

**Trustees' annual report for the period
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**

Hectors Gate Animal Charity

Registered Charity No. 1105874

208 Heath Road
Orsett
Grays
Essex
RM16 3AP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Elaine Frances Wood Founder
John Clive Boocock
Heather Louise Leeman

The above trustees served throughout the year.

Names and addresses of advisors

Bank

Santander Business Banking Operations, Sunderland, SR43 4FW

Veterinary Services - Equine

House and Jackson, Rookery Road, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0LE

Veterinary Services - Small animals

Riverside Veterinary Group, 23 Southend Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5NH

Medivet Corringham, 31 Springhouse Road, Corringham, Essex SS17 7QS

Mobile Farrier

Carl Butler Ltd. DIP WDF 17 Hill Lane, Hockley, Essex 4HL

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an Unincorporated association and the trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in September. The sanctuary was originally set up in 1998 and received Charity Commission status in 2004.

Objectives

The charity is a non profit making organisation that aims to relieve suffering and neglect of abandoned and abused animals whilst providing a life time sanctuary and end of life care. A wide range of animals are cared for including horses, ponies, cats, dogs, poultry, rabbits and ferrets.

Main Activities

The charity has a Facebook Group page with around 0.8k members who mainly reside in the Thurrock area. The aim is to promote animal husbandry, care and dietary requirements relating to a variety of health and medical needs. The progress of individual animals that come into our care are regularly featured.

We are extremely grateful to our onsite volunteers who assist with the care and feeding of our animals along with the general maintenance and upkeep of shelters and fencing.

We are also very thankful for our bespoke offsite fund raising volunteers who organise boot sales, run raffles and source items suitable to be sold on behalf of the charity.

None of our volunteers receive any remuneration or expenses for the work they do.

Achievements and events during the year.

After the fund raising opportunities that were curtailed last year due to covid restrictions we resurrected a number of local fund raising events. A dog show raised £761 whilst a ghost walk around Orsett which ended up at a local pub contributed £378. Donations were also boosted by a campaign to sign up more regular monthly donations.

Each year we adopt between 20 and 30 commercial farm hens which have reached the end of their productive laying years which would otherwise be euthanised and passed into the food chain.

We are are thankful to a number of local members of the public who regularly donate cat and dog food.

Financial review and reserves

Cash at bank on 30 June 2023 was £28k in unrestricted funds. The main funding for the charity comes from members of the public who make small monthly donations. The main financial risk to the charity comes from the loss of donations from the founder and one volunteer who make larger donations to bolster funds.

Funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Additional information

The charity is not open to the public due to lack of car parking space and to protect our animals from undue stress following mental scarring from previous experiences before arriving at the sanctuary. Regular donators are always welcome by prior appointment if they wish to visit.

Future

The future is business as normal. We will continue to look after animals that have been abandoned and abused which have been taken into our care.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: *E. Wood*

Full Name: Elaine Frances Wood

Position: Founder

Date: 5 September 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts
Report to the trustees of Hectors Gate Animal Charity
On accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145(5)(b) of the Act as set out on page 4 and 5

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:

- 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.

Signed: M.R.Martin

Date: 5 September 2025

Name: Mark Rae Martin

Qualification: CGMA

Address: 2 Blackthorne Close
Bulphan
Upminster
Essex RM14 3ED

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Section A Receipts and payments accounts for the period
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

All receipts and payments are unrestricted funds

A1 Receipts		2023	2022
		£	£
Donations and fund raising		26,179	12,318
Legacies		-	-
Sub total		26,179	12,318
A2 Asset and Investment Sales		-	-
Total receipts		26,179	12,318

A3 Payments		£	£
Large animal feed		10,138	9,802
Small animal feed		2,491	2,730
Veterinary and medical expenses		2,581	936
Hay		2,150	920
Farrier expenses		2,677	3,066
Van expenses			206
Miscellaneous expenses		1,350	96
Sub total		21,982	17,756
A4 Asset and Investment purchases		-	-
Total payments		21,982	17,756

		£	£
Net of receipts/(payments)		4,197	(5,438)
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		23,823	29,261
Cash funds this year end		28,020	23,823

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

All assets and liabilities are unrestricted funds

			£
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank		28,020
B2 Other monetary assets			-
B3 Investments assets			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
B5 Liabilities			-

The land, temporary buildings and equipment are all owned by the founder who allows the charity to use free of any rent or encumbrances. The founder runs and manages the charity as her vocation and willingness to help neglected, abandoned and abused animals.

Signed (on behalf of the trustees) *E. Wood* Elaine Frances Wood