

# SHEPRETH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1145477

## Details

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**Other names** SWCC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2012-01-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:(A) THE PREVENTION OR SUPPRESSION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF SUFFERING OF ANIMALS (FALLING WITHIN THE DESCRIPTION OF CHARITABLE PURPOSES SET OUT IN PART 1 OF THE CHARITIES ACT 2006 BEING THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE);(B) THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE (IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; (C) EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR IN ANIMAL WELFARE, IN BRITISH FLORA AND FAUNA, IN ENDANGERED SPECIES AROUND THE WORLD AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (IN PARTICULAR THE LOCAL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT).

**Activities:** Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity (SWCC) was established in March 2011 to help fundraise for conservation work both home and abroad. The organisation will be responsible for raising funds and educating visitors about endangered species and also play a major role in providing funds for the on-site SWCC Hedgehog Rehabilitation Hospital.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE
- Cambridgeshire
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £61,331  | £78,804     | -      | -         |
| 2024-12-31 | £131,425 | £122,889    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £42,369  | £58,647     | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £104,932 | £87,506     | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £50,611  | £61,433     | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £83,684  | £51,968     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name              | Role  | Appointed  |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| REBECCA WILLERS   | Chair | 2012-01-17 |
| COLIN TAYLOR      |       | 2011-10-14 |
| Elizabeth Bennett |       | 2019-06-05 |
| Liz Dams          |       | 2015-09-22 |
| MR MIKE HUNTER    |       | 2012-01-17 |
| MRS S WILLERS     |       | 2012-01-17 |
| Matt Gildersleeve |       | 2025-05-22 |
| Natasha Ennew     |       | 2024-09-19 |
| Yvonne Morrin     |       | 2017-10-23 |

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# Accounts

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Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Registered charity number 1145477

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Rebecca Willers      | (Chairperson)          |
| Sally Willers        | (Secretary)            |
| Colin Taylor         | (Treasurer)            |
| Jeanette Richards    |                        |
| Mike Hunter          |                        |
| Liz Dams             |                        |
| Yvonne Morrin        |                        |
| Liz Bennett          |                        |
| Tasha Ennew          |                        |
| Matthew Gildersleeve | (Appointed 22/05/2025) |

#### **Independent Accountants**

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#### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

#### **Bankers**

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#### **Governing Document**

Constitution

# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

## **Reports and Accounts**

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## **SWCC Annual Report 2025**

### **Report of the Trustees**

During the Thirteenth year (2025) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully delivered: Easter Conservation Trail, Elephant Event, Hedgehog Event, Otter Event, Red Panda Event, Lemur Event, Halloween Event, Annual Raffle, Santa's Grotto.
4. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
5. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **1. The Board of Trustees**

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### **2. Donations**

The Charity raised and made donations of funding and equipment to:

- International Otter Survival Fund (£625)
- Wild Cats Conservation Alliance (£650)
- Elephant Unchained (£1,220)
- Red Panda Network (£1,305)
- The Ampasy Research Centre: Lemurs (£1603)

#### **3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital**

The Charity raised the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the 2025 reporting period, the hospital admitted 431 hedgehogs. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continue to work hard to ensure that high standards of welfare are maintained throughout the year.

We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew and Kirstie Coddington for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



# SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data Annual Report

Reporting Period: 01.01.25 – 31.12.25

|                    |                  |               |                  |                 |                     |                |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 431                | 246              | 57%           | 52               | 475g            | 47%                 | 45             |
| Hedgehogs Admitted | Released to Wild | Survival Rate | Avg Days in Care | Avg Weight Gain | Required Medication | Postcode Areas |



## THE HEADLINE

In 2025, 431 hedgehogs came through our doors and 246 were released back to be wild — an astounding 57% survival rate. Again, this year surpassing the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007); that concludes only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

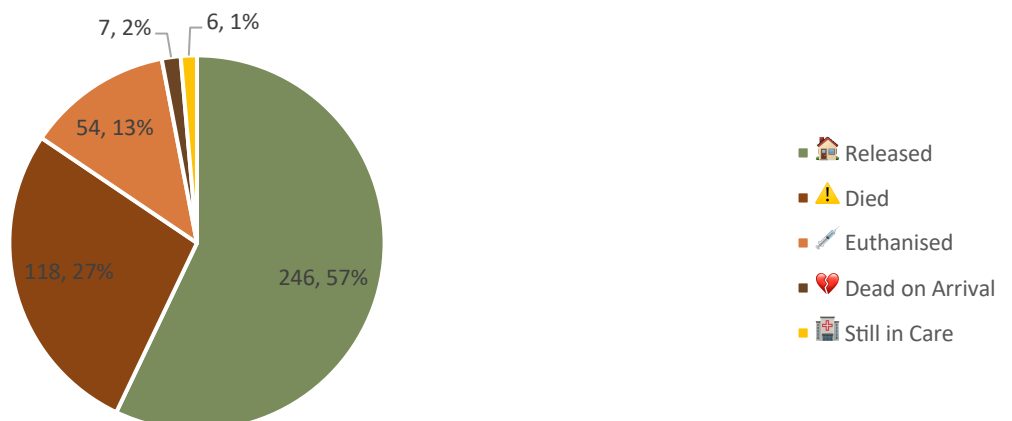
Out During Day' remained the leading cause of admission (56% of cases). Our core catchment spans Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire, with CB25 9JZ our single busiest postcode. With an average length of stay of 52 days and 47% of hedgehogs requiring medication, every rescue reflects meaningful staff, veterinary and volunteer investment — made possible by our supporters.



## OUTCOMES FOR 431 HEDGEHOGS

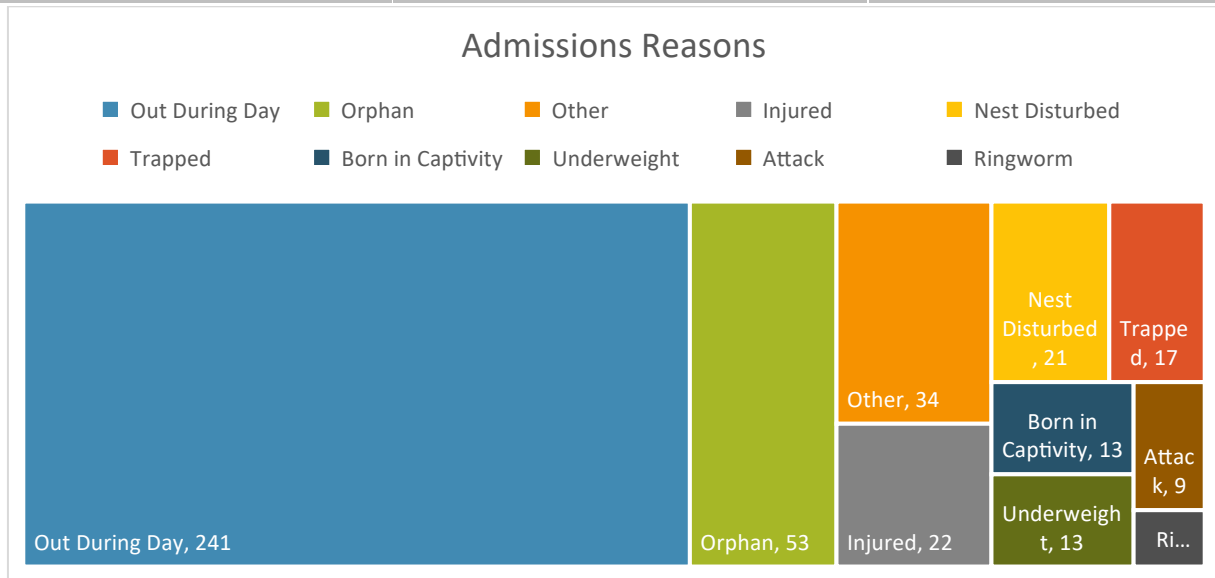
57% of hedgehogs were successfully released. 27% sadly died despite our care, 13% required humane euthanasia, and 2% were dead on arrival. 1% remain in our care.

Outcomes for 431 Hedgehogs



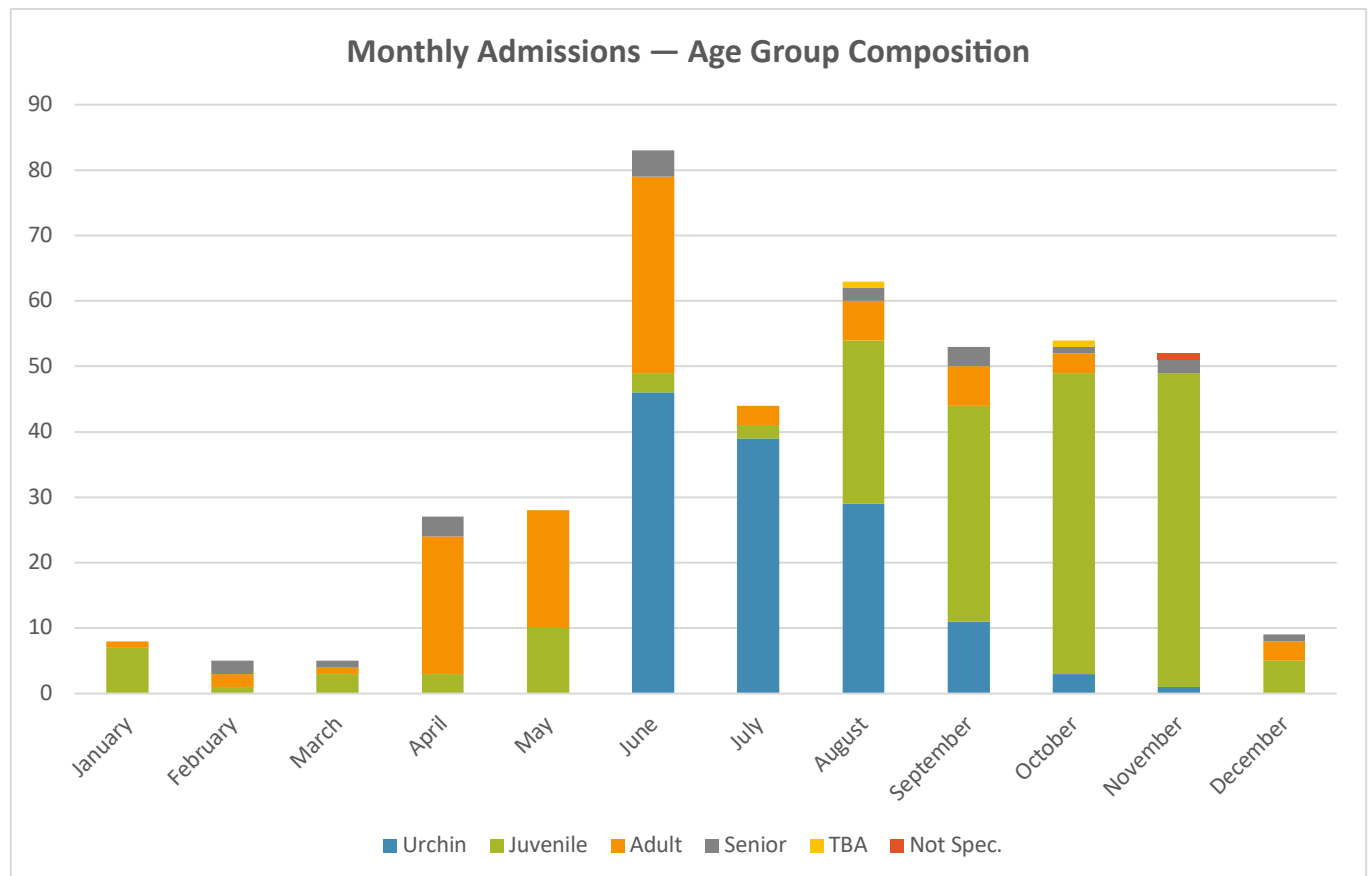
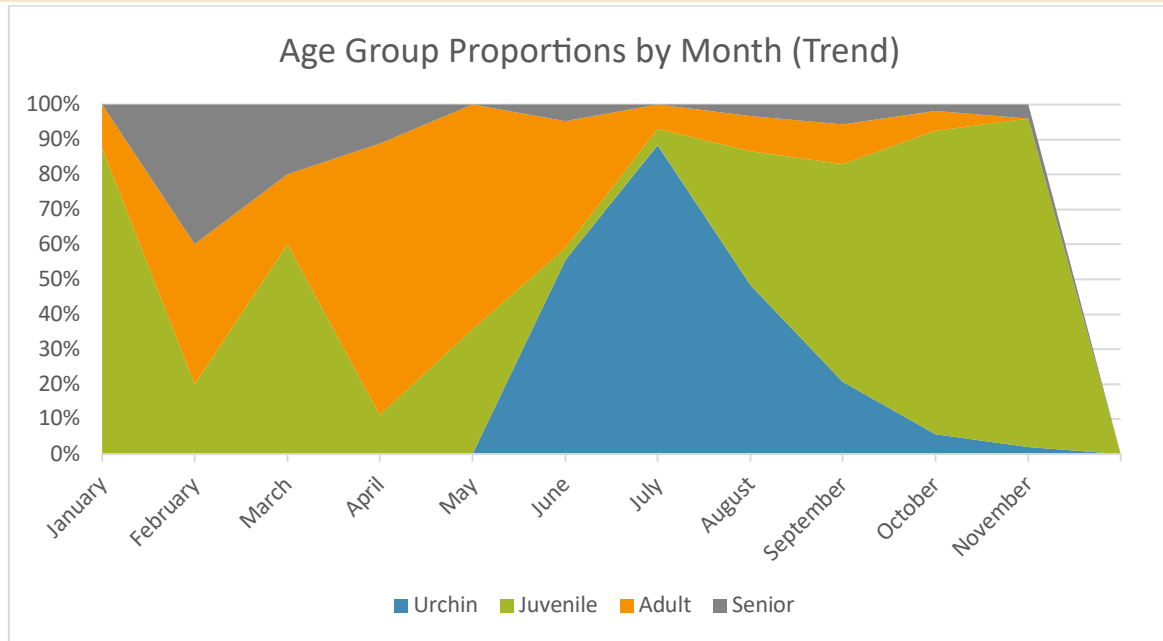
## 🦔 ADMISSION REASONS — SUMMARY 🦔

| 🇮🇹 TOTAL ADMISSIONS       | 🏷️ CATEGORIES                | 🏆 TOP REASON                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>431</b>                | <b>11</b>                    | <b>ODD (56%)</b>                |
| <i>Hedgehogs admitted</i> | <i>Distinct reason codes</i> | <i>Most common admit reason</i> |



