

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07406911 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141959

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023
FOR**

ESCAPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND CONSERVATION CENTRE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

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ESCAPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND CONSERVATION CENTRE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Escape Animal Sanctuary and Conservation Centre objectives are to provide permanent care for animals and to provide advice, education and information on animal welfare by:

- (1) Providing care protection and permanent security for animals in need of attention by reason of sickness maltreatment poor circumstances ill-usage or other like causes;
- (2) Preventing cruelty and suffering among animals whenever and wherever;
- (3) Promoting animal welfare practices by training education and the raising of awareness of the needs of animals by whatever means appropriate;
- (4) Promoting conservation awareness and conservation issues;

Significant activities

An animal sanctuary was operated in Pilgrims Hatch near Brentwood Essex.

Public benefit

Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. Two key principles define this area:

1. There must be identifiable benefits.
2. The benefits must be to the public.

The trustees must carry out the following:

1. Review the activities undertaken for the public benefit.
2. State whether they have complied with this duty.

The main activities undertaken to further the charities purposes for the public benefit are described in this report. The aim is to attract as many members of the public as possible to attend the centre.

The Trustees have reviewed the activities undertaken for the public benefit and confirm their compliance with this duty.

Volunteers

Volunteers visit the centre every week to help care for and feed the animals. The Trustees would like to thank the volunteers for their hard work.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the past year we have continued to rescue and find homes for animals. In addition, we continued to care for animals at our centre. During the year ended 31st October 2023 the animals accepted included horses, goats, sheep, ducks, pigeons, and pigs. Each day 365 days of the year usually six volunteers are present with tasks including mucking out, grooming, and helping with animal husbandry, feeding, and manure removal. The volunteers total 20. An outside solid ground area was created that gives animals in the wintertime protection from standing on mud and water that can cause harm to their health. This cost £42,000.

Coronavirus

Trustees have ensured that the wellbeing of animals and volunteers is safeguarded. The response from the community, donors and the local authority has ensured that the charity has survived through the coronavirus.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

On 31st October 2023, the bank balance was £8,847, creditors £1,290, fixed assets £41,955 to give funds of £49,512.

During the year to 31st October 2023 donation income exceeded expenditure to allow £42,000 payments for ground improvements. Bank balances have increased.

The Trustees would like to thank all those that gave donations and grants.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have reviewed reserves as follows:

The amounts are rounded for clarity.

The average amounts of monthly expenditure have been £3,800.

The bank balance has increased to £8,800. This needs to be sufficient to cover points when the day-to-day timing of expenditure is ahead of income to prevent the account going overdrawn. The reserves policy points to a bank balance of £7,600 that covers two months estimated expenditure.

Further details of reserves at 31st October 2023:

	Exclude from reserves	Reserves
Total funds		49,000
Tangible fixed assets not available for general purposes	42,000	
Committed if animals are accepted in an emergency	1,000	
	43,000	(43,000)
Actual reserves		6,000
Amount required by the reserves policy		7,600
Shortfall		(1,600)

Reserves have been used for front line animal care. Trustees consider that the £1,600 shortfall in reserves are within reasonable amounts for the size of this charity. Thus, the shortfall can be restored. Moreover, the charity can operate to give care to animals.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity are danger to the animals in our care and accidents to volunteers. Our strategies to manage these risks are training of volunteers and trustees' close day by day involvement working with the animals and volunteers.

Plans are to continue to care for animals, train volunteers and build upon donation income to maintain or increase our capacity to accept animals.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The governing document is The Memorandum and Articles of Association. This is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The governing document was registered at Companies House on 17th May 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are chosen for their skills, care for animals and suitability to work as a member of the team of trustees.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Trustees are in regular contact with one Trustee being on hand for day-to-day management of the animal sanctuary.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Charity Commission Publication "The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do" has been read by all Trustees and discussions held between the Trustees to reinforce understanding of the main points.

Wider network

The charity acts as a holding bay for The Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth Devon. The Buttercup goat sanctuary in Kent telephone the charity at times of overload. The RSPCA telephone with requests to take unwanted animals.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07406911 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1141959

Registered office

1A CR Farm Estate
Brentwood Road
Herongate
Essex CM13 3LH

Principal office of the charity

Cooks Farm
Crow Green Lane
Brentwood
Essex CM15 9RL

Trustees

J B Walker
D S Lovelock

Day to day management

This is carried out by J B Walker Trustee

Independent examiner

Anthony James D'Amato
ACA FCCA

Bank

HSBC

Accountant

Anthony James D'Amato
ACA FCCA

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19th August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J B Walker – Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ESCAPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND CONSERVATION CENTRE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Escape Animal Sanctuary and Conservation Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

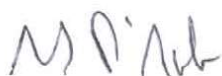
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony James D'Amato ACA FCCA



19th August 2024

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ESCAPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND CONSERVATION CENTRE**

In accordance with the engagement letter, and to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 October 2023 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



Anthony James D'Amato ACA FCCA
19th August 2024

Brentwood Accounting and Tax
Chartered Accountants
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ESCAPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND CONSERVATION CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		90,825	32,402
Other income		-	3,667
Total		90,825	36,069
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General		46,241	49,451
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		44,584	(13,382)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		4,928	18,310
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>49,512</u>	<u>4,928</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

		2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	5	<u>41,955</u>	<u>2,955</u>
		41,955	2,955
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		8,847	2,473
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,290)</u>	<u>(500)</u>
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) ASSETS		<u>7,557</u>	<u>1,973</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>49,512</u>	<u>4,928</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>49,512</u>	<u>4,928</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		<u>49,512</u>	<u>4,928</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>49,512</u>	<u>4,928</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2012 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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 of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J B Walker -Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- over 5 to 15 years
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>3,000</u>	<u>500</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Ground improvements £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 November 2022	10,005	3,500	-	13,505
Additions	-	-	42,000	42,000
At 31 October 2023	<u>10,005</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>55,505</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 November 2022	7,350	3,200	-	10,550
Charge for year	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>7,850</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>13,550</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 October 2023	<u>2,155</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>38,500</u>	<u>41,955</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>2,655</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,955</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued expenses	<u>1,290</u>	<u>500</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,928	44,584	49,512
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,928</u>	<u>44,584</u>	<u>49,512</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,825	46,241	44,584
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,825</u>	<u>46,241</u>	<u>44,584</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.22 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	18,310	(13,382)	4,928
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>18,310</u>	<u>(13,382)</u>	<u>4,928</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,069	49,451	(13,382)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,069</u>	<u>49,451</u>	<u>(13,382)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	54,827	10,705
Gift aid tax refund	-	-
Charities Trust	35,998	21,697
Coronavirus grant from local authority	-	3,667
Total incoming resources	90,825	36,069
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Feed and hay	15,812	15,591
Vet and farrier	6,176	1,857
Depreciation	3,000	500
Volunteers' expenses	10,862	16,519
Salaries	8,162	8,162
Independent examination	300	300
Insurance	987	1,007
Repairs and renewals	-	4,437
Sundry expenses	331	101
Bank charges	121	115
Rates	-	493
Accountancy	490	369
Total resources expended	46,241	48,951
 Net income/(expenditure)	<u>44,584</u>	<u>(12,882)</u>