

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 06762602

WETHERIGGS ANIMAL RESCUE & CONSERVATION CENTRE LIMITED

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NUMBER 1131536

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SENIOR STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The Board of Trustees

Mr T E Bowes
Mrs M McGarry – Resigned 30/12/2024
Mr M McGarry – Resigned 31/03/2025
Mr R Welburn Brenan – Resigned 14/12/2024
Miss S K Jones – Resigned 06/02/2024
Mrs S Dixon – Resigned 06/02/2024
Mr A Galley – Resigned 24/02/2025
Mr D Alderson – Resigned 06/02/2024

Company Directors

Mr T E Bowes
Mrs M McGarry – Resigned 30/12/2024
Mr M McGarry – Resigned 31/03/2025
Mr R Welburn Brenan – Resigned 14/12/2024
Miss S K Jones – Resigned 06/02/2024
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Registered Office

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The directors and trustees for the purposes of the Companies Act have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Wetheriggs Animal Rescue & Conservation Centre Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 1st December 2008 and registered as a charity on 7th September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The principal activity of the charity in the period under review was that of running an animal rescue centre, together with a view of educating the public on the welfare of animals. The key objectives include:

- To relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention
- To provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals
- To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security because of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public in matters of animal welfare
- To advance conservation for public benefit of vulnerable species and rare animal breeds

TRUSTEES

Any person can be admitted as a trustee of the charity providing all other trustees give their approval. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are required to retire annually by rotation, but they will qualify for re-election.

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the appointment of the director and company secretary in accordance with the Act.

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:-

Mr T Bowes

Mrs M McGarry – Resigned 30/12/2024

Mr M McGarry – Resigned 31/03/2025

Mr R Welburn Brennan – Resigned 14/12/2024

Miss S K Jones – Resigned 06/02/2024

Mrs S Dixon – Resigned 06/02/2024

Mr A Galley – Resigned 24/02/2025

Mr D Alderson – Resigned 06/02/2024

The Trustee realises that having only one trustee needs to be resolved. He has approached various applicable people and is expecting that extra trustees will be appointed soon.

The main trustee, Mr T E Bowes, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

This has again been a difficult year of operation and the trustees have been monitoring, and continue to monitor, the major strategic and operational risks, which the charity faces. Systems are being improved to produce regular reports in an attempt to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen the risks.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees believe that the carrying out of the aims of the Charity provides a public benefit in a number of areas, including the provision of education and of facilities for recreation, and the conservation of endangered species. They also believe that the degree of public access is sufficient for the Society's aims to be carried out for the public benefit.

The "Review of Activities" contains a fuller description of the public benefit that the Society provides.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 saw a good start having moved to the new location with the establishment of animal paddocks, shelters and animal management systems and procedures. Those volunteering, 'People helping animals, animals helping people', and supporting through time commitments and financially were and are very much appreciated. The many hours and commitments through most of 2024 worked well under the continuing purposes and ethos of the charity.

The valiant work of Wetheriggs volunteers and the appreciation of such cannot be repeated too many times or stressed enough.

Many trailer loads of equipment were moved by volunteers, aided by suitable hired in equipment shifting timber, hutches, animal enclosures, hurdles etc to the new site.

The site development continued; the trustees and directors were all very much encouraged by those involved weekly and on a day-to-day basis.

Early in the year work continued apace by a group of volunteers clearing the old site and premises, supported in a tremendous way by the owner of the old premises. This concluded with handing the main area back to the site owner. We were kindly and graciously given permission to store some valuable equipment and materials in another area of the old site.

It was a pleasure to run several pre-bookable site open days during the summer period and show folk around the site, especially to introduce them to the various animals, horses, sheep, chicken, geese, alpaca, donkeys, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets etc.

In line with the ethos, aims and objectives of Wetheriggs, a few animals were rescued and housed with some being rehomed.

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REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (Cont)

Unfortunately, primarily due to a lack of major funding and the fact that the ongoing delay of the due payout from the insurance company against losses sustained re access to the charity and its animals during the Covid closure, funds were not available to secure necessary planning permissions and carry out major building works, particularly inclusive of substantial land drainage systems.