- 💡 **INSIGHT #1** ODD (Out During Day) is the dominant reason — 242 of 431 admissions (56%). But The survival rate of this category is only 45%. Hedgehogs out during the day are typically already very sick when found.
- 💡 **INSIGHT #2** Orphans (ORP) are our biggest success story — 53 admitted, 47 released (89% survival). Hand-rearing works: when we get them young and otherwise healthy, they almost always make it home.
- 💡 **INSIGHT #3** Two reasons hit 100% survival: Nest Disturbed (21 cases) and Attack (9 cases). The provision of appropriate care resulted in this 100% survival outcome.
- 💡 **INSIGHT #4** Injured (INJ) is the poorest-outcome category — 22 admitted but only 4 released (18%). Most arrive with severe trauma (road, strimmer, dog) that can't be reversed. Public-awareness campaigns on garden tools and roads are regularly communicated via our social media channels.
- 💡 **INSIGHT #5** The top 3 reasons (ODD, ORP, OTHER) account for 328 of 431 admissions (76%).

Hedgehog admissions follow a predictable seasonal rhythm. Spring brings injured adults waking from hibernation; summer brings orphaned juveniles (our 'urchins'); autumn brings underweight youngsters racing to reach hibernation weight before winter. June was our busiest month with 83 admissions, followed by August (62), October (54), September (53), and November (52). Winter months (December–March) are quieter as hedgehogs hibernate, but those we do admit are often in critical condition.

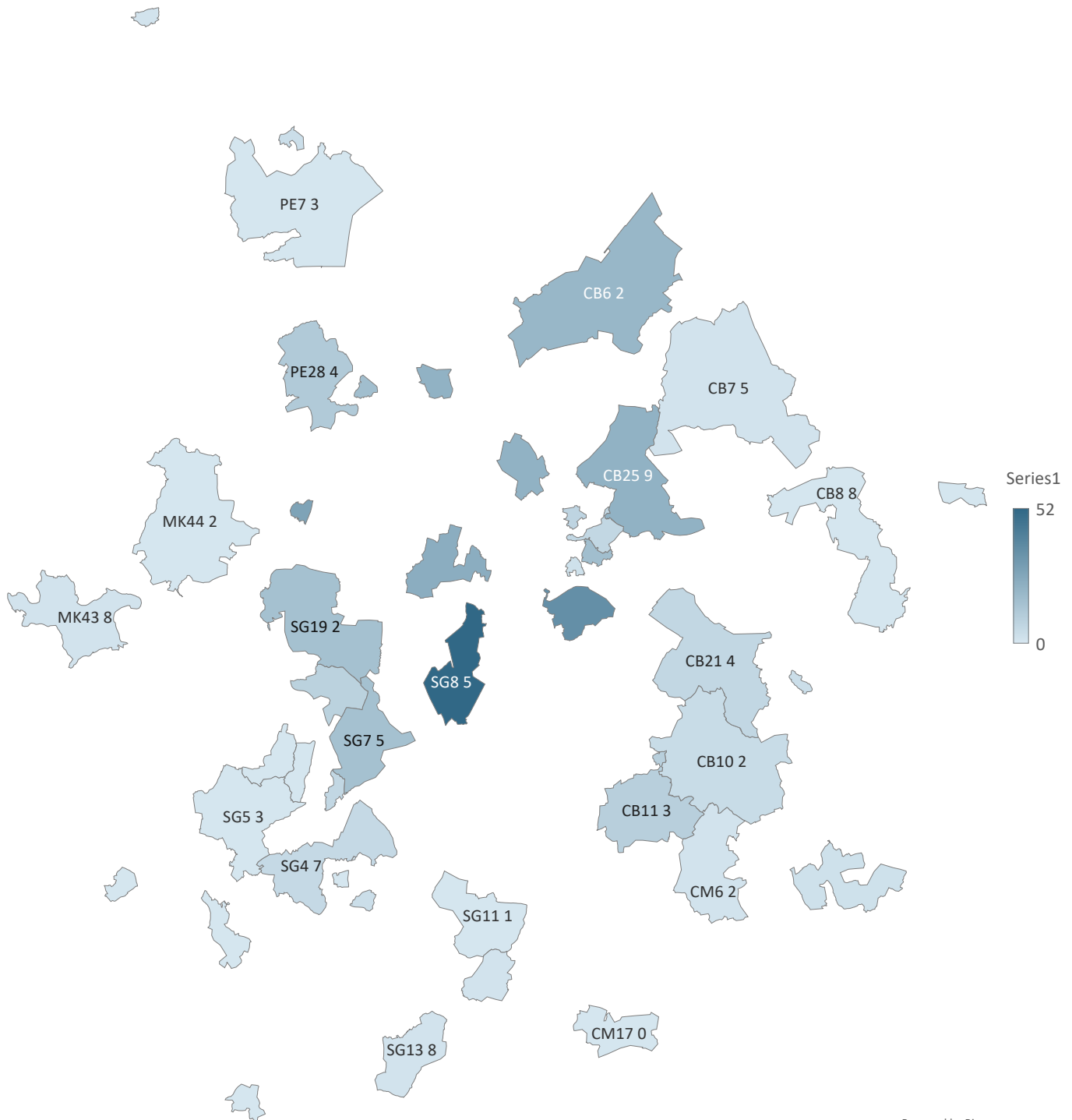


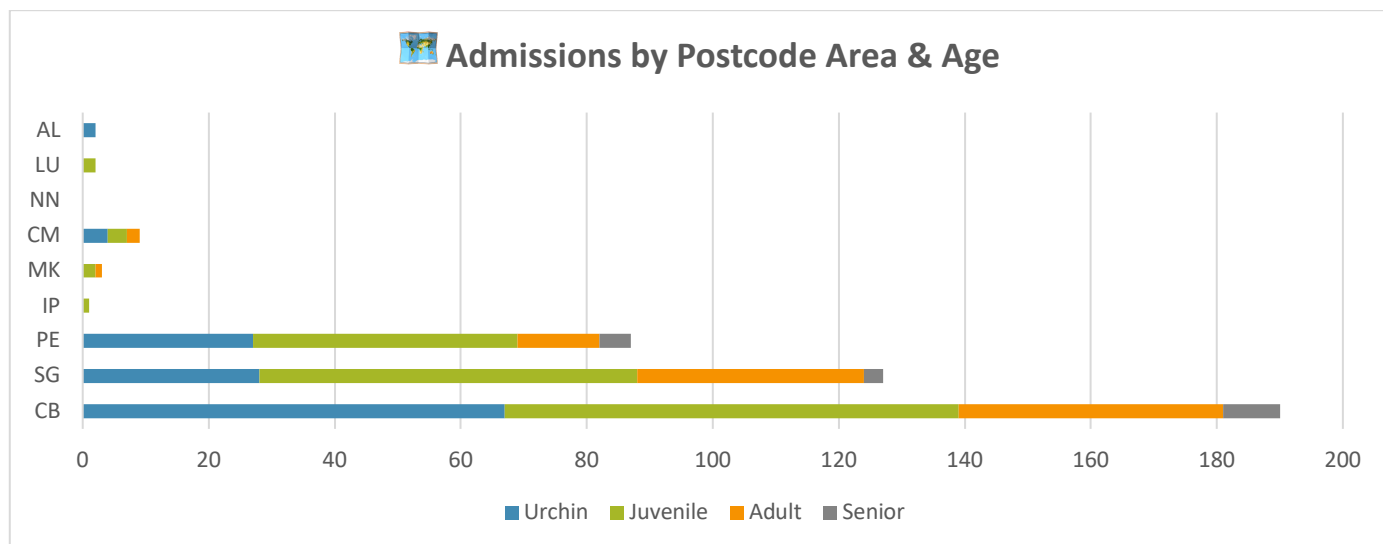
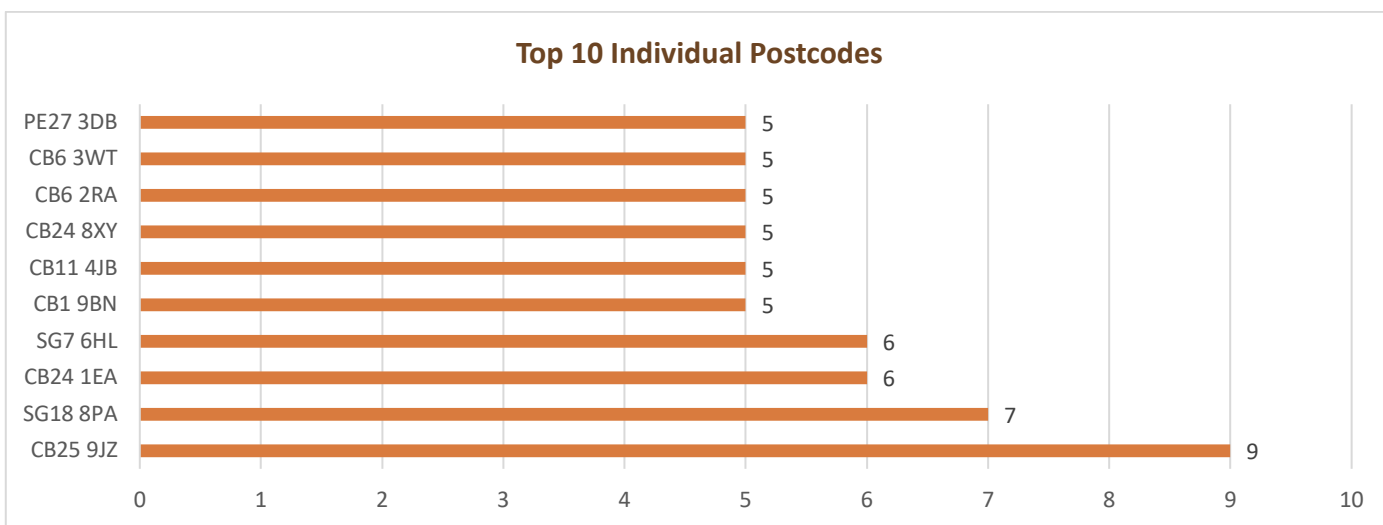
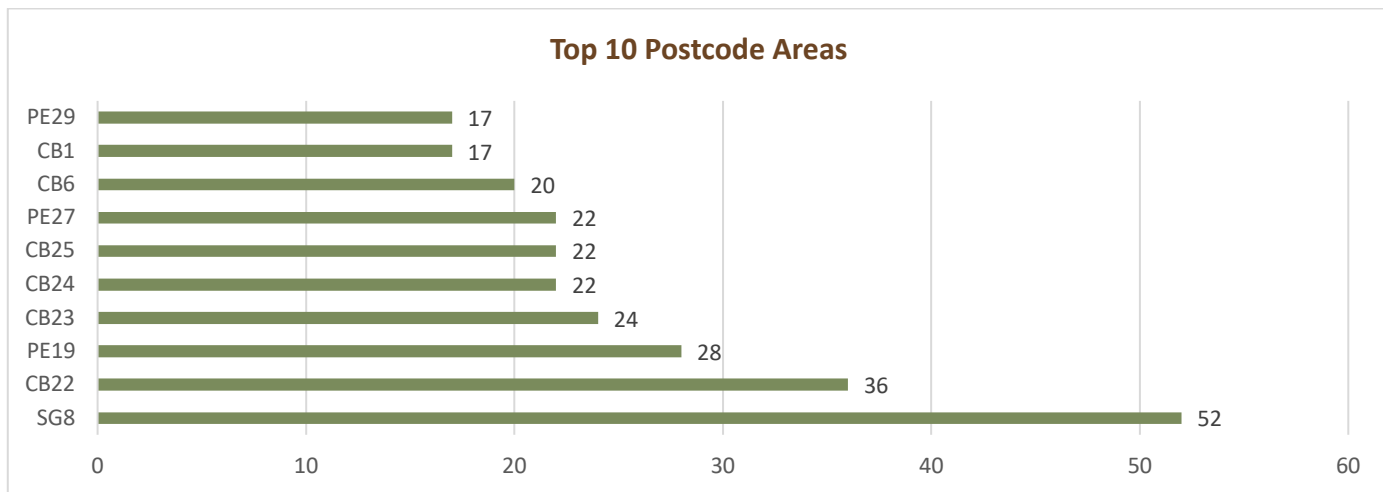


## OUR GEOGRAPHIC REACH

Hedgehogs came to us from 45 postcode areas across Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Essex. CB25 9JZ was our single busiest postcode. The geographic spread reflects the generous network of finders, finders' vets, and smaller rescues that trust us with hedgehogs in need. Our core catchment spans Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire. The single postcode with the most admissions was CB25 9JZ with 9 hedgehogs — a hot-spot for hedgehog activity.

