

Trustee Annual Report

Year end 30th June 2025

Mrs C Hennegan, Ms J Bell, Ms S Baker

01/03/2026

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 30th June 2025 including general charity operations and financial overview

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue & Rehome

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Reference and Administration Details

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

Trustees: 3 - Mrs C Hennegan, Ms Jocelyn Bell, Ms Sarah Baker

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 and are affectionately known as 'the Fluffs'.

Public Benefit

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the additional Good Practice Code for Rabbit Welfare, updated March 2024, 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 Fat Fluffs 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 illtreatment in future
- Ensuring every rabbit who comes through our rescue is protected against diseases with yearly vaccinations.

Review of Year – Achievements and Performance

Financial Review

This year we have continued with our energies revamping the rescue. We have noticed, since HS2 has been developing the land at the bottom of our garden that drainage has increasingly become an issue. We applied for a grant with HS2 to assist with the work needed to resolve the issue but we were refused. Despite this, we felt the work had to be done to ensure the ongoing welfare of the animals so went ahead and additional land drainage has been laid all round the rescue. We have also added additional fencing to aid security. We set up a go fund me page to help raise finances to support this and were blessed to be supported by many of our regular and new supporters.

Charitable Activities – Rescue, Rehome & Sanctuary

During 2024/25 we took in 117 rabbits. This is a drop of around 25% from the previous few years and due in part to a six week period of not taking rabbits in whilst the major drainage works were carried out on site. Twelve of the rabbits taken in had been rehomed from Fat Fluffs previously but were returned as the adopters' circumstances had changed and they no longer felt able to continue caring for the rabbit(s). We took in 22 pairs, three trios and one mother with four young kittens, the rest of the surrenders being single rabbits. Seventeen of the 117 surrendered rabbits passed away before they were offered for adoption.

Our sanctuary group started the year with 19 members but, with a steady decline in numbers, ended the year with 11 rabbits. Due to the groundwork on site, there was no addition of new rabbits to the sanctuary group although some rabbits on site and six of the new surrenders were identified as needing to be kept long term and were bonded into smaller groups for addition to the main group at a later date.

We successfully rehomed 93 rabbits this year, again a figure that is down on previous years. Over 60% of the rabbits were rehomed as singles and were bonded with one or more rabbits already owned by the adopters. Requests for adoption of pairs/groups were higher than last year but we did not see an increase in the numbers of families looking to take on rabbit ownership for the first time. Three single rabbits who went out to new homes were returned because the bond with their partner broke down and have subsequently been rehomed with another rabbit. One pair was returned due to health issues which were resolved but they remain on site looking for a new home.

We have seen a significant drop in the numbers of rabbits being added to our surrender waiting list throughout the year which has reduced from over one hundred entries to below fifty. The main reason for wanting to surrender rabbits appears to be moving home to new accommodation that cannot support the continued care of rabbits by the families. Requests for Fat Fluffs to offer these rabbits space are often last minute and therefore the rabbits are not being added to the waiting list.

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 remained at 3 trustees although changes have happened. Martin Johnson stepped down and Sarah Baker has taken up the role of trustee. She brings with her a wealth of people management experience being one of the managers of a major chain store and has given us extensive advice on updating our policies, safeguarding and risk assessments as well as managing our staff reviews and follow ups.

Since our Foster Co-ordinator, Martin, stepped down from supporting the rescue, our foster numbers have declined. Two of our foster families ended up adopting the rabbits in their temporary care and no longer have the space for additional rabbits. Changes in the priorities of other foster families has seen them without the time and resources to give any rabbits in their care. Currently there are five active foster families but we are reviewing our ongoing use of fosterers to ensure the system works and benefits the rabbits who go out to temporary homes.

This year we have seen a slight increase in the number of regular and new volunteers, as well as student placements, and as always our core team of volunteers have excelled themselves; we have some who have been with us for many 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. We are 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 this year without their help.

Activities for generating funds – Fundraising events & initiatives and Trading

With a lot of volunteer time being allocated to site improvements and a general decline in the number of volunteers coming forward, there have been limited opportunities for undertaking internal fundraising activities. Our Sponsor-a-bun programme continues to deliver a healthy proportion of our annual income and we have teamed up with a group of animal rescue charities to create events of a larger and more productive scale. It remains that those we have attended still provide limited financial returns or opportunities to educate in the area of animal welfare and rescue. We continue to look for other opportunities and will be spending more time in this area now that the majority of the site improvement work has been completed.

Reserves Policy

We still have our reserve set to the equivalent to 6 months operating costs, including allowing for the staffing costs, at £60,000 to cover periods of difficulty encountered. This amount will be reviewed periodically at trustees' meetings. As a team we still agree that, with the housing costs and mortgage rises, moving site is not a viable option so remain invested in using the site we currently have to the best of its potential.

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

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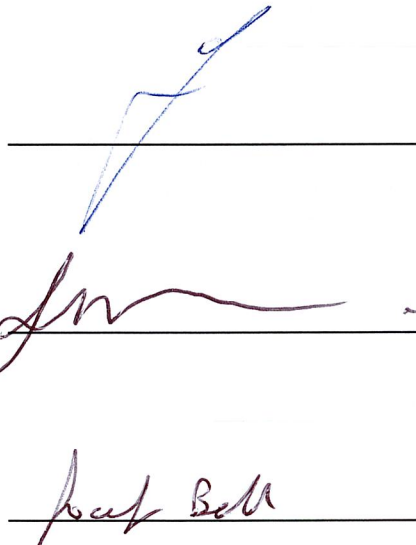
Full name: Sarah Baker

Position: Trustee

Signature:

Full name: Jocelyn Bell

Position: Trustee



Charitable Accounts (Receipts & Payments Method)
July 2024- Jun 2025

RECEIPTS		
Voluntary receipts		
	Direct Donations	10,414.59
	Funding Grant	548.44
	Indirect Donations	9,425.01
	Gift Aid	7,635.62
	Other	0.00
		28,023.66
Activities for generating funds		
	Fundraising Initiatives (External Third Parties)	176.00
	Fundraising Initiatives (Fat Fluffs)	0.00
	Gifts in kind resale	0.00
	Trade Sales	12.00
		188.00
Charitable activities		
	Rabbit Adoption	9,910.00
	Rabbit Surrender	3,610.00
	Bonding	2,795.00
	Vet cost repayment	439.00
		16,754.00
Investments/dividends/interest		
	Investment Income	3,730.15
		3,730.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS		48,695.81

PAYMENTS		
Cost of Voluntary Receipts		
	Fees	0.00
	Merchandise Purchases	(68.71)
	Other	0.00
		(68.71)
Fundraising Costs		
	Equipment & Assets	(34.46)
	Stationary Printing & Postage	(1.65)
	Paypal Fees	0.00
	Trade Merchandise	0.00
	Trade Fees	0.00
	Other	0.00
		(36.11)
Cost of Charitable Activities		
	Vet fees	(13,121.29)
	Rabbit Upkeep	(2,234.95)
	Rents & Utilities	(5,619.80)
	Equipment & Assets	(111.13)
	Wages & transportation	(466.66)
	Rescue Upkeep	(28,640.47)
		(50,194.30)
Governance & Administration		
	Governance	0.00
	Loan Repayment	0.00
	Website	(16.68)
	Other	(0.49)
		(17.17)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		(50,316.29)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR YEAR		(1,620.48)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue		
On accounts for the year ended	30 th . June 2025	Charity no (if any)	1124870
Set out on pages	1 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025

**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 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:

15/03/2026

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).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.