Sadly, due to the deteriorating health of Wetheriggs former president, combined with the very poor weather conditions through 2024, causing several serious floods and giving rise to Environmental Health and Safety concerns for personnel and the animals, it was determined by the trustees at the start of Quarter 4 that proceedings to close the current operation would be implemented. This also impacted on the discussions re a lease for the new site and put it on a stop. All animals would be rehomed to approved locations on a permanent basis. Volunteers worked ceaselessly rehoming animals and commencing to strip the site down; this will continue into 2025.

Due to the impending cessation of the current operation, the number of attending volunteers significantly decreased, this also impacted on immediate future developments and the plans for the “rebirth” of Wetheriggs.

Rehoming animals and disposal of all equipment on the Ravensworth site, at the old site and in other storage areas will continue into 2025.

Towards the end of March 2025 there was some positive news in that the Covid Disruption Claim which has been subject to protracted litigation would need to be settled. At the date of these accounts financial figures are unknown.

A strategy for Wetheriggs to “rise from the ashes” in the medium term is under development and discussion. It is envisaged that the Wetheriggs ethos, aims and objectives, principles and practices, “PEOPLE HELPING ANIMALS, ANIMALS HELPING PEOPLE!”, will remain, continue, develop and expand in the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the year ended 31st December 2024 the Charity has again been presented with significant financial challenges as a result of the details noted in the review of developments, activities and achievements. The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £40,443 (2023: 122,596) and this was lower than the resources expended of £49,128 (2023: £65,809). The 2023 income included a donation of £50,000 from the retiring chairman, Mr T Bowes. With a lot of the Fixed Assets planned on being disposed of in 2025 a full review of Fixed Assets was done in 2024 hence the major expenditure in the year was depreciation of £16,528 (2023 : £838). Going forward this is expected to be minimal. The reserves of the charity are negative at £(22,192) (2023: £(13,507) and these are considered further in the reserves policy.

The full results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The policy of the trustees is to ensure that financial resources are sufficient to cover the projected operating and development funding needs of the charity with some degree of flexibility to allow for potential contingencies. Due to the problems described above the trustees have, again been unable to retain sufficient funds necessary to provide an adequate reserve. This situation is under constant review by the board.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Wetheriggs Animal Rescue & Conservation Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report is prepared in accordance with the small company regime (section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

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Mr T Bowes

Date 18.8.2025

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Wetheriggs Animal Rescue & Conservation Centre Limited

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Qualified Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than those disclosed below) to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Since COVID and Avian Flu being discovered at the centre it has continued to remain closed to the general public and then problems with moving to a new site all income has been received directly to the charity so there is minimal cash income and expenditure. If financial funds have been tight then expenditure has been paid personally by the main trustee, Mr T Bowes, and then reimbursed in due course.

As shown in the accounts there is concern as to whether the Charity is a going concern. In my opinion if the accounts were not prepared under the going concern basis there would be little impact on the view given by the attached accounts.

Mr Robinson Udale
Chartered Accountant

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Date ... 22/9/2025 .

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations and Legacies	2	-	38,493	38,493	122,525
Income from Charitable Activities	2	-	1,921	1,921	-
Income from Investments	3	-	29	29	71
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Incoming Resources		-	40,443	40,443	122,596
		-----	-----	-----	-----
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Fundraising	4	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable activities	5	-	49,128	49,128	65,809
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Resources Expended		-	49,128	49,128	65,809
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Net income/(expenditure)		-	(8,685)	(8,685)	56,787
Transfer between funds		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		-	(8,685)	(8,685)	56,787
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		-	(13,507)	(13,507)	(70,294)
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Funds carried forward		<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(13,507)</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS	7		3,500	20,028
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	8	201		1,001
Debtors	9	936		-
Cash at bank and in hand		3,181		262
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		4,318		1,263
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	28,112		29,158
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NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(23,794)	(27,895)
			-----	-----
			(20,294)	(7,867)
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due After more than one year	11		(1,898)	(5,640)
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NET LIABILITIES			<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(13,507)</u>
FUNDS				
Restricted	12		-	-
Unrestricted	12		(22,192)	(13,507)
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TOTAL FUNDS	13		<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(13,507)</u>

For the period ended 31st December 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirement of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board of trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:-

.....
Mr T Bowes - Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis based on the continued support of its trustee/director and its bankers.