Hedgehog Admissions by Postcode Area (darker = more admissions)



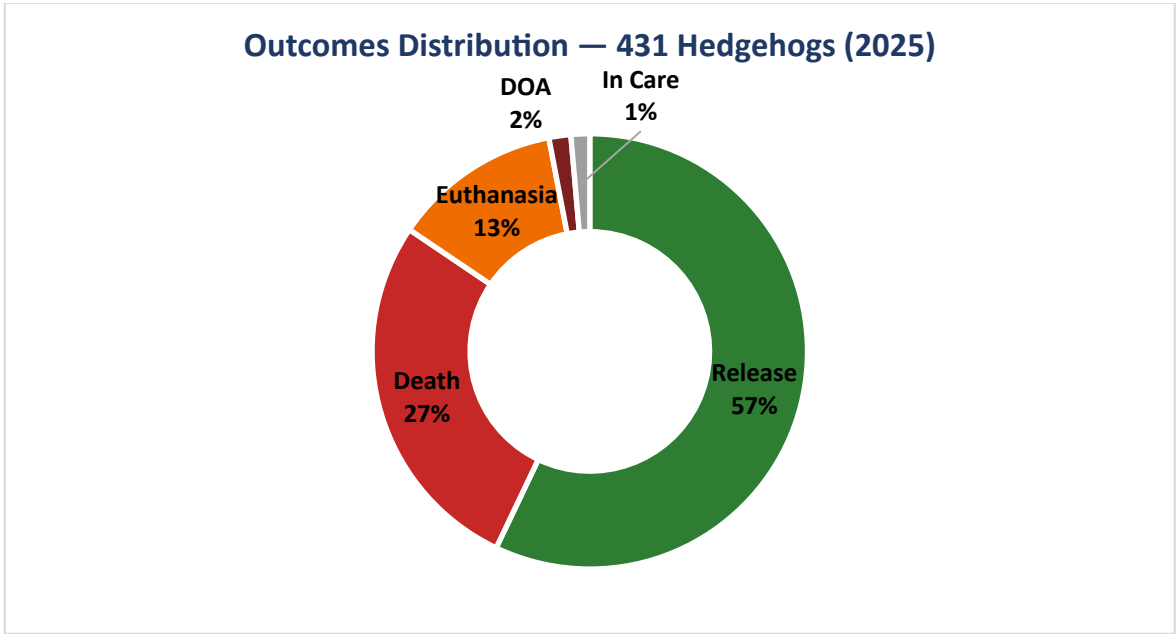


## OUR GEOGRAPHIC REACH CONTINUED

Admissions by postcode area and age shows that juveniles/urchins cluster in a small number of postcode “hotspots” (often linked to seasonal nest disturbance and garden hazards), whereas adult admissions are more geographically spread across the wider catchment through day-finds, road incidents, and vet/referral routes. Adult-heavy postcodes can flag persistent hazards or very active reporting communities.

RELEASE-FOCUS

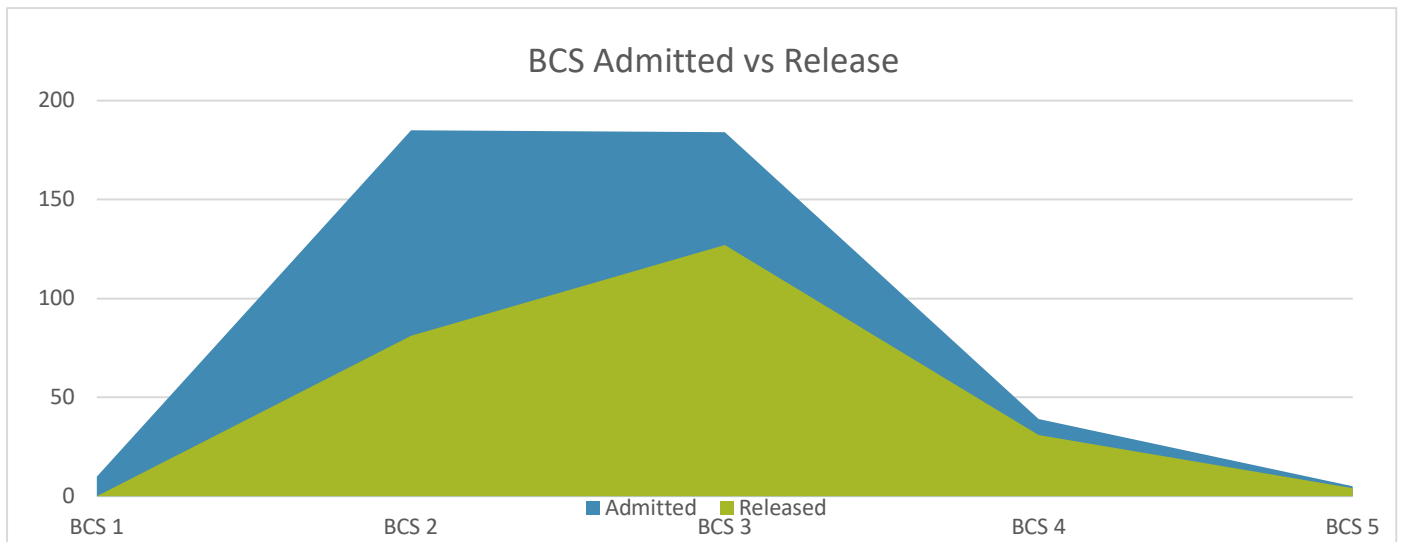
| HEADLINE RELEASE KPIs |          |               |                  |                     |               |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Total Admitted        | Released | Survival Rate | Avg Days in Care | Avg Weight Gain (g) | Required Meds |
| 431                   | 246      | 57%           | 52 days          | 446 g               | 47%           |



| Age Group | Admitted | Released | Survival % |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Urchin    | 129      | 109      | 84%        |
| Adult     | 94       | 50       | 53%        |
| Juvenile  | 186      | 82       | 44%        |
| Senior    | 19       | 3        | 16%        |
| TOTAL     | 431      | 246      | 57%        |

| Reason            | Admitted | Released | Survival % | Category                      |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Nest Disturbed    | 21       | 21       | 100%       | Hand-reared babies            |
| Attack            | 9        | 9        | 100%       | Healthy hog needing shelter   |
| Orphan            | 53       | 47       | 89%        | Hand-reared babies            |
| Born in Captivity | 13       | 10       | 77%        | Captive-born                  |
| Underweight       | 13       | 9        | 69%        | Nutritional, parasite burdens |
| Other             | 34       | 23       | 68%        | Mixed cases                   |
| To Be Assessed    | 3        | 2        | 67%        | In Care                       |
| Trapped           | 17       | 11       | 65%        | Short-term help               |
| Out During Day    | 242      | 109      | 45%        | Sick when found (largest)     |
| Ringworm          | 4        | 1        | 25%        | Skin disease                  |
| Injured           | 22       | 4        | 18%        | Trauma — often unfixable      |

| BCS Score | Admitted | Released | Survival % |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| BCS 1     | 10       | 0        | 0%         |
| BCS 2     | 185      | 81       | 44%        |
| BCS 3     | 184      | 127      | 69%        |
| BCS 4     | 39       | 31       | 79%        |
| BCS 5     | 5        | 4        | 80%        |



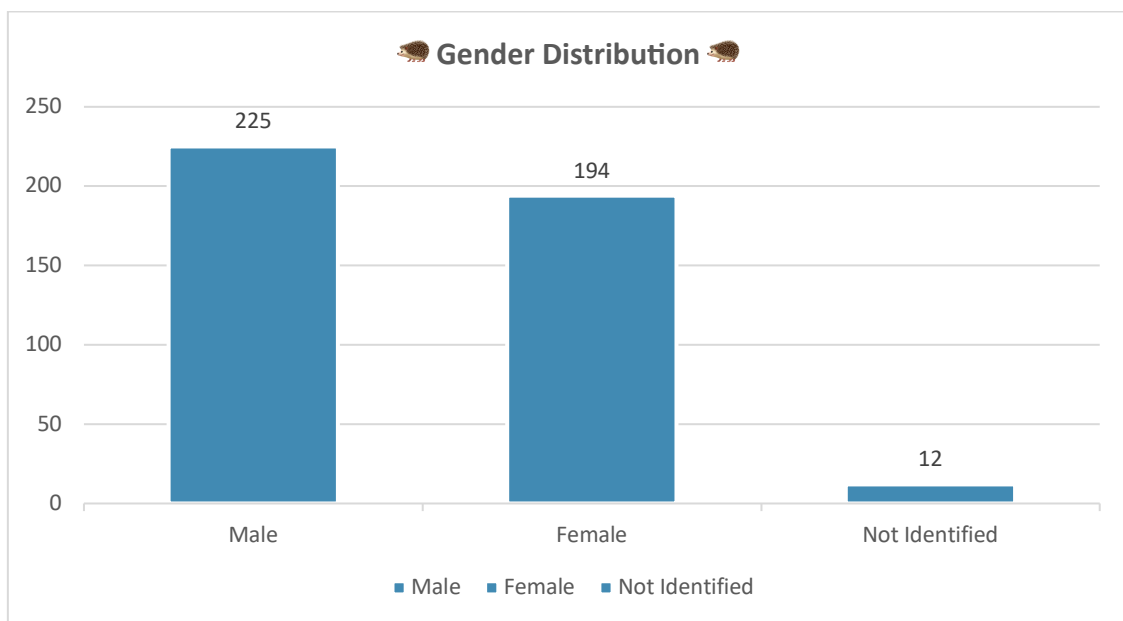
### 💡 BCS @ ADMISSION → RELEASE RELEVANCE

Body Condition Score at admission is one of the strongest single predictors of release. Of 423 hogs scored on arrival, survival climbs almost linearly with BCS — BCS 1 hogs released 0% (0 of 10), BCS 2 44%, BCS 3 69%, BCS 4 79%, and BCS 5 80%. Practically: a hog arriving at BCS 3+ is 1.6× more likely to be released than a BCS 2, and emaciated (BCS 1) admissions almost never make it home. BCS should therefore be used at triage to set realistic prognoses, prioritise nutritional intervention for BCS 1–2 cases, and flag likely-long-stay hogs for capacity planning. The underlying admission reason must also be taken into consideration i.e. a hedgehog with a BCS of 4 that has been subject to an unsurvivable RTA would not be a candidate for a successful release.

## GENDER SPLIT INFORMATION

Overall, the rescue sees 54% male / 46% female. The skew is driven by Urchins (males 57%) and the SG/PE catchments — not by adults or juveniles, which are essentially balanced. The CB catchment is the one notable countertrend (female-leaning). In general, both sexes are well-represented.

| BLOCK 4 — GENDER SPLIT BY AGE GROUP (Male / Female side-by-side) |        |    |          |    |       |    |        |   |     |   |           |   |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----------|----|-------|----|--------|---|-----|---|-----------|---|--|
| Postcode Area                                                    | Urchin |    | Juvenile |    | Adult |    | Senior |   | TBA |   | Not Spec. |   |  |
|                                                                  | M      | F  | M        | F  | M     | F  | M      | F | M   | F | M         | F |  |
| CB (Cambridge)                                                   | 36     | 29 | 32       | 40 | 19    | 22 | 5      | 4 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| SG (Stevenage)                                                   | 16     | 12 | 36       | 23 | 20    | 15 | 0      | 3 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 1 |  |
| PE (Peterborough)                                                | 15     | 12 | 23       | 20 | 5     | 8  | 4      | 1 | 0   | 1 | 0         | 0 |  |
| CM (Chelmsford)                                                  | 3      | 1  | 2        | 1  | 1     | 1  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| MK (Milton Keynes)                                               | 0      | 0  | 2        | 0  | 1     | 0  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| LU (Luton)                                                       | 0      | 0  | 2        | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| AL (St Albans)                                                   | 2      | 0  | 0        | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| IP (Ipswich)                                                     | 0      | 0  | 1        | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| NN (Northampton)                                                 | 0      | 0  | 0        | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |
| TOTAL                                                            | 72     | 54 | 98       | 84 | 46    | 46 | 9      | 8 | 0   | 1 | 0         | 1 |  |



## KEY INSIGHTS

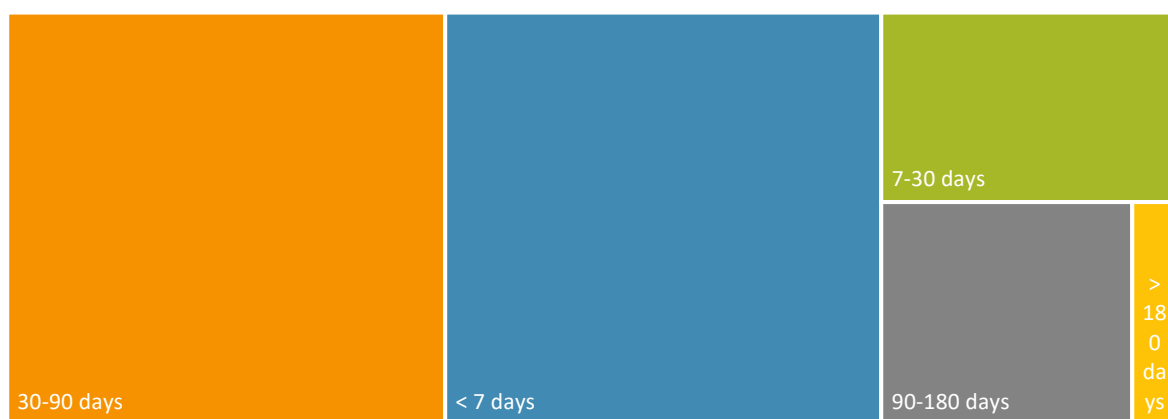
### DAYS IN CARE

#### STAY BAND BREAKDOWN

| Stay Band    | Count      | % of Total  | Interpretation                        |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| < 7 days     | 83         | 24%         | DOA, euthanasia, or quick turnarounds |
| 7-30 days    | 50         | 14%         | Short-term stabilization & release    |
| 30-90 days   | 158        | 45%         | Standard rehabilitation cases         |
| 90-180 days  | 49         | 14%         | Complex medical or overwinter care    |
| > 180 days   | 9          | 3%          | Long-term overwinter / chronic cases  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>349</b> | <b>100%</b> |                                       |

#### Days In Care ANALYSIS

■ < 7 days ■ 7-30 days ■ 30-90 days ■ 90-180 days ■ > 180 days



## RELEASE DISTANCE — Admission vs Release Postcode

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society conclude that Hedgehogs build a mental map of their home range to help better navigate their environment. Hedgehogs released from unknown sites face larger competition for resources and a greater risk of road mortality. They may also spread infectious diseases to new populations. Simply release a hedgehog where they will be most content, within its original home range.

