



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1 st	Month January	Year 2023		Day 31 st	Month December	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	HEDGEHOG HAVEN
Other names charity is known by	HEDGEHOG HAVEN ESSEX RESCUE CENTRE
Registered charity number (if any)	1138493
Charity's principal address	19 WARLEY WAY FRINTON-ON-SEA ESSEX Postcode CO13 9PA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR	CHAIR		
2	ANNE TAYLOR	SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER		
3	CHRISTINE BOELRIJK	TREASURER/SECRETARY		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION Adopted October 2008 Revised October 2015 - change of number of meetings held per year
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association consisting of 3 members
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held each year. Usually in March after we have received the Independent Examiners Report. Also the HMRC Gift Aid Claim has

been completed.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are listed on the Carers Directory of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and also The Wildlife Hospital Trust

[St Tiggywinkles]. The BHPS were notified that The Frinton Branch were not taking hedgehogs in directly from the public. The voicemail referred members of the public to take to their local vets, who in turn would assess the hedgehog and if viable would contact Frinton.

Wickham Bishops was continuing as usual with referrals directly from Spring Lodge Vets in Witham but they were also now receiving more hedgehogs as a result of the Boreham Wildlife Rescue closing.

All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Hedgehog Haven provides a service to the general public and Veterinary Surgeries where sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs can be taken to.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity's objectives [the Objects] are:

- a) For the benefit of the general public to relieve the suffering of wild animals, in particular hedgehogs, in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals with a view to repatriating them to their natural and appropriate habitat, wherever possible.**
- b) With special reference to hedgehogs, to promote humane behaviour towards all animals, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals, which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.**
- c) The selling of Glue Traps seems to have now stopped as we have didn't have any reported cases last year.**
- d) To continue to make the public more aware of the dangers of using strimmers.**

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We are continuing to try to educate young and old alike by giving them a contact point for any member of the public finding sick/injured/orphaned hedgehogs in an effort to protect an endangered species from becoming extinct. Our lady, Stephanie is doing more talks in and around the Colchester area. Our lady in Chelmsford [Sheila] is now only able to do talks during the day and is now asking for lifts to the venues.

We are also trying to encourage everyone to put food and water out for hedgehogs and to stop using pesticides, rat poison and slug pellets and also to make the public aware of the injuries strimmers cause.

Now we are trying to make public aware of leaving holes in the ground where they are either going to put fence posts or shrubs.

We continue to try to make dog owners more aware/responsible when letting their dogs out into their garden late at night by using a lead.

We do all the above in various ways, i.e. our website, advice leaflets and when we give talks to various organisations and schools and facebook.

We are continuing to try to encourage members of the public to provide access to and from their gardens to allow hedgehogs wider opportunity for habitat etc.

A great contribution is made by member volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent caring for hedgehogs, collection of sick and injured hedgehogs and re-homing them. Also their help in fund raising for us.

Also for the new volunteers who make items for us to sell to raise funds. Including our volunteer who runs our e-bay account selling items to raise funds.

Once again we also wish to acknowledge our Independent Examiner, who carries out the necessary checks of our yearly accounts.

Without our volunteers, and Independent Examiners help, advice and time we could not continue without all their sterling efforts.

Anne Taylor at Wickham Bishops is now the main stay for the surrounding areas. Although her contact details are not available to the public. Anne is contactable via Hedgehog Haven's facebook page which she manages. The public make contact with Christine at Frinton, who either directs them to Spring Lodge Vets in Witham if they cannot get the hogs to Frinton, or Christine contacts Anne on the best way forward.

Anne has continued to be a stoic presence to Hedgehog

Haven and has taken in more hedgehogs during 2023 than any other year since she joined us.

We enrolled a number of volunteers to take hogs once treated and fully recovered to get them up to safe weight for releasing and this has helped.

We are now looking for more volunteers to help with hoglets and hand feeding.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Since opening in 2007, over 6,000 hedgehogs have passed through our centres either by the general public contacting us directly, through local veterinary surgeries and also referrals from St Tiggywinkles, the BHPS and the RSPCA.

Since opening we have never turned away a hedgehog that needs care. During 2023 the Frinton Centre has continued taking hogs in from our known vets and also our supporters due to personal reasons. We continued to take in hedgehogs from the areas surrounding Tiptree, including Braintree, Witham, Chelmsford, Maldon and Colchester since the rescue centres there closed down and also from the rescue centre in Thorrington when they are full.

Wickham Bishops was refurbished to make the Treatment room more practical with storage and work areas.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold cash of £85,000 in our Treasurers Bank Account. We have a Savings account with £41,000+. We aim to ensure we have enough funds in our bank account to cover veterinary fees, medication, which is one of our biggest expenditures after purchasing food stuffs.

The savings account is for any building projects that may be needed. We aim to hold at least £5,000 and no more than £100,000 in reserve at the year end. We have had a number of bequests from members of the public which has increased our income in the past 3 years.

We are aware that we are over the Reserve for funds, but due to personal circumstances we are now not able to do the fund raising events and we are cutting down on ways of raising funds [as seen below under main sources of funds] so that we can concentrate more time on the care of hedgehogs and not worry about fund raising.

