

Cuan Wildlife Rescue



Report and Accounts

31st December 2023

Registered Charity Number 1096812

CUAN WILDLIFE RESCUE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Principal address and registered office

Cuan Wildlife Rescue
Stretton Road
Much Wenlock
Shropshire
TF13 6DD

Trustees

Mr James Ashley
Mr Doug Hughes
Mr Andrew Woodhouse
Ms Anna Morris-Jones
Mr Simon Vaughan
Mr Simon Morris

Manager

Ms Anna Morris-Jones

Founder

Megan Morris-Jones

Bankers

Barclays Bank
44/46 Castle Street
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 2BU

Legal Status

Charity registration number – 1096812
Established under Trust deed dated 2nd April 2003

CUAN WILDLIFE RESCUE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

STUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Cuan Wildlife Rescue is a registered charity constituted under a Deed of Trust (dated 2nd April 2003). Registered charity number 1096812.

Governance

The Charity is governed by the Trustees and meetings are held as and when required but at least annually. Additional Trustees can be appointed by the existing Trustees. All newly appointed Trustees and existing Trustees are reminded of their responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the major risks which face the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the effect of those risks. The matter will be kept under review.

Organisation

The Trustees meet as necessary to discuss the affairs and management of the charity. The trustees are happy to leave the day to day running of the charity to the Manager, Anna Morris-Jones. In the event of any single item of expenditure in excess of £1000, this is presented to the Trustees for their decision.

The aims and objectives of the charity continue to be;

- To relieve the suffering of sick wild animals by;***
 - Rescuing, caring for and rehabilitating injured, orphaned or distressed wild animals***
- To advance the education of the public in the care and rehabilitation of wild animals***
- To undertake research or assist others undertaking research in the field of wildlife rehabilitation.***

Cuan Wildlife Rescue is a Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre where we take in sick, injured or orphaned wild animals and birds, with the aim of nursing them back to health. Once fully recovered, great emphasis is placed on returning them back to the area from where they came, where they may have a mate waiting, or where at least they will be familiar with their territory or hunting-ground.

We are the only centre in Shropshire open all day all year round – and out of hours for emergencies – where a wildlife casualty will receive on arrival immediate first-aid treatment in the form of pain relief, fluid therapy, warmth and treatment for shock as appropriate. We work closely with the Severn Edge Veterinary Centre.

Achievements

2023 saw Avian Flu return but not in the same amounts as in previous years. Some restrictions were still in place but we were able to admit all birds, after screening, over the winter months which is good to see. Sadly on a national scale, it is likely that thousands of birds have died from this though which will have a large impact on the ecosystem for many species.

We admitted 5420 animals and birds in 2023, which was an increase from 2022 figures. As we are admitting all birds during this period, this has had a noticeable effect. We saw a marked increase in Hedgehogs with over 1500 in 2023. This is a significant increase from 2022, many coming in very sick and with a high parasite burden. We also had an increase in deer, with 72 being admitted during this time. This is mostly in the winter months and sadly because of road traffic collisions their injuries are often too severe to survive.

Worryingly we have seen a decrease from 2020 in the number of garden birds being admitted, these include blackbirds, blue tits, thrushes, great tits and all members of the finch family. If this downwards trend continues, it will influence other species in our ecosystem.

We received over 20,000 calls directly to our wildlife hospital, answering over a thousand via email and social media messenger groups.

We once again worked closely with other rescue centres including RSPCA Stapeley Grange and West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue.

Due to the increase in the number of admissions and calls regarding injured wildlife and the volume of young animals and birds that required feeding during the summer months, we employed extra workers from May to September. The hours covered by staff were 106 per week. This enabled the wildlife hospital to be staffed from 7am until 10pm seven days a week. Outside these hours, finders are advised to email or message on social media where volunteers pick up messages and can give advice or arrange a rescue ensuring a 24/7 rescue response to injured, orphaned or sick wildlife.

We are lucky to have some wonderful volunteers working with us, who give up one or two days a week to help with the wildlife. During the summer, this number increases due to the increase in work. As well as volunteers, we also provide placements for work experience students from schools, colleges, and universities. The placements range from two weeks to a year. We currently have some students from Harper Adams on a year's work experience placement with us, and offer this every year. We enjoy working with the students as we believe education plays a vital part in the future of wildlife rehabilitation and conservation.

We held some of our main fundraising events during the summer months. The Open day and Dog Show in July was a great success, even though the day was slightly wet (!) it did not put the public off who came to support our main fundraising event. The Vintage Vehicle and Craft fair went ahead in August and wasn't quite as wet! Again, this was very popular and raised funds as well as awareness. We held other events throughout the year including Wildlife Photographer of the Year and monthly Quiz nights at a local pub, The Fox in Much Wenlock, who support us.

Our charity shop in Much Wenlock is continuing to be successful, and provides the charity with a regular income each month. We have two part time managers who are supported by a lovely team of volunteers, many who have been with us since it opened. The volunteers are a vital aspect in the running of the shop, and the time and work they put in is very much appreciated. Our second shop in Shrewsbury has done pleasingly this year. Again, we have two part time managers and a wonderful group of volunteers who help for a few hours each week, we very much appreciate them.