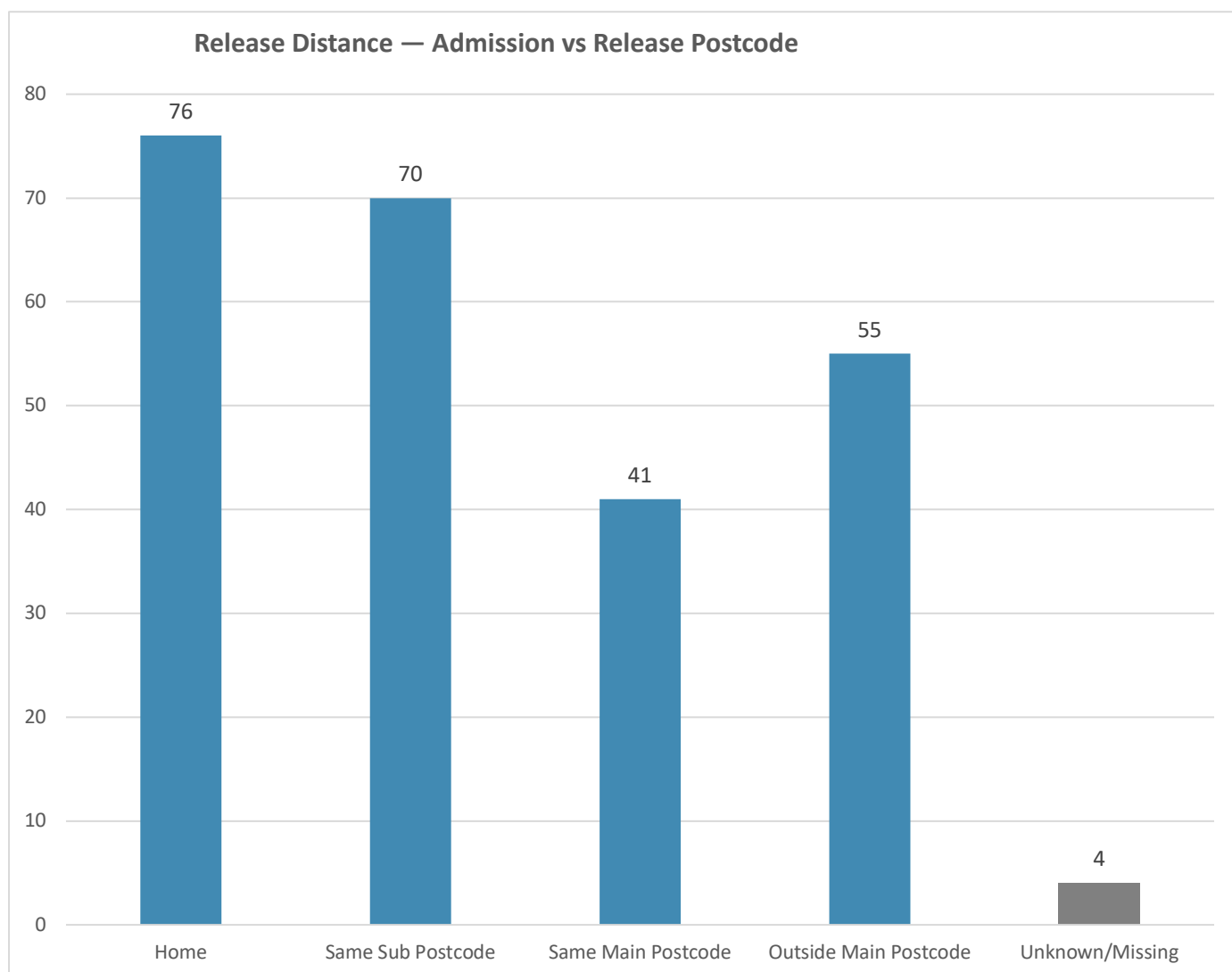
However, it is not always possible to release back home for several reasons:

- Hazards in that area caused original admittance.
- Finder does not want the hedgehog to come back.
- Release site not ready to support release and hedgehog is ready to go.
- Infectious diseases identified in the home area.

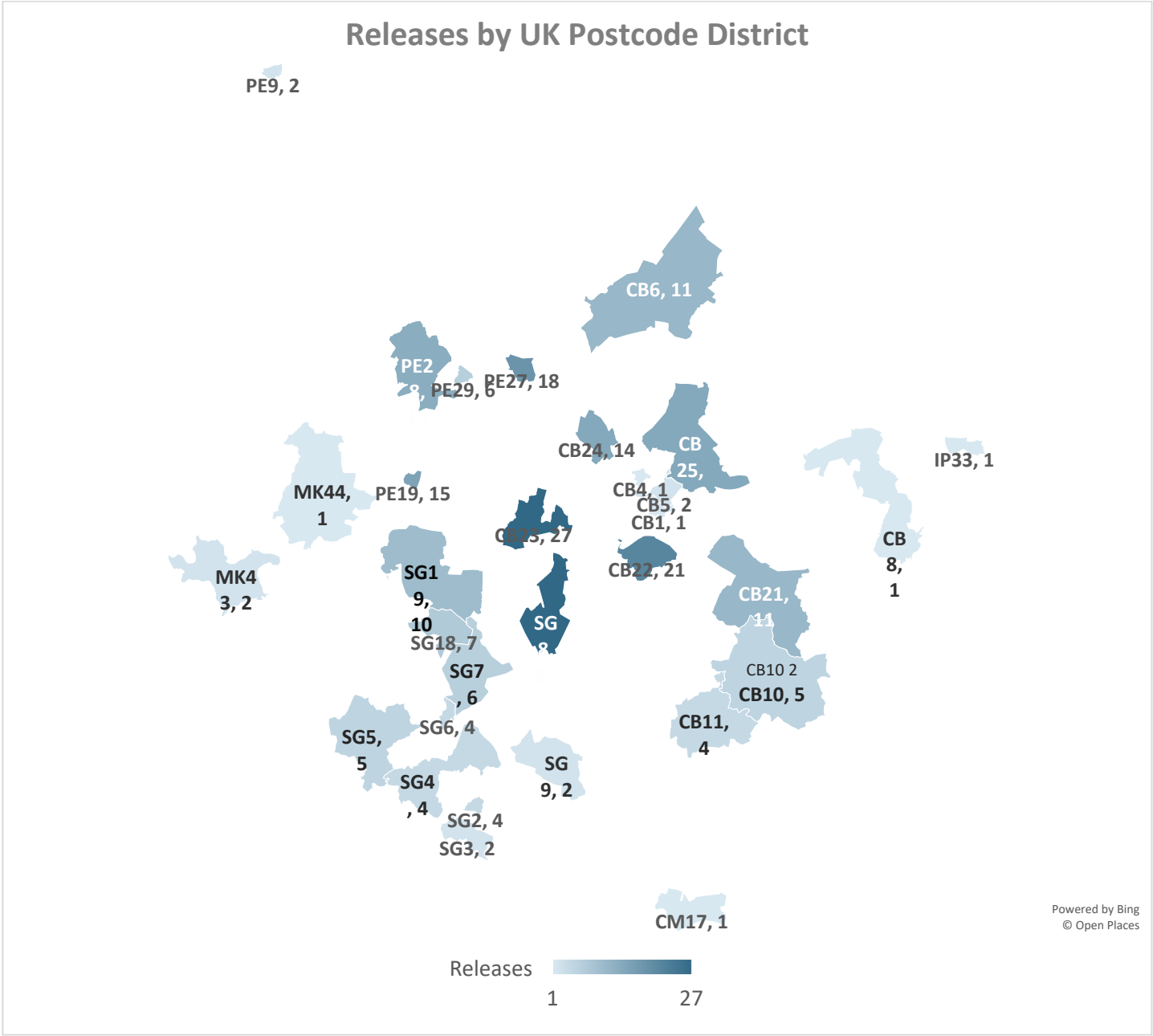
The Hospital Team strive to get the hedgehogs back home as swiftly as possible. For whatever reason, where this is not possible, or suitable, the nearest location to the home site is preferred to be used.

This view represents the release picture by Post Code view, unfortunately this does not show actual distance. For instance, a hedgehog released outside of the main postcode area CB1 to SG8 may only be a few miles away and is still suitable.

| KEY INSIGHTS |                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | Of 246 released hogs, 146 (59%) are released within the same outward postcode (Home + Same Sub Postcode) — i.e. effectively back to where they were found. |
|              | A further 41 hogs (17%) are released to the same main postcode area (e.g. CB→CB) but a different outward code — still local, but not the original road.    |
|              | Only 55 hogs (22%) are released outside the main postcode area where they were found — these are the longer-distance translocations.                       |



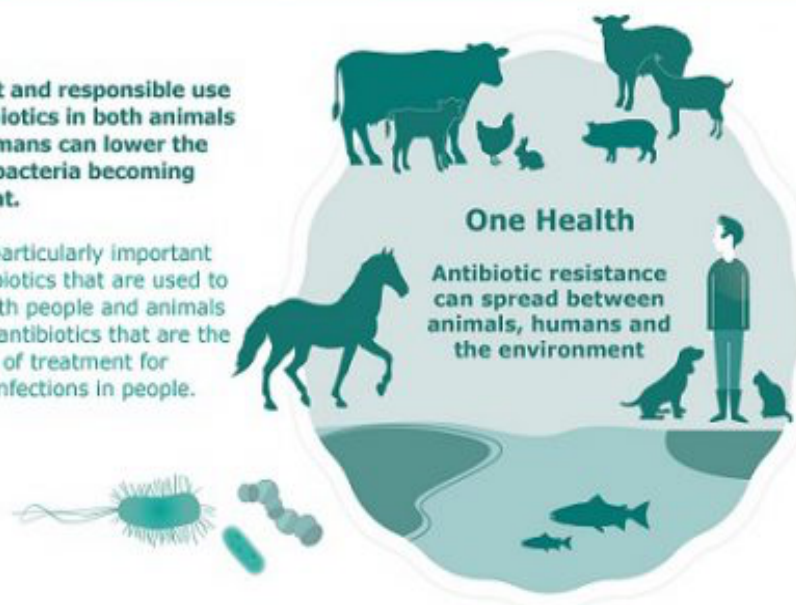
| RELEASE DISTANCE BREAKDOWN (released hogs only) |            |             |                                                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Cod Category                                    | Count      | % of Total  | Definition                                                          |  |
| 1 Home                                          | 76         | 31%         | Complete post code match (e.g. CB21 5EZ → CB21 5EZ)                 |  |
| 2 Same Sub Postcode                             | 70         | 28%         | Same outward code, different inward (e.g. CB21 5EZ → CB21 4NT)      |  |
| 3 Same Main Postcode                            | 41         | 17%         | Same area letters, different outward code (e.g. CB21 5EZ → CB4 2PS) |  |
| 4 Outside Main Postcode                         | 55         | 22%         | Different area letters (e.g. CB21 5EZ → SG8 7DW)                    |  |
| Unknown/Missing                                 | 4          | 2%          | Incomplete data                                                     |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>246</b> | <b>100%</b> |                                                                     |  |





**Prudent and responsible use of antibiotics in both animals and humans can lower the risk of bacteria becoming resistant.**

This is particularly important for antibiotics that are used to treat both people and animals and for antibiotics that are the last line of treatment for critical infections in people.



The Antimicrobial Advice Ad Hoc Expert Group (AMEG) has categorised antibiotics based on the potential consequences to public health of increased antimicrobial resistance when used in animals and the need for their use in veterinary medicine.

The categorisation is intended as a tool to support decision-making by veterinarians on which antibiotic to use.

**Veterinarians are encouraged to check the AMEG categorisation before prescribing any antibiotic for animals in their care.** The AMEG categorisation does not replace treatment guidelines, which also need to take account of other factors such as supporting information in the Summary of Product Characteristics for available medicines, constraints around use in food-producing species, regional variations in diseases and antibiotic resistance, and national prescribing policies.

