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# Trustee Annual Report

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Year end 30th June 2023

Mrs C Hennegan, Ms J Bell, Mr M Johnson

18/11/2023

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Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 30th June 2023 including general charity operations and financial overview

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# **Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue & Rehome**

## ***Trustees' Annual Report - Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023***

### **Reference and Administration Details**

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

**Trustees:** 3 - Mrs C Hennegan, Ms Jocelyn Bell, Mr Martin Johnson

### **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 67,000+ 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 we have seen a steady requirement for rehoming and a sharp rise in boarding requests as people continue to take advantage of being able to take holidays. Our regular supporters continue to remain faithful to us financially and we have kept 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 new neighbours. We have found relationships with the local community have again improved this last year and we continue to strive to maintain this.

We continue 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 as we see the number of rabbits coming into our rescue increase. We have seen a positive advance in animal welfare and general overall health of our rabbits with the assistance of our medical staff member and our permanent resident number of rabbits has remained steady due to additions and some losses.

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

Our sanctuary rabbit group of Fat Fluffs, as mentioned above, has increased and decreased again in number and currently stands at 11, each with ongoing health and behavioural issues. Our rehoming figures have stayed 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 kept it open for the entirety of the year but have seen a rise in the number of requests to be added and the list currently stands at 85 applicants with varying numbers of rabbit to surrender.

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 we 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 has increased to 3 trustees and 5 core team committee members who continue to work hard to keep the running of all the areas of the rescue efficient and safe. We have found a new site manager who has fitted into the team with ease and has hit the ground running. We are delighted to be in a position where we are now running the rescue with 3 full time staff members. They are a great team and a credit to the rescue.

Our foster co-ordinator, has really taken the role to a new level this year and we have been able to expand and accommodate more rabbits due to the growing team of foster volunteers taking our rabbits into their homes.

Again this year our team of volunteers have excelled themselves; we have many who have been with us for several years now and with our volunteer co-ordinator always encouraging them to give their best we have appreciated the hard work and effort each and every one of them puts in. It has been challenging post pandemic to encourage new volunteers through the gates and as a result some activities have slowed or been put on hold. We are, as always, indebted to everyone, our employees & our 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 again the opportunities to raise income from fundraising have been limited due to a slow return from restrictions, dramatically increased attendance costs and the unprecedented heat of the summer. We have been working alongside other charities trying to look at ways to take this forward next year and how we can generate additional funds. There has been a delay in the new online venture of opening a shop for the rescue, which we had hoped to launch this year, but we have made progress and are optimistic this is something we can launch in the coming financial year.

## Reserves Policy

We still have our reserve set to the equivalent to 6 months operating costs, allowing for the additional staffing costs, at £45,000 to cover periods of difficulty encountered. This amount will be reviewed periodically at trustees' meetings. As a team we have agreed that with the housing costs and mortgage rises moving site is not a viable option so we have agreed a five year plan with the owner of the site we currently occupy and have invested some of the funds in developing the site, dealing with drainage issues and making better use of the space we have. 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:

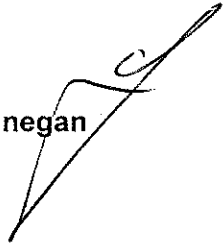
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

Full name: Chloe Hennegan

Position: Trustee



Signature:

Full name: Martin Johnson

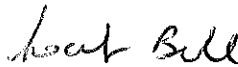
Position: Trustee



Signature:

Full name: Jocelyn Bell

Position: Trustee



**Charitable Accounts (Receipts & Payments Method)**  
**July 2022- Jun 2023**

RECEIPTS		
<b>Voluntary receipts</b>		
	Direct Donations	8,916.01
	Funding Grant	0.00
	Indirect Donations	16,538.41
	Gift Aid	2,426.62
	Other	0.00
		<b>27,881.04</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
	Fundraising Initiatives (External Third Parties)	251.00
	Fundraising Initiatives (Fat Fluffs)	13.50
	Gifts in kind resale	(21.29)
	Trade Sales	23.50
		<b>266.71</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
	Rabbit Adoption	9,607.00
	Rabbit Surrender	2,745.00
	Bonding	3,691.50
	Vet cost repayment	368.50
		<b>16,412.00</b>
<b>Investments/dividends/interest</b>		
	Investment Income	0.00
		<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>44,559.75</b>

PAYMENTS		
<b>Cost of Voluntary Receipts</b>		
	Fees	(46.29)
	Merchandise Purchases	(60.78)
	Other	0.00
		<b>(107.07)</b>
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
	Equipment & Assets	0.00
	Stationary Printing & Postage	0.00
	Paypal Fees	0.00
	Trade Merchandise	0.00
	Trade Fees	0.00
	Other	0.00
		<b>0.00</b>

Cost of Charitable Activities		
	Vet fees	(11,904.77)
	Rabbit Upkeep	(627.73)
	Rents & Utilities	(4,745.64)
	Equipment & Assets	(762.37)
	Wages & transportation	(177.92)
	Rescue Upkeep	(12,166.80)
		<b>(30,385.23)</b>
Governance & Administration		
	Governance	(273.88)
	Loan Repayment	0.00
	Website	0.00
	Other	0.00
		<b>(273.88)</b>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<b>(30,766.18)</b>
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR		<b>13,793.57</b>



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**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 2023

**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 30/06/2023.

**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").

**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 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:**

**Date:**

05/12/2023

**Name:**

John Linn

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

FCA

**Address:**

20, Gledholt Road, Huddersfield HD1 4HP

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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