We are also looking at helping two other ladies to set up Treatment Centres under Hedgehog Haven in the Great Bentley and Brightlingsea areas.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main sources of funds are:

- 1. Donations by public when bringing a hedgehog to us**
- 2. Collection boxes**
- 3. Talks**
- 4. Donations via Paypal and Bequests**
- 5. Sales on e-bay**

Through raising these funds we have been able to purchase/make more cages etc. Upgrade soft release pens. Paying for the day-to-day running expenses, i.e. veterinary bills, medications, food stuffs, cleaning materials, insurance, licence fees.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans

We aim to continue our record of 'Never turning away a hedgehog that needs our care and attention'. During 2023 we advised The Haven Vets in Clacton that Frinton were only able to take a limited number of hedgehogs now Christine doesn't have her husband Chris's support. Frinton takes hedgehogs in that had been referred to vets or supporters. An answerphone message was left on the Frinton number advising the public what to do and where to take hedgehogs that needed help. A number of people left messages saying thank you for such a concise advice message.

To continue raising public awareness of the dangers to all wild animals especially to Hedgehogs, which are now on the UK red list of species vulnerable to extinction.

To enrol more volunteers to look after hedgehogs once they have made a full recovery and they just need to attain a safe weight of 600g in the summer and 650g in Autumn before releasing.

We hope to also train volunteers to take hoglets once they have been stabilised to continue the hand feeding until they are able to feed themselves. Again Unable to do this during 2023 due to personal/health reasons.

Anne Taylor at Wickham Bishops covers the Central Essex area including Braintree, Chelmsford,, Witham and Maldon area running a Rescue Centre for Hedgehog Haven and she has and her volunteers have continued doing a sterling job.

Look at finding someone in the Colchester area that could take on the role of Rescuer in that area and setting them up.

We now have a Veterinary nurse from Kingfauns Vets in Clacton and Dovercourt. There is also a lady in Brightlingsea who has just come on board. So we will be looking at setting them up with the equipment they need. At our next Meeting we will discuss the possibility of purchasing incubators for them, as this will take the pressure off both the Frinton and Wickham Bishops Centres.

Anne will be monitoring the number of hedgehogs being taken directly to Spring Lodge vets from the Maldon Rescue, with no admission or treatment sheets, thus making it difficult to return the hedgehogs which is our main aim to return them from whence they came and also to know what the circumstances are for the hog to be taken to a vet in the first place. There has been no communication from Maldon as there has been no formal agreement. As a result this may push the boundaries of Anne capability of taking even

more hedgehogs in.

Section G		Declaration	
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.			
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees			
Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Christopher Taylor	Anne Taylor	Christine Boelrijk
Position (eg Secretary, Chair,etc)	Chair	Social Manager	Media Secretary/Treasurer
Date	2024	2024	2024

HEDGEHOG HAVEN RESCUE CENTRE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

(Registered Charity Number: 1138493)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Receipts

	£	£	Year ended 31 December 2022 £	£
Donations (including PayPal)		4,550.50		5,829.38
Supporters (including PayPal)		2,773.00		3,274.50
Gift Aid tax reclaimed		2,468.60		1,958.96
Bequests				
Bequest - late June Cheney	10,000.00		-	
Bequest - late Doreen Daniels	2,000.00		-	
Bequest - late Sally Watson	1,000.00		-	
		13,000.00		-
Other donations				
In memory of Mick Roberts	356.50		-	
In memory of Pat Payne	225.00		-	
In memory of Martyn Ashforth	153.50		253.27	
In memory of Fiona Hayes	-		500.00	
In memory of Robert Sawyer	-		190.00	
In memory Chris Boelrijk	-		20.00	
		735.00		963.27
Charity Choice, Charities Trust, CAF, CTT Charity payment	607.54		10.00	
Clacton Coastal Academy	530.00		-	
WetNose Animal Aid Ltd	500.00		-	
Lawford C of E Primary School	314.35		-	
PayPal Giving Fund	285.67		-	
Amazon Smile, Give As You Live	243.78		280.32	
Spring Lodge Christmas Fayre	130.69		-	
Walton Ladies 3 T's Club	100.00		-	
Happy Hedgehog	100.00		-	
Simpkin SA Run	60.00		-	
		2,872.03		290.32
Collection boxes <i>(note 1)</i>		946.25		783.25
Tombolas <i>(note 2)</i>		232.00		49.00
Other events <i>(note 3)</i>		-		165.05
Sales of produce etc. <i>(note 4)</i>		207.03		105.82
Other income				
Sale of feeding stations	898.00		560.00	
Less hardware and boxes	(731.32)		(321.46)	
	166.68		238.54	
E-Bay auction	862.91		1,945.78	
Talks / School Workshop / School Fundraising Days	522.20		515.00	
Easy Funding	303.74		262.30	
Hedgehog Raffle at D&A Health Food, Frinton	535.00		-	
Recycle4Charity	249.10		-	
Interest received	879.81		139.25	
Lloyds complaint compensation	55.00		60.00	
		3,574.44		3,160.87
Total receipts		31,358.85		16,580.42

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HEDGEHOG HAVEN RESCUE CENTRE**
(Charity Number: 1138493)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Taylor', is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature that also appears to read 'Andrew Taylor'.

Andrew Taylor FCA CTA
2 Kingfisher Way, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9NS
29 February 2024