## Category A Avoid

- antibiotics in this category are not authorised as veterinary medicines in the EU
- should not be used in food-producing animals
- may be given to companion animals under exceptional circumstances

## Category B Restrict

- antibiotics in this category are critically important in human medicine and use in animals should be restricted to mitigate the risk to public health
- should be considered only when there are no antibiotics in Categories C or D that could be clinically effective
- use should be based on antimicrobial susceptibility testing, wherever possible

## Category C Caution

- for antibiotics in this category there are alternatives in human medicine
- for some veterinary indications, there are no alternatives belonging to Category D
- should be considered only when there are no antibiotics in Category D that could be clinically effective

## Category D Prudence

- should be used as first line treatments, whenever possible
- as always, should be used prudently, only when medically needed

## Categorisation of antibiotic classes for veterinary use (with examples of substances authorised for human or veterinary use in the EU)

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                        |                 |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Aminopenicillins</b><br>mediclamin<br>pivmediclamin                                                                                                                                                | <b>Carbapenems</b><br>meropenem<br>doripenem                                                                                                     | <b>Drugs used solely to treat tuberculosis or other mycobacterial diseases</b><br>isoniazid<br>ethambutol<br>pyrazinamide<br>ethionamide                                                                                                                              | <b>Glycopeptides</b><br>vancomycin                                                                                                     | <b>AVOID</b>    |
|          | <b>Ketolides</b><br>telithromycin                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Lipopeptides</b><br>daptomycin                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Glycylcyclines</b><br>tigecycline                                                                                                   |                 |
|          | <b>Monobactams</b><br>aztreonam                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Oxazolidinones</b><br>linezolid                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Phosphonic acid derivatives</b><br>fosfomycin                                                                                       |                 |
|          | <b>Rifamycins (except rifaximin)</b><br>rifampicin                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Riminoenazines</b><br>clofazimine                                                                                                             | <b>Other cephalosporins and penems (ATC code J01DE), including combinations of 3rd-generation cephalosporins with beta-lactamase inhibitors</b><br>ceftiofur<br>ceftazidime<br>ceftiofur-tazobactam<br>faropenem                                                      | <b>Pseudomonic acids</b><br>mupirocin                                                                                                  |                 |
|          | <b>Carboxypenicillin and ureidopenicillin, including combinations with beta-lactamase inhibitors</b><br>piperacillin-tazobactam                                                                       | <b>Sulfones</b><br>dapson                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Substances newly authorised in human medicine following publication of the AMEG categorisation</b><br>to be determined              |                 |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Cephalosporins, 3rd- and 4th-generation, with the exception of combinations with <math>\beta</math>-lactamase inhibitors</b><br>cefoperazone<br>cefovecin<br>cefquinome<br>ceftiofur               | <b>Polymyxins</b><br>colistin<br>polymyxin B                                                                                                     | <b>Quinolones: fluoroquinolones and other quinolones</b><br>cinoxacin<br>danofloxacin<br>difloxacin<br>enrofloxacin<br>flumequine<br>lomefloxacin                                                                                                                     | <b>Macrolides</b><br>erythromycin<br>gemithromycin<br>clindamycin<br>spiramycin<br>telithromycin<br>tetracycline<br>tylosin<br>tylosin | <b>RESTRICT</b> |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Aminoglycosides (except spectinomycin)</b><br>amikacin<br>apramycin<br>dihydrostreptomycin<br>framycetin<br>gentamicin<br>kanamycin<br>neomycin<br>paromomycin<br>streptomycin<br>tobramycin       | <b>Aminopenicillins, in combination with beta-lactamase inhibitors</b><br>amoxicillin + clavulanic acid<br>ampicillin + sulbactam                | <b>Amphenicols</b><br>chloramphenicol<br>florfenicol<br>thiamphenicol                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Rifamycins: rifaximin only</b><br>rifaximin                                                                                         | <b>CAUTION</b>  |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Cephalosporins, 1st- and 2nd-generation, and cephamycins</b><br>cefadroxil<br>cefalexin<br>cefazolin<br>cefepime<br>ceftriaxone<br>cefuroxime | <b>Lincosamides</b><br>clindamycin<br>lincomycin<br>pirlimycin                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| <b>D</b> | <b>Aminopenicillins, without beta-lactamase inhibitors</b><br>amoxicillin<br>ampicillin<br>metampicillin                                                                                              | <b>Aminoglycosides: spectinomycin only</b><br>spectinomycin                                                                                      | <b>Sulfonamides, dihydrofolate reductase inhibitors and combinations</b><br>formosulfathiazole<br>phenylsulfathiazole<br>sulfacetamide<br>sulfachlorpyridazine<br>sulfadiazine<br>sulfadimethoxine<br>sulfadimidine<br>sulfadoxine<br>sulfafurazole<br>sulfaguanidine | <b>Nitroimidazoles</b><br>metronidazole                                                                                                | <b>PRUDENCE</b> |
|          | <b>Tetracyclines</b><br>chlortetracycline<br>doxycycline<br>oxytetracycline<br>tetracycline                                                                                                           | <b>Anti-staphylococcal penicillins (beta-lactamase-resistant penicillins)</b><br>cloxacillin<br>dicloxacillin<br>nafcillin<br>oxacillin          | <b>Cyclic polypeptides</b><br>bacitracin                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Nitrofurans derivatives</b><br>furazolidone<br>furazolidone                                                                         |                 |
|          | <b>Natural, narrow-spectrum penicillins (beta-lactamase-sensitive penicillins)</b><br>benzathine benzylpenicillin<br>benzathine phenoxymethylpenicillin<br>benzylpenicillin<br>penethamate hydriodide | <b>Anti-staphylococcal penicillins (beta-lactamase-resistant penicillins)</b><br>phenoxymethylpenicillin<br>procaine benzylpenicillin            | <b>Steroid antibacterials</b><br>fusidic acid                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                        |                 |

### Other factors to consider

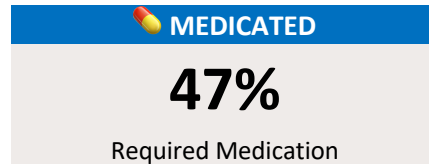
The **route of administration** should be taken into account alongside the categorisation when prescribing antibiotics. The list below suggests routes of administration and types of formulation ranked from the lowest to the highest estimated impact on antibiotic resistance.



- Local individual treatment (e.g. udder injector, eye or ear drops)
- Parenteral individual treatment (intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously)
- Oral individual treatment (i.e. tablets, oral bolus)
- Injectable group medication (metaphylaxis), only if appropriately justified
- Oral group medication via drinking water/milk replacer (metaphylaxis), only if appropriately justified
- Oral group medication via feed or premixes (metaphylaxis), only if appropriately justified



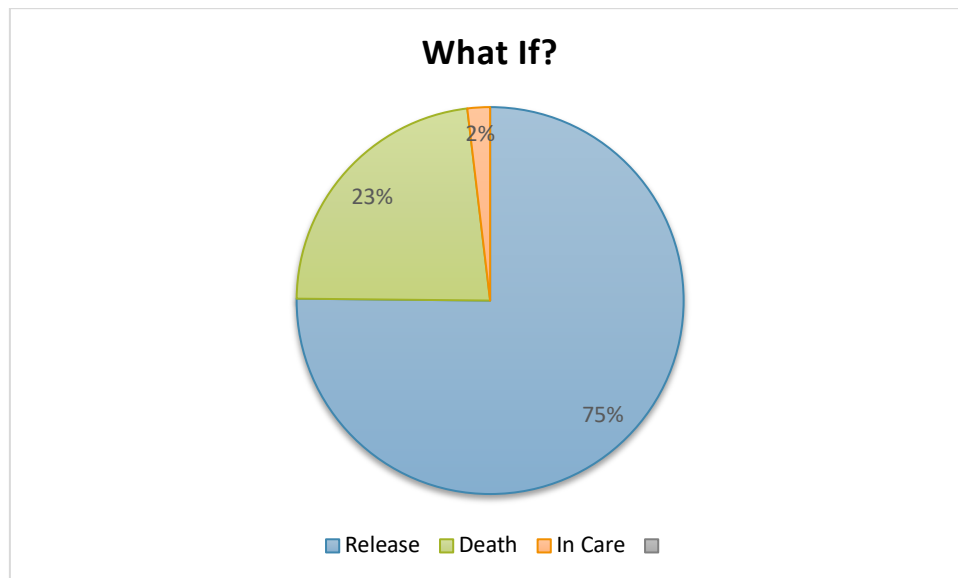
The table below illustrates our adherence to responsibilities regarding antibiotic usage.



| Drug Name         | Administered | Category |          |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| None Administered | 0            | A        | Avoid    |
| None Administered | 0            | B        | Restrict |
| Synulox           | 19           | C        | Caution  |
| Diatrim           | 29           | D        | Prudence |
| Baytril           | 1            | D        | Prudence |

## 💡 WHAT IF?

If we deduct the Hedgehogs that we were never able to save like Euthanasia's, dead on arrival and those that pass within 48 hours of admittance (deemed unsavable as they are already in critical decline and would require critical care facilities; the total release percentage will increase from 57% to 75%.



## The Unsavable

The table below show the numbers that have either passed or were released within 48 hours of arrival at the hospital. These have been deducted from the data set to produce the 'What If' view.

| 17 WHAT IF? Chart |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Death <2          | 45 |
| Euthanasia<2      | 38 |
| Release<2         | 9  |
| DOA               | 7  |

## THANK YOU FROM THE SWCC HEDGEHOG TEAM

*431 hedgehogs had a second chance this year because of our supporters. Every pound donated buys food, medication, staff and veterinary care. Every hour volunteered keeps our centre running through the whole year. Every story shared helps another finder know what to do.*

*Thank you — from all of us, and from every hedgehog whose story you helped write.*

## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **3.1 Staffing**

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and two part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis.

Alongside Shepreth Wildlife Park, SWCC employs a Conservation Officer to co-ordinate the community engagement programme and help develop the longer-term conservation strategies.

### **3.2 Release Programme**

At the time of reporting, 246 hedgehogs were successfully released back into the wild. We would like to thank the Hospital staff, volunteers and Release Site Co-ordinator for this tremendous success.

### **3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering its data for desk studies and assisting in research conducted at other institutions and in the field.

SWCC re-launched the Blue Tag Release Programme. The year was spent designing a new information leaflet, updating the website with information on the project, sourcing the supply of 2000 unique biodegradable tags and testing glue samples in preparation for the first release.

### **3.4 Hedgehog Helpline**

SWCC staff manned the hedgehog helpline.

## **4. Website**

The SWCC website ([www.swccharity.org](http://www.swccharity.org)) continued to be updated.

## **5. Fundraising**

The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss grant applications and upcoming fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days took place during the year.

We would like to thank the following people for their sponsored fundraising events:

- Helen Coleman: (£131.25) 4.5K run/walk
- Joy Michalatou: (£6.25) Hills Road Sixth Form College – HR 4.5 Fun Run
- Steven Pilcher: (£40) Fundraising
- Lucy Berrisford: (£112.75) EcoWeek HR 4.5K Fun Run/Walk
- Toby Jewkes: (£122.88) Bug Society fundraiser

We would like to thank the following Shepreth Wildlife Park staff for arranging SWCC Fundraising events throughout the year:

- Al Sabine
- Ellie Scoot
- Lesley McKilroy
- Liz Dams
- Sam Molino
- Sandra Ortuno
- Thomas King

During 2025, the charity received regular monthly donations from 22 individuals totaling £412.30 per month.

## 5.1 Grants

Grants were applied for and received from:

- Rickard Animals Company (£100)
- West Midlands Safari Park (£500)
- PEM Charitable Trust (£500)
- Holbeche Corfield Charitable Settlement (£500)
- Marsh Charitable Trust (£500)
- The Belfort Foundation (£2,000)
- Chapman Charitable Trust (£2000)
- Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (£5000)
- Big Give: Green Match Fund (5,528.68)
- Big Give: Christmas Challenge (£11,784.30 was awarded in 2025, but £6,134 funds to be paid out in 2026)

SWCC reached the final stage of the £100,000 International Landrover Defender awards.

## 6. Media

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintained a successful social media presence.

## 7. Education

Adult and child versions of 'Guide to Hedgehogs' leaflet continued to be distributed, in addition to the PDF download from the SWCC website: <https://swccharity.org/guide-to-help-hedgehogs>

The monthly awareness and conservation events, which ran on-site throughout 2025 to help highlight the work of SWCC and other conservation initiatives, took the form of invited speakers, workshops, and relevant educational games.

The promotional video of the history of the wildlife park and the work of the conservation charity and SWCC Hedgehog Hospital, continued to be screened to the 90,000 visitors to the wildlife park in 2025, to help promote conservation awareness.

A grant was applied for, to build a SWCC Conservation Hub. This was successfully awarded for £45,000. Funds and project to commence in 2026.

## 8. Community

Community plays a significant role in what we do, from training volunteers, assisting students with the research element of the hedgehog programme, to advising people on how to make their garden wildlife friendly.

Our Conservation Officer and Volunteer Release-site Co-ordinator continue to work closely within the local community and with organised wildlife groups, to inspire and encourage citizen science programmes and enthuse young people to engage in wildlife and habitat restoration projects. Between them they also attended a significant number of pre-booked formal talks and events including school assembly talks, sustainability events, WI talks and uniform group events.

We would like to thank both Judith Large and Liz Dams for their time spent on this community engagement.