During 2023, we have received grants from several trusts including, The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, Rose Animal Welfare Trust, Animal Defence Trust, William Dean Trust, Alan and Karen Grieve Charitable Trust and The Hobson Charity. We are incredibly grateful to all the trusts who have awarded us money. Due to the demand from animal admissions and working practices, in 2023 we will be seeking other grants for a second hospital building and operating costs.

Donations of food for the wildlife from members of the public and businesses amounted to approximately £29,182.76. Having this amount donated makes a huge difference to our running costs and we are very grateful to all those who donated.

We continue to deliver talks to adult groups around the county as well as educational talks to school children and other youth groups.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £540,523.54

Expenses for the year were £463,413.78

This gives a profit of £77,109.76

Major Sources of income for the year:

Charity Shops	£160,639.17
Membership/Sponsorship	£1,263.00
Donations	£108,682.26
Legacies	£164,865.71
Events	£23,376.35
Sales	£10,411.77
Interest	£593.28
Standing orders	£14,692.00
Trusts and Grants	£56,000.00

The figure for donations is pleasing, as is the one for standing orders. The charity shops have been successful, the Much Wenlock one especially.

We received two large legacies in 2023, for which we are very grateful to be remembered in such a way.

Major expenses for the year:

Charity Shops	£100,956.04
Food	£7,516.53
Fundraising and Publicity	£25,644.46
Building & Maintenance & Equipment	£50,425.02
Sundries	£5,166.24
Vet Bills	£12,718.38
Staff Wages	£136,998.84
PAYE, Nat Ins, Emp Ins, Pensions	£32,758.37
Transport	£9,790.58
Utilities	£7,002.43
Telephone & Postage	£734.41
Other Direct Charitable Costs	£6,619.19
Other Management and Admin Costs	£67,083.29

Payroll costs continue to account for a large percentage of the charity's expenses. There is an increase this year with the addition of more members of staff throughout the summer months due to admission numbers constantly rising. We aim to keep salary costs as low as possible whilst ensuring that our employees are appropriately remunerated for their work.

In summary, the Trustees feel the charity's financial position is stable and the end of year surplus is good news. As year-on-year expenses continue to increase it will be necessary to continue to closely monitor costs, particularly around wages and building costs. It is necessary to continue to seek funding from existing and new sources in order to continue to maintain and improve facilities.

Future Plans for 2024

- To continue to provide our care and rehabilitation services for injured wildlife.
- To further improve facilities for the care and rehabilitation of casualties at each stage of their care.
- To continue to provide a good learning environment for students and other work experience placements.
- To continue to raise funds for the day to day running of the wildlife centre.
- To secure the charity shop in Much Wenlock.
- To continue to run the charity shop in Shrewsbury and evaluate its location.
- To look to secure quotes for a second hospital building as overflow as well as specialist Bat rehabilitation facilities, education room and accommodation for staff/students (planning has been approved).

Reserves Policy

Financial reserves are necessary to support the charity in case of difficulty. However, the charity is solely reliant upon donations, charity shop income, grants and legacies to build the reserve level. At the end of the year the charity held reserves to continue for up to 5 months. It is agreed that the reserves need to be increased this year if funding permits.

Related parties

There are no related party transactions for within the charity.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

For and on behalf of the Trustees of
Cuan Wildlife Rescue

Anna Morris-Jones – Trustee
Date – 04-06-2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME

Donations	£108,682.26
Legacies Receivable	£164,865.71
Bank Interest received	£593.28
Miscellaneous Income	£105,743.12
Charity Shop Income	£160,639.17
TOTAL	<u>£540,523.54</u>

EXPENDITURE

Direct Charitable Costs	£269,729.99
Management and Administration	£67,083.29
Fundraising and Publicity	£25,644.46
Charity Shop Expenses	£100,956.04
TOTAL	<u>£463,413.78</u>

PROFIT FOR THE YEAR **£77,109.76**

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 2023

Fixed assets - please see note on page 10

£

Tangible assets	174,476.17
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Current Assets

£

Cash at bank and in hand	220,032.55
Animal food stocks	4,500
Animal equipment	10,000
Other stock	2,500
	237,032.55

TOTAL ASSETS

£411,508.72

Cuan Wildlife Rescue Asset Register 2023

Asset – Fixed assets include land, buildings, equipment or any item over £100 when bought or donated.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are included at cost and Cuan Wildlife have adopted a policy to depreciate all fixed assets except freehold land, hospital building and permanent structures. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful economic life.

New hospital and permanent buildings – 20 years' straight line

Plant and machinery – 25% straight line

Office equipment – 25% straight line

	Land and Buildings £	Plant, Machinery etc £	Other £	TOTAL £
As of 31st Dec, 2023	165,711.97	8,082.30	681.90	174,476.17

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Cuan Wildlife Rescue

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1096812

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31-12-2022.

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 [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27-6-23

Name:

N. A. PARK

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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