

Trustees' Report – Wildlives Wildlife Rescue Centre – 2024-2025

Finances

Despite continued efforts, we have unfortunately been unable to secure a new major sponsor this year. We remain committed to pursuing sponsorship opportunities. Donations from the general public have continued to decline, likely influenced by the current economic climate.

Expenses

We continue to maintain and enrich our existing pens and have developed new environments to accommodate the growing number of swans and water birds in our care. Tree maintenance costs have significantly decreased thanks to a dedicated group of professional volunteers.

Regrettably, the individual previously responsible for maintenance and reconstruction of our pens, enclosures, and grounds caused more damage than repairs and is no longer working with us.

Employees and Volunteers

We currently employ one full-time and one part-time staff members. Our team of volunteers remains invaluable, with individuals assisting in the hospital, conducting vet collections, and performing small animal rescues.

Additionally, every three months, a working party of four professional environmentalists/conservationists and a qualified tree surgeon volunteers their time to remove dead and damaged trees and clear overgrown areas. Their work is helping to create diverse habitats and promote biodiversity.

Admissions

Admissions have increased again this year, particularly among hedgehogs, swans, and gulls.

- **Hedgehogs** are suffering due to habitat loss and climate change, which is causing stress and weakening their immune systems. Warmer winters with intermittent cold snaps are disrupting their hibernation cycles, forcing them to repeatedly wake and re-enter hibernation, severely depleting their energy reserves.
- **Swans** are admitted for a range of issues including injuries from fishing tackle, lead poisoning from discarded lead shot and fishing weights, and waterborne diseases linked to sewage and agricultural runoff.
- **Gulls** are increasingly nesting on rooftops due to the loss of natural nesting sites, making them vulnerable to falling into roads and populated areas.
- **Cat attacks** on birds and small mammals continue to result in a high number of admissions.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) now rings and tags all our gulls, birds of prey, water birds, and rarer species. These tags can be read with binoculars, allowing for valuable data collection on bird movements while they are still alive.

We continue to uphold strict biosecurity protocols to protect staff from COVID-19 and other diseases, and to mitigate the risk of avian flu. Encouragingly, this year has seen fewer reported cases of bird flu.

Education and Outreach

Our monthly newsletter provides updates on Wildlives' work and offers advice on wildlife and conservation issues. It highlights the impact of human activity, such as animals injured by fishing hooks, garden equipment, and dumped rubbish. The newsletter is distributed to thousands of homes via local magazines, our website, and Facebook.

We regularly post articles and updates on Facebook, including animal releases and educational content about the consequences of irresponsible behaviour. Our helpline remains active during opening hours, offering advice to the public and veterinary professionals nationwide.

Rosie has conducted numerous interviews on local radio and television this year, raising awareness of the challenges facing wildlife and how the public can help. We have also increased our lobbying efforts on environmental issues.

Veterinary Support

We continue to work with Colne Valley Vets and are extremely grateful for their outstanding support in treating our sick and injured wild animals and birds.

Future Plans

Our environmental team is preparing to begin rejuvenation work on our wildlife lake. We also plan to build another swan enclosure with a pond for isolation to meet demand from an increased number of swan admissions.

Wildlives remains committed to providing the highest standards of care, treatment, and rehabilitation for all animals and birds admitted to the centre. We will continue to offer advice to the public and veterinary professionals through our newsletter, helpline, Facebook page, and public talks.

We are dedicated to equipping our staff and volunteers with comprehensive training in wildlife care and conservation. Our environmental lobbying efforts will continue—and where possible, expand—as we strive to raise awareness of the UK's critical 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)



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/6/2024		4/5/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Bank receipts	48,548	-	-	48,548
Cash receipts	2,494	-	-	2,494
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,042	-	-	51,042
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,042	-	-	51,042
A3 Payments				
Animal care	13,693	-	-	13,693
Administration & publicity	-	-	-	-
Insurance	6,531	-	-	6,531
Equipment	40	-	-	40
Repairs & maintenance	6,534	-	-	6,534
Utilities	2,621	-	-	2,621
Volunteer Subsidies	6	-	-	6
Transport	1,032	-	-	1,032
Cleaning (including Covid precautions)	-	-	-	-
Wages	38,411	-	-	38,411
HMRC	3,346	-	-	3,346
Nest Pensions	451	-	-	451
Bank charges	168	-	-	168
Sub total	72,832	-	-	72,832
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,832	-	-	72,832

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 21,790	-	-	- 21,790
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	152,780	-	-	152,780
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	130,990	-	-	130,990

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank account	115,990	-
	Co-op Bank account	15,000	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	130,990	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	

B5 Liabilities

		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

<i>BHolben</i>	Beverley Holben

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Last year

to the nearest £

92,209
2,245
-
-
-
-
-
-
94,454

-
-

94,454

10,494
48
6,061
-
11,271
2,290
-
937
257
27,326
3,510
-
-
62,194

-

62,194

32,260
-
120,520
152,780



**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

-
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**Current value
(optional)**

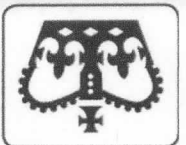
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval
11/1/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Independent examiner's
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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1104167

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 Clarke

Date:

5 Nov 2025

Name:

DIANE MARGARET CLARKE

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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