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Report of the Trustees (continued)

#### Financial Review

The financial accounts are set out on pages 24 - 29. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effective January 2019) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

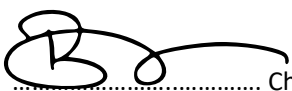
The Statement of Financial Activities shows net deficit of £17,473 which reduces the reserves brought forward of £67,087 make total reserves of £49,614 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £2,345 (Red Panda £500, Otter £625 and Elephant £1,220) which leaves free reserves of £47,269.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### Plans for future years

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on ..... 27th May .... 2026

 Chair

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

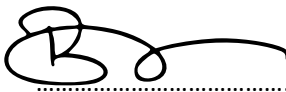
### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity 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 charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on .....27th May ..... 2026

..... Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which are set out on pages 24 to 29.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Independent Examiner's Report (continued)**

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Peter J Curnow*

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P J Curnow FCCA

Curnow & Co Limited  
Chartered Certified Accounts  
Brackenhurst  
Lee  
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EX34 8LW

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025



**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ended 31 December 2025**

|                                 | Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total                       | Total                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 | Funds        | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Otter            | Lemur            | Elephant         | Charity Ball     | Funds Year ended 31/12/2025 | Funds Year ended 31/12/2024 |
|                                 | £            | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                           | £                           |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>       |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                             |                             |
| <b>Donations</b>                | 30,185       | 1,711            | 122              | 425              | 447              | 568              | 667              |                  | 34,125                      | 38,396                      |
| <b>Fundraising</b>              | 368          | 1,054            |                  | 187              | 165              | 181              | 552              |                  | 2,507                       | 54,339                      |
| <b>Grants</b>                   |              | 24,165           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 24,165                      | 38,358                      |
| <b>Interest Received</b>        | 534          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 534                         | 332                         |
|                                 | 31,087       | 26,930           | 122              | 612              | 612              | 749              | 1,219            | -                | 61,331                      | 131,425                     |
| Asset and Investment Sales      | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                           | -                           |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b> | 31,087       | 26,930           | 122              | 612              | 612              | 749              | 1,219            | -                | 61,331                      | 131,425                     |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>       |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                             |                             |
| <b>Donations</b>                |              |                  | 650              | 805              |                  | 1,603            |                  |                  | 3,058                       | 7,118                       |
| <b>Fundraising</b>              |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                             |                             |
| Fundraising                     | 72           | 1,027            |                  |                  |                  |                  | 43               |                  | 1,142                       | 1,912                       |
| Charity Ball Costs              |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           | 22,102                      |
| Equipment                       |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           | -                           |
| Garden memorial project         | 188          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 188                         |                             |
| <b>Hospital Costs</b>           |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           |                             |
| Hospital supplies               |              | 2,431            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 2,431                       | 2,408                       |
| Veterinary                      |              | 7,062            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 7,062                       | 8,664                       |
| Hospital equipment              |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           | -                           |
| Waste Disposal                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           | 6,512                       |
| Repairs and maintenance         |              | 1,364            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 1,364                       | -                           |
| <b>Administration</b>           |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           |                             |
| Staff wages                     |              | 52,589           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 52,589                      | 46,081                      |
| Staff pensions                  |              | 1,446            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 1,446                       | 2,077                       |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising | 154          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 154                         | -                           |
| Accountancy                     | 1,016        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 1,016                       | 715                         |
| Subscriptions                   | 356          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 356                         | 246                         |
| Bank Charges                    | 18           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 18                          | 8                           |
| Website                         | 718          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 718                         | 240                         |
| Insurance                       | 1,227        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 1,227                       | 1,745                       |
| Electricity                     |              | 2,637            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 2,637                       | 3,320                       |
| Telephone                       |              | 412              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 412                         | 884                         |
| Solar Panels                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | -                           | 15,922                      |
| Staff Training                  | 53           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 53                          | 2                           |
| <b>Depreciation</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                             |                             |
| Leasehold property              | 2,933        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 2,933                       | 2,933                       |
|                                 | 6,735        | 68,968           | 650              | 805              | -                | 1,603            | 43               | -                | 78,804                      | 122,889                     |
| Asset and Investment Purchase   | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |                  | -                | -                           | -                           |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b> | 6,735        | 68,968           | 650              | 805              | -                | 1,603            | 43               | -                | 78,804                      | 122,889                     |
| Net Income for the year         | 24,352       | -42,038          | -528             | -193             | 612              | -854             | 1,176            | 0                | -17,473                     | 8,536                       |
| Transfers between funds         | -16,763      | 16,582           | 163              | -66              | 13               | 88               | -17              | 0                | 0                           | 0                           |
| Total funds brought forward     | 39,680       | 25,456           | 365              | 759              | 0                | 766              | 61               | 0                | 67,087                      | 58,551                      |
| Total funds carried forward     | 47,269       | 0                | 0                | 500              | 625              | 0                | 1,220            | 0                | 49,614                      | 67,087                      |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

|                                        |     | Notes          |                      |                 |                      |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                                        |     | 31/12/2025     |                      | 31/12/2024      |                      |
|                                        |     | £              | £                    | £               | £                    |
|                                        |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Fixed Assets                           |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3) |                | 17,602               |                 | 20,535               |
|                                        |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Current Assets                         |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |     | 31,801         |                      | 60,781          |                      |
| Stock                                  |     | 1,896          |                      | 2,491           |                      |
| Sundry Debtors                         |     | -              |                      | 3,801           |                      |
| Prepayments                            |     | -              |                      | -               |                      |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4) | <u>(1,685)</u> |                      | <u>(20,521)</u> |                      |
| Net Current Assets                     |     |                | <u>32,012</u>        |                 | <u>46,552</u>        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |     |                | 49,614               |                 | 67,087               |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   |     |                | <u>0</u>             |                 | <u>0</u>             |
| Net Assets                             |     |                | <u><u>49,614</u></u> |                 | <u><u>67,087</u></u> |
|                                        |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Funds of the Charity                   |     |                |                      |                 |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                     |     |                | 47,269               |                 | 39,680               |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |     |                | -                    |                 | 25,456               |
| Tigers                                 |     |                | -                    |                 | 365                  |
| Red Panda                              |     |                | 500                  |                 | 759                  |
| Otter                                  |     |                | 625                  |                 | -                    |
| Lemur                                  |     |                | -                    |                 | 766                  |
| Elephant                               |     |                | 1,220                |                 | 61                   |
| Charity Ball                           |     |                | <u>-</u>             |                 | <u>-</u>             |
| Total Funds                            |     |                | <u><u>49,614</u></u> |                 | <u><u>67,087</u></u> |

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

#### **1. Accounting policies Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

#### **Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Continued)**

**Resources Expended**

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

*Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

*Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

*Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

**Taxation**

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Continued)

#### Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

#### 2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

#### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                                              | Total         | Leasehold<br>Property | Fixtures<br>& Fittings |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025            | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 | 41,435        | 38,129                | 3,306                  |
| Charge for the year                          | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>          | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025            | <u>44,368</u> | <u>41,062</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Net Book Value                               |               |                       |                        |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025            | <u>17,602</u> | <u>17,602</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024            | <u>20,535</u> | <u>20,535</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |

#### 4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|                               | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£     |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sundry Creditors and Accruals | <u>1,685</u> | <u>20,521</u> |
|                               | <u>1,685</u> | <u>20,521</u> |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Continued)**

**5. Leasing commitments**

The charity has a 20 year lease from the Wildlife Park ending in 2033. The £100 per annum rent has been waived to date.

**6. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 4 (2024 – 4).

**7. Donations**

The following donations were paid out after the year end:-

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Red Panda | £500   |
| Otter     | £625   |
| Elephant  | £1,220 |

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# Accounts

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Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Registered charity number 1145477

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Rebecca Willers   | (Chairperson)          |
| Sally Willers     | (Secretary)            |
| Colin Taylor      | (Treasurer)            |
| Jeanette Richards |                        |
| Mike Hunter       |                        |
| Liz Dams          |                        |
| Yvonne Morrin     |                        |
| Liz Bennett       |                        |
| Hannah Lintott    | (Resigned 4/12/2024)   |
| Tasha Ennew       | (Appointed 19/09/2024) |

#### **Independent Accountants**

Curnow & Co Limited  
Brackenhurst  
Lee  
Ilfracombe  
EX34 8LW

#### **Business address and contact details**

c/o. Shepreth Wildlife Park  
Station Road  
Shepreth  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 6PZ

Email: [swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk](mailto:swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk)

#### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB  
The Cross  
2 Melbourn Street  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 9AB

#### **Governing Document**

Constitution

# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

## **Reports and Accounts**

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## SWCC Annual Report 2024

### Report of the Trustees

During the Twelve year (2024) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully delivered: Easter Conservation Trail, Elephant Event, Clouded Leopard Event, Hedgehog Event, Lemur Event, Halloween Event, Annual Raffle, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Hedgehog Ball.
4. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
5. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### Achievements and Performance

#### 1. The Board of Trustees

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### 2. Donations

The Charity raised and made donations of funding and equipment to:

- Clouded Leopard Working group (£2,918)
- Elephant Unchained (£1,200)

#### 3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

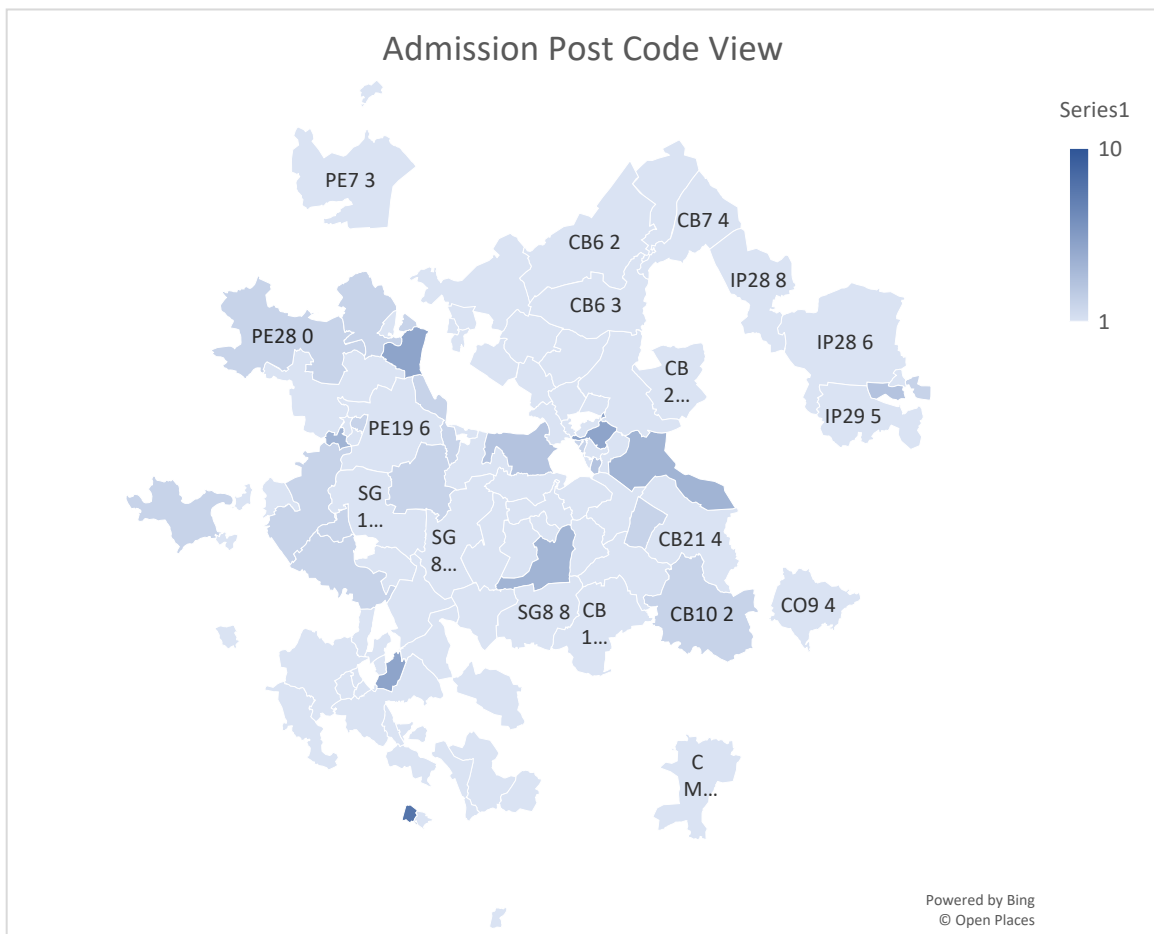
The Charity raised the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the 2024 reporting period the hospital admitted **493** hedgehogs. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continue to work hard during to ensure that high standards of welfare were maintained throughout the year.

