

# Trustee Annual Report

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Year end 30th June 2021

**Mrs C Hennegan, Ms S Baker, Mrs J Gale**

10/03/2022

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 30th June 2021 including general charity operations and financial overview

# **Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue & Rehome**

## ***Trustees' Annual Report - Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021***

### **Reference and Administration Details**

**Charity registration** - 26 Diddington Lane, Hampton in Arden, B92 0BZ

**Trustees:** 3 - Mrs C Hennegan, Ms Sarah Baker, Mrs J Gale

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document:** Constitution

**Charity constitution:** Association

**Trustee selection method:** Appointed by existing trustees at trustees' meetings

### **Objectives and Activities**

Fat Fluffs is a rabbit rescue and sanctuary based in Hampton in Arden in the West Midlands. We take in all sorts of rabbits and as far as possible we find them loving forever homes. For those with more challenging personalities or continuing health problems we provide sanctuary for them here and they stay as part of the family.

### **Public Benefit**

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 makes owners & keepers responsible for the welfare needs of animals (place to live, suitable diet, normal behaviour, and protection from pain, injury, suffering & disease) as well as making cruelty unlawful. With an ever increasing number of rabbits currently in rescue throughout UK, estimates stand at 60,000 to date, we see the public benefit of the work of FF as follows:-

- Providing rescue places for unwanted, abandoned & abused rabbits surrendered by the public
- Providing long-term foster care & vet treatment for rabbits with on-going health or behaviour issues surrendered by the public unable to meet the cost of continual treatment
- Give the opportunity of rehome for rabbits to those wishing to provide a permanent, loving home
- Give the opportunity of companionship to individuals or families
- Promoting Rabbit Welfare to the public to educate & raise awareness of their responsibility to meet the needs of rabbits in their care
- Providing advice & support to adopters and the general public on all rabbit welfare matters
- Reducing the number of unwanted rabbits by neutering all incomers to help reduce abandonment and ill-treatment in future

## **Review of Year – Achievements and Performance**

### ***Financial Review***

This year, as with all small organisations, we have seen a change to our operations due to the ongoing global pandemic. Despite the pandemic our regular supporters have remained faithful to us financially and we have managed to keep our finances steady. We continue to work hard to ensure we maintain a positive relationship with Solihull Council, continuing to meet their expectations and those of our neighbours.

Despite the difficulties we have continued to work hard to control the day to day running costs of the rescue which we have achieved with the help of our ever faithful volunteers and we continue to see the number of rabbits coming into our rescue and be rehomed remain steady. We have seen a positive advance in animal welfare and general overall health of our rabbits with the assistance of our medical staff member although our permanent resident number has stayed the same due to additions and some losses.

### ***Charitable Activities – Rescue, Rehome & Sanctuary***

Our sanctuary rabbit group of Fat Fluffs, as mentioned above, has remained steady in number and currently stands at 10, each with ongoing health and behavioural issues. We still have just the 1 permanent foster rabbit bringing the total number of permanent residents under our care to 11. Our rehoming figures have remained steady this last year and we remain in a good position to manage our ever increasing number of rabbits on our waiting list. We have, for the sixth year running now, been able to ensure we keep it open for the entirety of the year by keeping the number of rabbits waiting to below 55 with the hope that, despite people starting to slowly go back to work, we won't see an exponential rise in the number of unwanted pets follow.

All our rabbits are neutered and vaccinated and receive any necessary required vet treatment. We continue to have a good relationship with Vets4Pets in Shirley and Damson House vets who support us with our more difficult cases. We also have the invaluable support of Rebecca at Oaks Vets in Cotteridge, who excels at bunny tooth care and continues to be unimpressed with some of the states of the new rabbits coming in. We operate with a "quality of life" ethic and all our rabbits are cared for and treated as long as we, and their vet, feel they have this. We will not let a rabbit suffer unnecessarily and have sadly had to let a few of our long term, and very special, rabbits go this year.