Financial reporting standard 102 – reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the charities SORP (FRS102 Update Bulletin 1 issued on 2 February 2016, as the charity constitutes a small charity.

Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, entrance fee income, educational visits and sale of shop goods. It is accounted for on a receivable basis. Where income is received for a specific project or purpose this income is classed as restricted. Income received towards the general objects of the charity is classed as unrestricted.

Resources expended

The cost of charitable activities, in furtherance of the charity's objects, includes all the direct rescue centre costs. The Governance costs represent accountancy and professional fees.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donors.

Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the Charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected useful life. The depreciation rate currently used for the equipment held for use by the Charity is 25% on the reducing balance basis.

Stocks

All stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Animals are not capable of realistic valuation and are shown at a nominal value and not depreciated. Purchases and sales during the year are treated as revenue transactions.

Remuneration

No employee received emoluments greater than £60,000. Trustees did not receive any remuneration.

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Income is derived from: -		£	£	£
Donations and Legacies: -				
Members Subscriptions, Donations and Gift Aid	-	38,493	38,493	118,274
DEFRA Monies	-	-	-	4,251
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	-	38,493	38,493	122,525
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Other Charitable Activities: -				
Entry Fees, Educational Talks and sale of goods	-	1,921	1,921	-
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	-	1,921	1,921	-
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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	-	29	29	71
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	-	29	29	71
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4. COST OF FUNDRAISING

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Costs of fundraising	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		Support Costs	Direct Costs	
Charitable activities:-				
Shop Purchases	-	-	800	-
Sub-Contractors	-	-	784	-
Wages	-	-	-	21,005
Animal Purchases and Feed	-	-	2,836	8,028
Vet & Medicines	-	-	2,214	2,779
Haulage	-	-	85	705
Rent, Water and Utilities	-	-	-	10,334
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	2,220	2,892
Insurance	-	31	597	2,188
Leasing, Telephone & Mobile Charges	-	112	2,126	2,428
Postage, Stationery, Computer Costs and Advertising	-	137	2,599	1,266
Motor Expenses	-	247	4,691	4,995
Vehicle Leasing	-	288	5,468	2,344
Equipment Hire	-	321	6,092	4,258
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	1,859
Credit Card Charges	-	16	301	317
Depreciation	-	28	16,500	838
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	(1,026)
Bank charges and interest	-	9	177	304
Loan interest and credit card interest	-	21	395	284
Professional and Consultancy Fees	-	2	31	11
	-	1,212	47,916	65,809

Support Costs

Support costs are a best estimate of the costs that have been allocated to the expense of supporting the work of the charity.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Rescue Staff	-	1
Apprentices	-	-
Administration	-	1
Total	Nil	2

Since the end of September 2023, the charity has been staffed by volunteers.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment
	£
COST	
At 1st January 2024	30,980
Additions	-
Disposals	(-)

At 31st December 2024	30,980

DEPRECIATION	
At 1st January 2024	10,952
Charge for the year	16,528
On Disposals	(-)

At 31st December 2024	27,480

NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2024	<u>£3,500</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>£20,028</u>

8. STOCKS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Animals	1	1
Shop Stock	200	1,000
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	<u>£201</u>	<u>£1,001</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Debtors	513	-
Prepayments	423	-
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	<u>£936</u>	<u>£Nil</u>

10. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank Loan	3,650	3,709
Trade Creditors	1,909	1,862
Other Creditors	1,738	1,326
Mr T E Bowes Loan Account	20,788	22,261
Accruals	27	-
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	<u>£28,112</u>	<u>£29,158</u>

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11. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank Loan	1,898	5,640
	<u>£1,898</u>	<u>£5,640</u>

12. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1st January 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st December 2024
	£	£	£	£
None in year	-	-	-	-
	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

None in year

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	3,500	3,500	20,028
Current Assets	-	4,318	4,318	1,263
Current Liabilities	(-)	(30,010)	(30,010)	(34,798)
Net Assets at 31st December 2024	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(22,192)</u>	<u>£(13,507)</u>

14. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The liability of the members is limited. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity, in the event of the same being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the charity contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributions among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

The liability of each member is limited to £1. There were 3 members at 31st December 2024.

15. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

At the end of the year Mr T Bowes requested that £Nil (2023 : £50,000) of his loan to the charity be treated as a donation.