We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew and Kirstie Coddington for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data

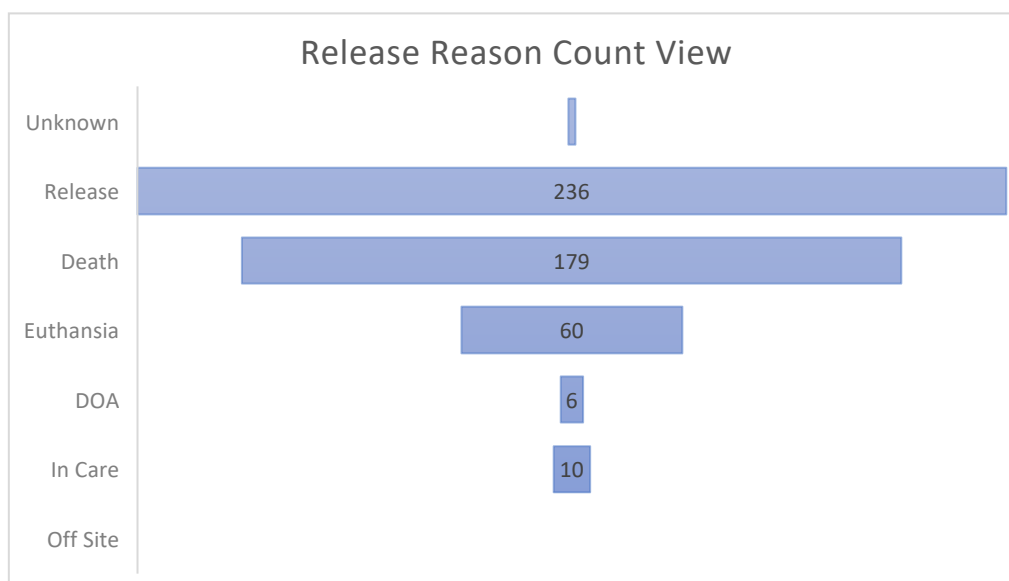
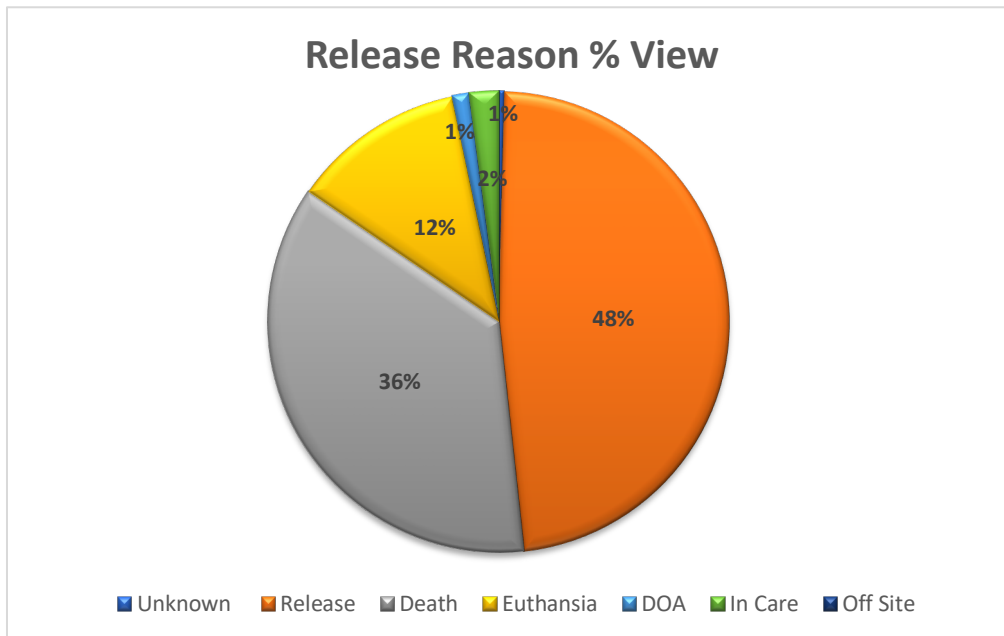
Reporting Period 01.01.24 – 31.12.24



This the first year since 2011 that we have reported on a calendar year rather than a financial year. We can start to build a picture going forward on hedgehog seasonal trends within the year.

For the year 2024, 493 Hedgehogs were admitted to the Hospital for treatment. The above admission maps show a density view of where the hedgehogs were originally rescued from. High admission volumes are seen within certain pockets of Cambridge, Stevenage, Peterborough and Suffolk.

## Release Views

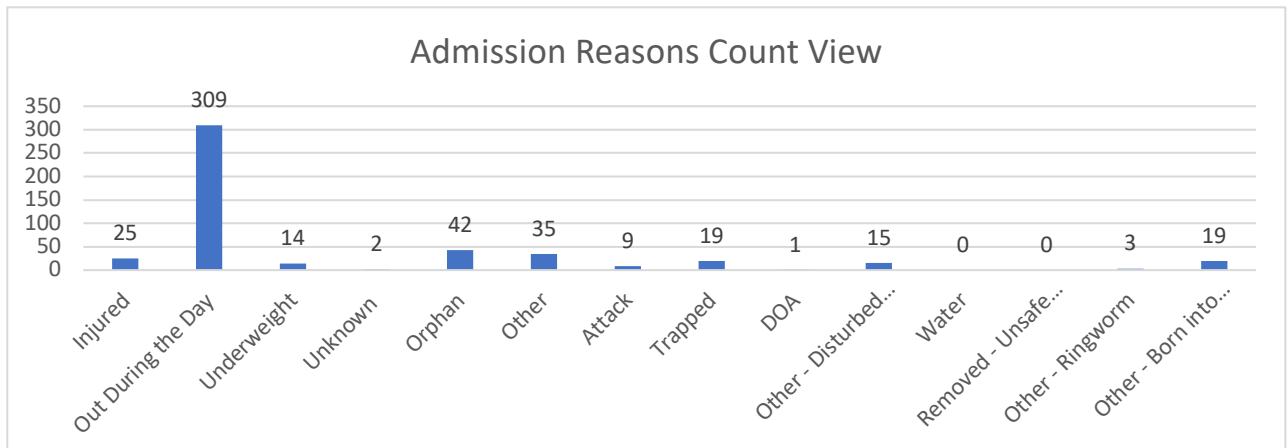
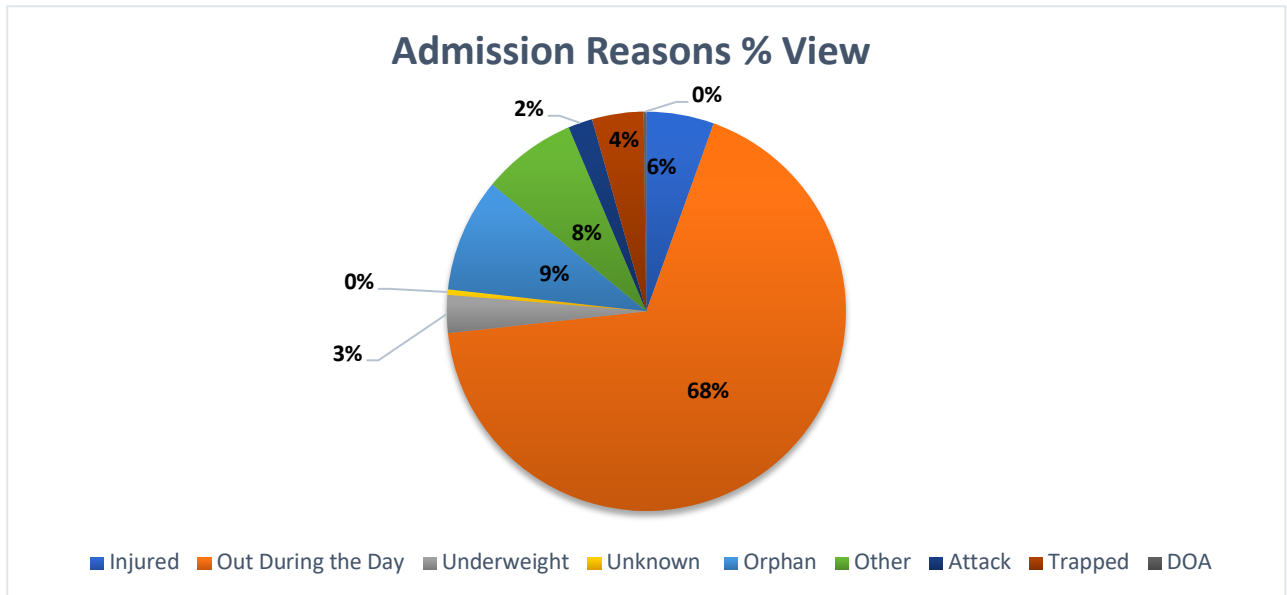


The release percentage is 48%. This is an outstanding achievement and easily surpasses the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007); that concludes only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

There are two unknown exits this year. It is highly likely that this is a miss recording of an Id number and these can be removed from the data set. Accurate record keeping is instrumental in achieving this admission count picture. The Hospital Team have ensured that files are completed so that we can accurately audit the hedgehog journey from their admittance to their destination. Only ten hedgehogs are recorded as remaining in care from this reporting period.

Euthanasia's again remain higher than earlier years, due to changes in protocols; this ensures that no disabled hedgehogs are placed in secure gardens inhibiting their natural instincts.

## Admission Reasons



'Out during the day,' like previous reporting years, is the main reason identified as to why hedgehogs are admitted to our care. This is followed by orphans. The Hospital Team educates the public via Facebook or Public Talks as to when is appropriate to intervene with nests that are assumed to have been abandoned or disturbed. This is to give the mother a chance to come back to nurse or move her young.

Trapped Hedgehog remain high this year, a trend we have seen increasing over the last couple of years. This would be a prudent topic to continue to educate the public on 'dangers in your garden' via their communication channels.

At the point when the Admission Form needs re-printing, we will be looking to introduce a 'final diagnosis' field to our files to see if we can analyse the real reason they were admitted. For instance, a hedgehog found out during the day may, under further examination, be injured which is not initially visible and this would alter their admittance reason. New admission reasons were added last year which breakdown the 'other' category. This is an ongoing process; we will shortly be adding breathing difficulties and tick burden as admission categories on the data set. We will also look at adding fields to quantify ecto-parasite burdens upon arrival, to analyse any patterns with a likely death outcome or identify successful parasite treatments.

Thank you to the Hospital Team for maintaining accurate record keeping.

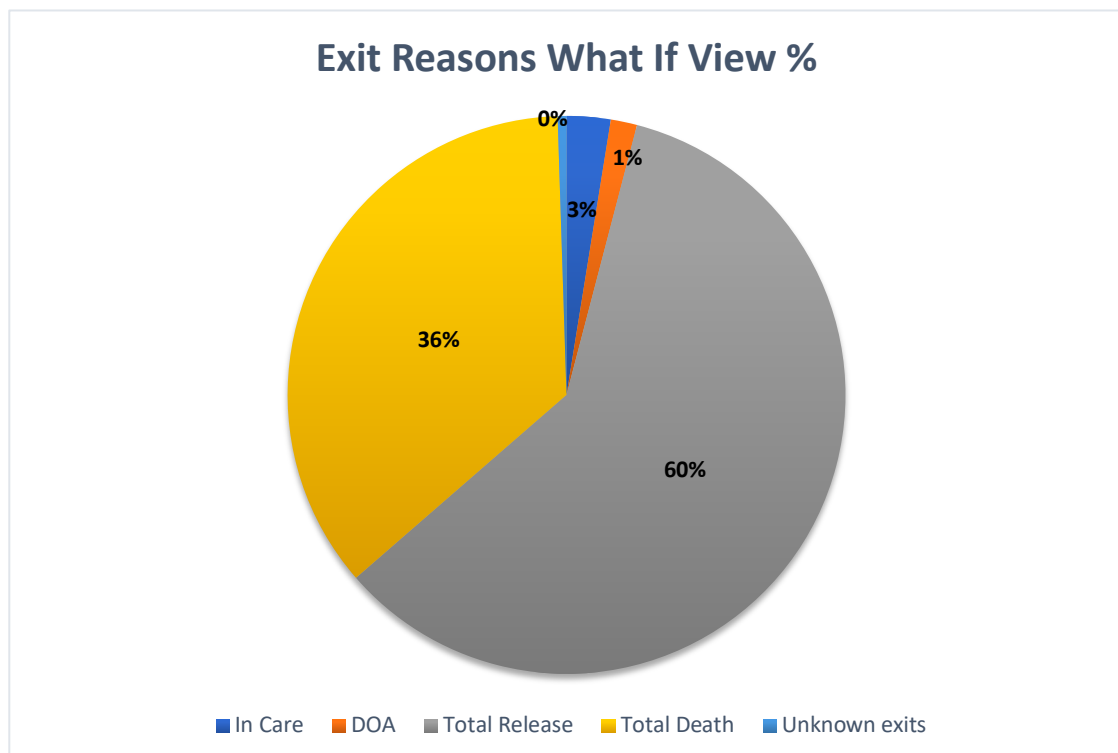
## What If?

If we deduct the hedgehogs we were never able to save like euthanasia's, dead on arrival and those that pass within 48 hours of admittance (deemed unsavable as they are already in critical decline and would require critical care facilities), the total release percentage would increase from 48% to 60%.

