursements		23,481		40,490
Fundraising		26,909		5,558
Bank interest		2,402		1,934
Student fees		120		-
		-----		-----
		262,624		296,268
EXPENDITURE				
Wages and salaries	126,967		106,654	
Social security costs	4,115		1,789	
Pension costs	1,774		1,494	
Staff and volunteer uniforms	1,041		1,030	
Staff and volunteer food	963		891	
University funding	-		4,000	
Vets and medical expenses	28,363		8,860	
Vet training and insurance	1,151		375	
Animal food and bedding	21,279		33,028	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	10,012		9,284	
Rates and water	4,768		3,316	
Insurance	1,987		1,971	
Light and heat	10,451		7,588	
Cleaning	5,296		6,878	
Office equipment	1,878		121	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,885		2,066	
Telephone	525		672	
Ambulance running costs	1,640		1,091	
Travel	275		-	
Accountancy	1,140		960	
Merchandise for resale	269		68	
Bank and transaction charges	409		-	
Miscellaneous	645		1,204	
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		227,833		193,340
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Net income for the year		34,791		102,928
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CHARITY INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Objectives and activities

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- To advance public education in the behaviour and ecology of all British Wildlife.
- To advance the public education of humane methods of control of foxes and other wild animals.
- The rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds.
- The training of professionals and students in the care and rehabilitation of wildlife.
- To advance the education of the public in the proper care and treatment of wildlife and habitat.
- To give presentations to interested groups detailing the history and work of the Sanctuary.

The Trustees are satisfied that the activities, projects and services it has carried out within the Report period have been according to charity's mandate and to the public benefit, with due regard to the fact that the period in question was during various national lockdown measures due to the Coronavirus pandemic and meant due restrictions to its operational practices for safety reasons.

Achievements and performance

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital Charity (The Charity) achieves the ongoing rescue, rehabilitation and release back into the wild of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife of all kinds for the benefit of the public by relieving the suffering of animals in need of care and medical attention and, subsequently, releasing them back into the wild.
- The Charity promotes humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and loss of habitat and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- The Charity offers shelter or sanctuary for animals which need medical attention; provides medical treatment for animals; and then actively seeks new homes for "rescued" animals.
- The Charity contributes to RSPCA and Police prosecutions of animal and wildlife cases.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

- The number of casualties passing through the doors of the hospital continues to grow and has increased every year since 2015. The calendar year of 2019 saw 6945 patients receive our help, which is an amazing 80% increase since 2015 and a 15% increase compared to 2018. Whilst this is great news for the animals we can help, it also results in very significant increased costs across the organisation particularly veterinary expenses, food and also in more staff being absolutely necessary to provide the high standards of care we pride ourselves on.
- Obviously, achievements have been constrained by Covid this year but it is worth noting that all personnel and volunteers managed to keep normal service running, whilst observing safe practices, during the pandemic, a credit to everyone involved.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

- Although fundraising activity was severely curtailed during 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, the wildlife hospital was robustly supported by donations (both in money and goods) from its loyal members, supporters and users. Whilst the 2020 figures show a small decrease of 4.2% from the income received in 2019, when exceptional income for both years is excluded (ie legacies and grants), income for the year 2020 actually showed an increase of 56.6% on the previous year. The fact that the hospital was able to make the required Covid adjustments in order to maintain a relatively normal service throughout this exceptional year was a large factor in maintaining the income level.
- Despite the increased costs of many of our essential supplies as a result of Covid and Brexit shortages, expenses increased by only 1.2 % on 2019, showing that the funds were prudently managed and with no compromise on the treatment of patients. At the same time, money was invested in the purchase of some valuable higher tech veterinary equipment (eg digital microscope), the re-stocking of the wild animal rescue/capture equipment, and some essential refurbishment of the premises.
- Overall, despite the uncertainty and restrictions of this challenging year, South Essex Wildlife Hospital surfaced with a healthy surplus of almost £103k for the year, leaving the Charity well placed for managing the ambiguity anticipated in 2021 and for funding improvements to its facilities.

Policy for holding reserves

- South Essex Wildlife Hospital aims to hold £235,000 to cover anticipated running costs for up to 12 months. This is based on an expensive month. These reserved funds will be kept in separate bank accounts and will be monitored on a monthly basis.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

- This will be reviewed by the Trustees annually (as a minimum) and may be increased or decreased as required at the Trustees' discretion. The reserved funds will only be used in an emergency and if the current account is running low (below £60,000), and for no other purpose.
- Remaining funds are Free Reserves which are intended for significant projects and upgrades/maintenance of the facilities at the Hospital.
- The Trustees believe this is the safest way to manage our funds and to ensure the security and efficiency of the charity.
- The total reserves held at 31st December 2020 were £456,466.

