

Trustees Annual Report 2023-2024

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Finances

Sadly, due to health reasons, we have lost our major sponsor who has been sponsoring us for over 15 years. Despite attempts to find a new sponsor to date we have not been successful. We have received two small legacies.

Expenses

We have invested in a lot of new equipment, as with changing environment we are having to adapt to new demands. Specialised equipment includes a new incubator and a large vivarium with infra-red heat and humidity control for various baby animals and birds.

Existing pens continue to be maintained and enriched and new environments to facilitate the care of increased numbers of swans, water birds. The expense of tree maintenance is now much less due to a stalwart group of professional volunteers.

Employees and Volunteers

We now have 2 full-time and 1 part-time employees.

We also have excellent volunteers who help in the hospital, and a volunteer who helps us by doing vet collections and some small animal rescues. Another is helping with the maintenance and rebuild work on our pens, enclosures and grounds.

We also have a working party volunteering every three months, comprising 4 professional environmentalists/conservationists and a professional tree surgeon who are helping remove dead and damaged trees and clearing areas that have become overgrown to create different habitats and biodiversity.

Admissions

There have been increased admissions again this year, specifically hedgehogs, swans and gulls. Hedgehogs are suffering from loss of habitat and climate change causing them to become stressed and compromising their immune systems. Hibernation patterns are being impacted by warmer winters with regular cold snaps causing them to repeatedly hibernate and wake, which is very damaging to their energy reserves. Swan admissions vary from fishing tackle incidents, lead poisoning from lead shot and discarded fishing weights, as well as water-borne diseases with sewage and agricultural run-off into our waterways. Gulls continue to lose their natural nesting places and are increasingly nesting on roofs, from which they are vulnerable to falling off into roads and habited areas. Cat attack birds and small mammals continue to be admitted in large numbers. The BTO now ring and tag all our gulls, birds of prey, water birds and rarer species. The tags can be read with binoculars thus increasing the amount of data available about movements while the birds are still alive. We continue to maintain strict biosecurity, not only to protect the staff from COVID and any

other diseases, but in awareness of the ongoing problems with bird flu, although this year does seem to have seen fewer reported cases.

Education

We continue to issue monthly newsletter, which both carries updates on Wildlives' work, but also gives advice on wildlife and conservation issues, giving publicity to the impact of human activity and increasing awareness, e.g. admissions with fishing hooks embedded, animals impacted by dumped rubbish, hedgehogs injured by strimmers and other garden equipment etc. This is distributed to thousands of homes via local magazines, our web site, and facebook. The local, and sometimes national, press often carry articles about our work and animals. In addition to the newsletter many articles are posted on facebook, showing releases as well as warning of the consequences of irresponsible behaviour.

During opening hours our helpline gives advice to the public and vets nationwide.

Rosie has done numerous interviews on local radio and TV this year to highlight the problems our wildlife is experiencing and how the public can help.

We have increased our activity on lobbying on environmental issues.

Vets

We continue to use Colne Valley vets and are extremely happy with their support for all our sick and injured wild animals and birds.

Future plans

Our environmental team is looking forward to starting work to rejuvenate our wildlife lake.

Wildlives intends to continue to provide the best possible care, treatment and eventual rehabilitation back into the wild to all the animals and birds admitted to the centre.

We will continue to provide advice to the public and vets through our newsletter, helpline, facebook and public talks on how to help individual animals and how to protect our wildlife as a whole to preserve our animals and birds for future generations.

Wildlives will provide our staff and volunteers with comprehensive training in the care and conservation of wildlife.

We will continue our environmental lobbying and where possible increase it, and will publicise the fact that we are one of the worst countries in the world for loss of habitat and biodiversity.

Signature of the Trustees:

Rosie Catford (Chairperson) _____

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Kathy Jinkings (Trustee) _____

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Beverley Holben (Treasurer) _____



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wildlives Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

No (if any)
1104167

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/6/2023

To

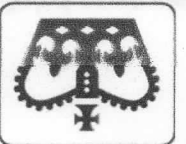
Period end date
4/5/2024

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					
Bank receipts	92,209	-	-	92,209	45,806
Cash receipts	2,245	-	-	2,245	2,519
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	94,454	-	-	94,454	48,325
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	94,454	-	-	94,454	48,325
A3 Payments					
Animal care	10,494	-	-	10,494	9,263
Administration & publicity	48	-	-	48	53
Insurance	6,061	-	-	6,061	6,061
Repairs & maintenace	11,271	-	-	11,271	5,100
Utilities	2,290	-	-	2,290	2,863
Volunteer subsidiies	-	-	-	-	54
Transport	937	-	-	937	814
HMRC	3,510	-	-	3,510	907
Nest pensions	-	-	-	-	209
Wages	27,326	-	-	27,326	12,725
Consumables/cleaning	257	-	-	257	127
Sub total	62,194	-	-	62,194	38,176
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,194	-	-	62,194	38,176
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,260	-	-	32,260	10,149
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	120,520	-	-	120,520	110,371
Cash funds this year end	152,780	-	-	152,780	120,520

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	Lloyds bank account	137,780	-	-
	Coop bank account	15,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	152,780	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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	



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Independent examiners'
report on the accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Wildlives Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre
Charity Name

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1104167

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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 DD / MM / YYYY.
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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.
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:

Date:

28/1/25

Name:

John Heddie

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

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