This year our trustee team remains at 3 trustees and 3 core team committee members who continue to work hard to keep the running of all the areas of the rescue efficient and safe. We are now currently running the rescue with 1 full time staff members on furlough and a team of volunteers.

Our team has changed somewhat with Sophie being on furlough for much of the year and Lucy finding another job elsewhere so leaving us in July. Jo found herself unable to travel home when the lockdown restrictions were brought in, and as a self employed member of staff, we agreed to terminate her employment so we could find someone who could take over the position on a permanent basis.

Due to the ongoing restrictions and lack of boarding income, we have yet to find the right people to replace these positions and one of our trustees has been covering the health care position on a voluntary basis being able to do so due to their own personal reduced hours at work and one of our committee team members, who is retired, has been supporting the managing of the rescue.

Again this year our team of volunteers have excelled themselves and many who were on furlough or reduced hours or who volunteered weekly anyway gave up their time to ensure the care of the animals was maintained. We changed our visitation policies and, as restrictions at the vets started to lift we not only continued to take in any serious cases to ensure we did our bit to ensure as many animals as possible didn't suffer for the lockdown but we also able to open up for animals that had been on our list a while.

This year more than ever we are indebted to everyone, employees & volunteers alike, for their on-going commitment, continued hard work and support they give to Fat Fluffs. Everyone involved is key to the existence and growth of Fat Fluffs and we could not have achieved the things we have so far without their help.



### **Activities for generating funds – Fundraising events & initiatives and Trading**

This year we have had no income from fundraising due to ongoing restrictions. It has made little difference to our net finance as the current situation has also meant we have been restricted on the amount of vets visits we can have and our expenditure, as a result, has remained lower meaning our overall accounts reflect little change.

### **Reserves Policy**

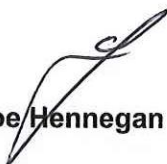
We have our reserve set to the equivalent to 6 months operating costs, allowing for the additional staffing costs, at £25,000 to cover periods of difficulty encountered. This amount will be reviewed periodically at trustees' meetings with a view to increasing the overall reserve to cover 12 months of operating costs should it be deemed necessary and viable. As a team last year we agreed we need to look at the possibility of moving site again and so the allocated £60,000 remains in a restricted fund to facilitate this. Consideration of the reserve amount will continue to be taken into account with regards to this allocation whether it be returned funds or saleable assets should it be required.

### **Declaration:**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:**

**Signature:**



**Full name: Chloe Hennegan**

**Position: Trustee**

**Signature:**



**Full name: Jackie Gale**

**Position: Trustee**

**Signature:**



**Full name: Sarah Baker**

**Position: Trustee**



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

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### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Direct Donations	13,530.00	-	-	13,530	-
Indirect Donations	16,165.00	-	-	16,165	-
Gift Aid	20.00	-	-	20	-
Other	98.00	-	-	98	-
Rabbit Adoption	16,456.00	-	-	16,456	-
Rabbit Surrender	1,758.00	-	-	1,758	-
Bonding	3,748.00	-	-	3,748	-
Vet cost repayment	27.00	-	-	27	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>51,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,802</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>51,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,802</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Merchandise Purchases	378	-	-	378	-
Other	360	-	-	360	-
Vet fees	14,898	-	-	14,898	-
Rabbit Upkeep	530	-	-	530	-
Rents & Utilities	5,893	-	-	5,893	-
Equipment & Assets	1,632	-	-	1,632	-
Wages & transportation	115	-	-	115	-
Rescue Upkeep	356	-	-	356	-
Stationary Printing & Postage	218	-	-	218	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,422</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,422</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31/12/2022

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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

### B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

### B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

### B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

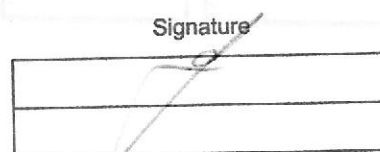
### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

### B5 Liabilities

	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
	C HENNEGAN	13/04/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1124870

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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**

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:** 13/04/2022

**Name:**

John Linn

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

FCA

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