Principal sources of funds

- Public Donations and Gift Aid
- RSPCA Donations for Casualties
- Grant Applications
- Fundraising Appeals for Equipment
- Legacies

Principal risk facing the charity

- Local Land developments

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its trust deed. A new trustee may be appointed by the resolution/vote of the existing trustees recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and such evidence shall be conclusive evidence of his appointment.

Reference and administrative details

Details are set out on page 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 4 to 7, of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. Ayling FCA

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Chartered Accountants

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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 <u>Unrestricted</u> funds	2020 <u>Total</u> funds	2019 <u>Total</u> funds
<u>Incoming resources</u>	3			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		248,286	248,286	248,021
Charitable activities		40,490	40,490	36,631
Other trading activities		5,558	5,558	22,291
Investments		1,934	1,934	1,425
Other		-	-	964
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Total		296,268	296,268	309,332
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<u>Resources expended</u>	4			
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		191	191	4,717
Charitable activities		189,149	189,149	181,522
Other		4,000	4,000	4,800
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Total		193,340	193,340	191,039
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Net movement in funds		102,928	102,928	118,293
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>				
Total funds brought forward		353,538	353,538	235,245
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Total funds carried forward		456,466	456,466	353,538
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets			
Stocks	8	1,000	-
Debtors	9	25,893	-
Cash at bank and in hand		432,818	353,538
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Total current assets		459,711	353,538
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	3,245	-
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Net current assets		456,466	353,538
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Total net assets		456,466	353,538
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Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		456,466	353,538
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The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on 28th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. **Basis of preparation**

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

(b) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(c) Change of basis of accounting

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 have been prepared on the accruals accounting basis. The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 were prepared on the cash accounting basis.

2. **Accounting policies**

(a) Income

- income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability
- there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS 102
- grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met
- legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met
- Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the original donation unless the donor or the terms of appeal have specified otherwise

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Income (continued)

- contractual income is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related services
- income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably
- membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies
- insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income criteria are met and are included as an item of other income.

(b) Expenditure and liabilities

- liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty
- the charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
- a liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the transaction at the reporting date.

(c) Assets

- tangible fixed assets purchased since 1st January 2020 are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000
- stocks of animal feed and medical supplies are valued at cost
- debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

3. Analysis of income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations and membership subscriptions	207,742	106,509
Gift aid	26,199	12,212
Legacies	14,345	129,300
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	248,286	248,021
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31ST DECEMBER 2020

3.	Analysis of income (continued)		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Charitable activities:		
	RSPCA contributions towards costs	40,940	36,631
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	Other trading activities:		
	Fundraising	5,558	22,291
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	Investment income:		
	Bank interest	1,934	1,425
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	Other income:		
	Insurance claim	-	964
		-----	-----
4.	Analysis of expenditure		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Expenditure on raising funds:		
	Staging fundraising events	93	-
	Merchandise for resale	98	4,717
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		191	4,717
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	Expenditure on charitable activities:		
	Staff and volunteer costs (including uniforms and food)	111,858	94,702
	Medical costs	42,263	47,341
	Premises expenses	27,066	30,161
	Administration expenses	7,962	9,318
		-----	-----
		189,149	181,522
		-----	-----
	Other:		
	University funding	4,000	4,800
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5. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	480	-
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6. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2019 - £Nil).

7. Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	106,654	89,367
Social security costs	1,789	1,911
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,494	1,217
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	109,937	92,495
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8. Stocks

	2020	2019
	£	£
Animal feed	500	-
Medical supplies	500	-
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	1,000	-
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9. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors	22,700	-
Prepayments	3,193	-
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	25,893	-
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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Creditors	2,765	-
Accruals	480	-
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	3,245	-
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SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and membership subscriptions		205,702		102,676
Gift aid		26,199		12,212
Legacies		14,345		129,300
Essex lottery		1,790		1,833
SEIB award		250		2,000
RSPCA reimbursements		40,490		36,631
Fundraising		5,558		22,291
Bank interest		1,934		1,425
Insurance claim		-		964
		-----		-----
		296,268		309,332
 EXPENDITURE				
Wages and salaries	106,654		89,367	
Social security costs	1,789		1,911	
Pension costs	1,494		1,217	
Staff and volunteer uniforms	1,030		305	
Staff and volunteer food	891		1,902	
University funding	4,000		4,800	
Vets and medical expenses	8,860		18,413	
Vet training and insurance	375		1,996	
Animal food and bedding	33,028		26,932	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	9,284		9,162	
Rates and water	3,316		4,829	
Insurance	1,971		1,705	
Light and heat	7,588		10,272	
Cleaning	6,878		5,898	
Office equipment	121		899	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,066		2,438	
Telephone	672		948	
Ambulance running costs	1,091		1,941	
Accountancy	960		-	
Merchandise for resale	68		4,717	
Miscellaneous	1,204		1,387	
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		193,340		191,039
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Net income for the year		102,928		118,293
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