



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
		01	11	2022			31	10	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

St Mary's Horse Refuge

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1101405

Charity's principal address

35 Central Avenue

Rochford

Essex

Postcode

SS3 3BQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	D Saunders	Chairman		AGM
2	C Balding			AGM
3	K Johnson	Treasurer		AGM
4	F Moule			AGM
5	J Charlesworth			AGM
6	Dr F Watson			AGM
7	S Hatton			AGM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome horses of no commercial value. The horses are also used for educational activities of benefit to the local community (for no charge).

The rehoming of horses that would otherwise have been terminated and the continued care of horses in our guardianship.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers have given invaluable support to us at the refuge and in our charity shops

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Continued rehoming of horses, providing community support services and dealing with young probationers.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To keep a healthy bank balance to enable the charity to help more animals and also to cope with unexpected veterinarian fees.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	D Saunders	K Johnson
Full name(s)	Digby Saunders	Karen Johnson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	28/10/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Mary's Horse Refuge

1101405

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/11/2022

To

Period end date
31/10/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Shop takings	63,076	-	-	63,076	62,782
Rags	5,443	-	-	5,443	5,544
Donations	9,308	-	-	9,308	1,683
Bank Interest	2,318	-	-	2,318	200
Legacy gift	15,000	-	-	15,000	178,868
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	95,145	-	-	95,145	249,077
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	95,145	-	-	95,145	249,077
A3 Payments					
Horse Care & Transport	17,637	-	-	17,637	15,354
Field & Shop rental	35,222	-	-	35,222	34,709
Insurance	3,422	-	-	3,422	3,037
Repairs and Renewals	872	-	-	872	1,112
Rates & Water	1,285	-	-	1,285	1,194
Light & Heat	7,393	-	-	7,393	7,151
Telephone	1,087	-	-	1,087	1,184
Outside workers	22,384	-	-	22,384	19,311
Sundry Expenses	1,374	-	-	1,374	2,231
Sub total	90,676	-	-	90,676	85,283
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	90,676	-	-	90,676	85,283
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,469	-	-	4,469	163,794
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	285,609	-	-	285,609	121,815
Cash funds this year end	290,078	-	-	290,078	285,609

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	281,578	-	-
	Cash	7,500	-	-
	Rental deposits	1,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	290,078	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	D Saunders	Digby Saunders	28/10/2024	
	K Johnson	Karen Johnson	28/10/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
St Mary's Horse Refuge

On accounts for the year
ended

31st October 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1101405

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: D P Garside

Date: 28/10/2024

Name: Daniel Paul Garside

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

Rickard Luckin

7 Nelson Street, Southend-on-sea, Essex, SS1 1EH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I have previously recommended that the charity undertake monthly rather than annual reconciliations of the cash & bank account. This remains something that has not been addressed. This will assist the treasurer in understanding if they have missing income or expenditure on a more regular basis. My concern is that the charity is susceptible to loss of income without a more robust control environment being in place.

Also the charity continues to combine cheques into one column of analysis. This adds work to the year-end process and therefore it is recommended that the finance team sub analyse the cheques into the correct respective headings.

I would also recommend that the charity consider using cloud software in order to keep their records which would further assist the control of the finances as well as the ability to report accurately into the trustees on a more regular basis and to aid the production of the year-end financial statements.

The above commentary still stands from the previous year. It is imperative that the charity takes the recommended course of action.