## The Unsavable

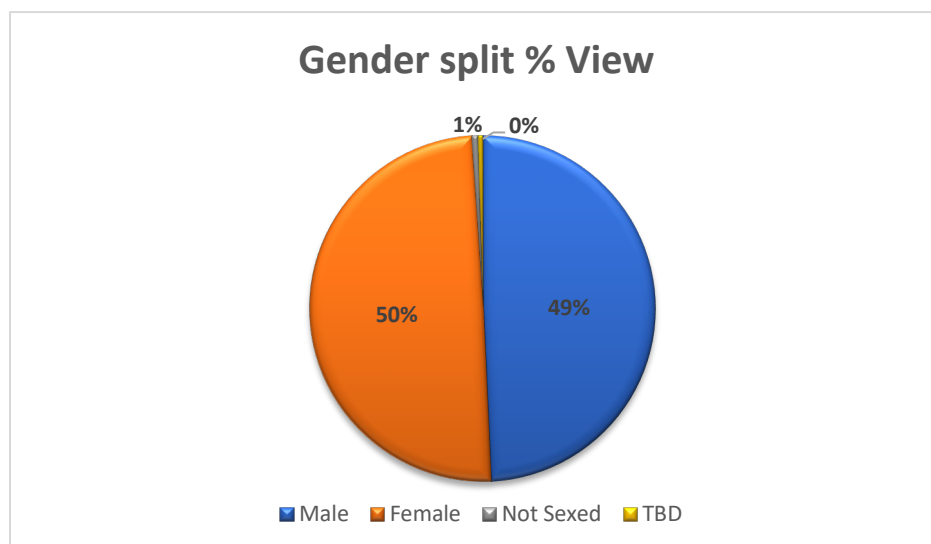
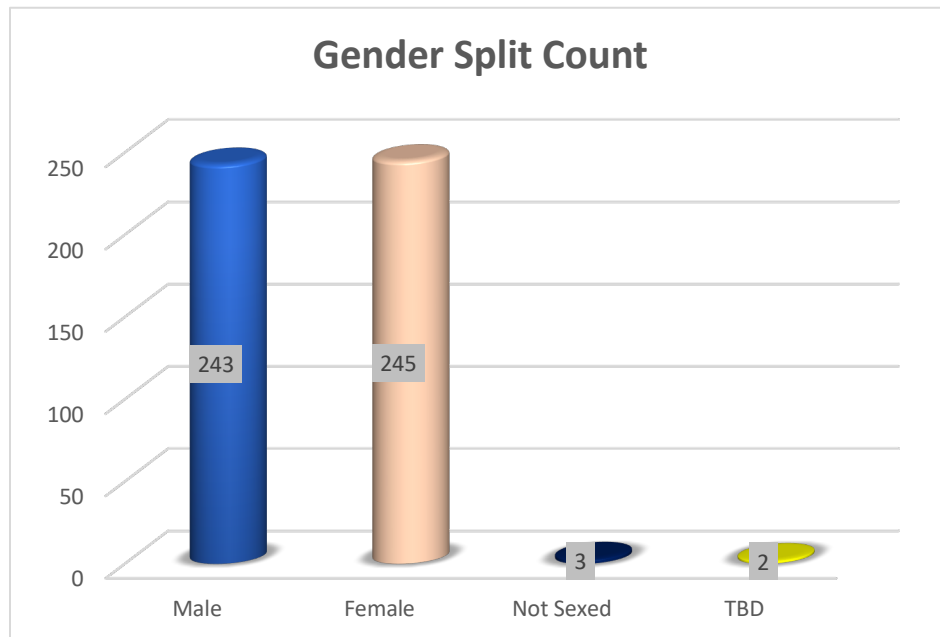
The table below show the numbers that have either passed or were released within 48 hours of arrival at the hospital. These have been deducted from the data set to produce the 'What If' view.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Death <2      | 38  |
| Euthanasia <2 | 60  |
| DOA           | 6   |
| Release <2    | 2   |
| Total         | 106 |



In conjunction with the Hospital Manager and Vet, Elizabeth Bennett, we aim to review the deaths under 48 hrs to see if we can alter care plans and/or introduce new care plans. The Hospital core manuals are also under review.

## Gender Split Information



For the past couple of years, we have seen a gender admission gap trend towards more males being admitted into our care. For the year 2024 we are back to seeing admission genders almost equalised. Three hedgehogs remained unsexed; the need for them to receive emergency veterinary care supersedes the need to record the gender in this instance.

We are building a report to show many males and females have been released to understand if there is a pattern emerging from our survival perspective.

## Admission Body Score Release % View

Hedgehogs with a body score of 3 and above are more likely to be released. Our highest death trends occur for hedgehogs with a body score of 2 and below.

| Count Total by BCS | BCS | Death | Euthanasia | DOA | Release | In Care | Release % |
|--------------------|-----|-------|------------|-----|---------|---------|-----------|
| 29                 | 1   | 17    | 11         | 0   | 1       | 0       | 3.45%     |
| 246                | 2   | 128   | 22         | 6   | 86      | 4       | 34.95%    |
| 174                | 3   | 32    | 24         | 0   | 112     | 6       | 64.36%    |
| 39                 | 4   | 1     | 3          | 0   | 35      | 0       | 89.74%    |
| 3                  | 5   | 1     | 0          | 0   | 2       | 0       | 66.66%    |

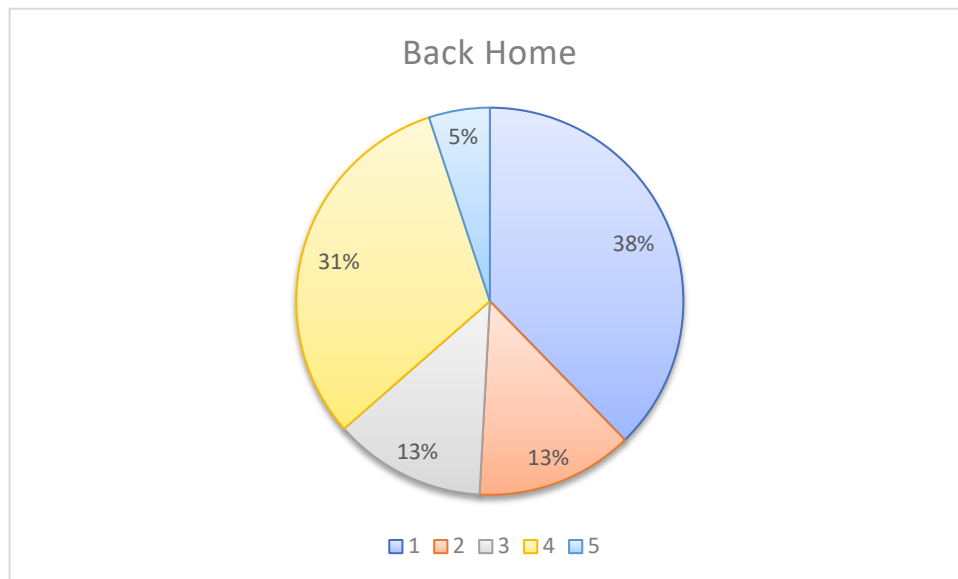
The view below audits the number of days a hedgehog spends in our care, with the majority being less than 50 days. No hedgehogs have spent more than 250 days in care. Hedgehogs with ringworm tend to stay with us longer to clear the infection.

| Days in Hospital | 2024 |
|------------------|------|
| >50              | 94   |
| >100             | 12   |
| >150             | 5    |
| >200             | 3    |
| >250             | 3    |
| >300             | 0    |
| >350             | 0    |

The following review examines the release weights of hedgehogs; weights are analysed alongside a body condition score. Notably, no hedgehogs were released with a Body Score of 5, indicating they were overweight. This demonstrates the Hospital Team's commitment to excellent governance by ensuring that overweight hedgehogs are not released.

| Exit Weight | 2024 |
|-------------|------|
| >1000       | 50   |
| >1100       | 3    |
| >1200       | 17   |
| >1300       | 1    |

## Get Me Home



| Category              | Code | Example                  |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Home                  | 1    | Complete Post Code Match |
| Same Sub Postcode     | 2    | i.e. CB21 to CB21        |
| Same Main Postcode    | 3    | i.e. CB to CB            |
| Outside Main Postcode | 4    | i.e. CB to SG            |
| Incomplete Data       | 5    | unable to define         |

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society conclude that hedgehogs build a mental map of their home range to help better navigate their environment. Hedgehogs released from unknown sites face larger competition for resources and a greater risk of road mortality. They may also spread infectious diseases to new populations. Simply release a hedgehog where they will be most content, within its original home range.

However, it is not always possible to release back home for several reasons:

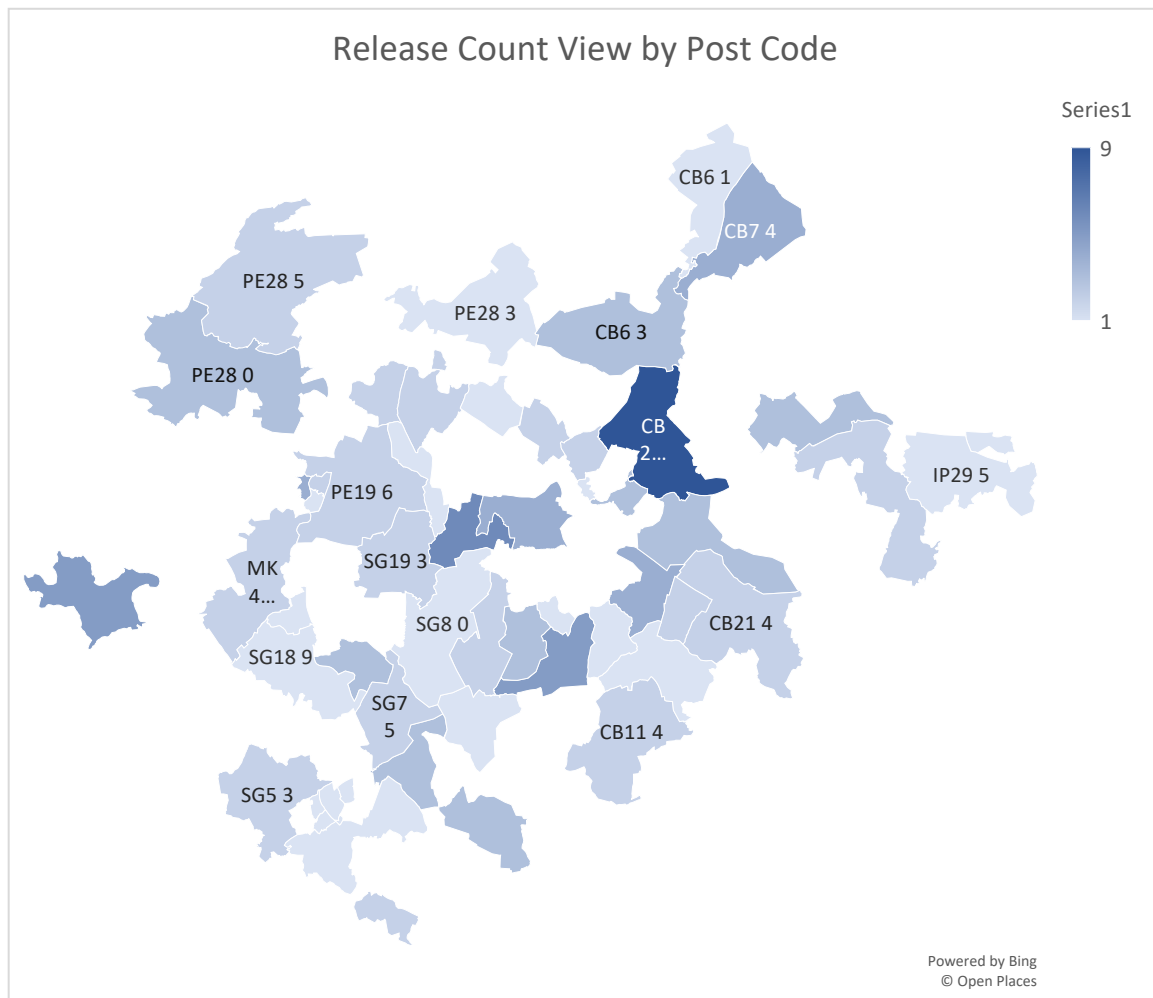
- Hazards in that area caused original admittance.
- Finder does not want the hedgehog to come back.
- Release site not ready to support release and hedgehog is ready to go.
- Infectious diseases identified in the home area.

The Hospital Team strive to get the hedgehogs back home as swiftly as possible. For whatever reason, where this is not possible or suitable, the nearest location to the home site is preferred.

This view represents the release picture by Post Code view, unfortunately this does not show actual distance. For instance, a hedgehog released outside of the main postcode area CB1 to SG8 may only be a few miles away and is still suitable.

The Hospital Team have continued to focus on postcode data capture at admission and release points. We only have 5% incomplete records vs 33% that we have reported in earlier years (2021-2022). Many of these files are hedgehogs that have arrived via vets or other rescues, and that information has not been captured by them or shared with us.

There is still an opportunity to reduce the number of hedgehogs released outside their area. It is noted this may not always be feasible due to release sites not being available or prepared at the same time the hedgehog is ready to be released.



The release map above illustrates the distribution density of released hedgehogs. Higher densities of releases are observed in specific areas of Cambridge, Stevenage, Peterborough, and Milton Keynes.

## Antibiotic Usage

Antibiotic stewardship is a coordinated approach within all healthcare systems to promote and monitor the judicious use of antimicrobials to preserve their future effectiveness. It focuses on ensuring antibiotics are used appropriately, avoiding overuse and misuse, and preventing the development of antimicrobial resistance.

The following shows the guidance and rules set for Veterinary prescribing along with our compliance.



## PROTECT ME

**P**rescribe only when necessary

- Consider non-bacterial disease (e.g. infection, nutritional imbalance, metabolic disorder)
- Some bacterial diseases will self-resolve without antibiotics
- Offer a non-prescription form (see box bottom right)
- Prescriptive antibiotics are not a substitute for surgical asepsis

**R**eplace with non-antibiotic treatments

- Laage and/or treatment of infected material, fluid therapy, dietary management, cough suppressants and measures to address underlying conditions may negate the need for antibiotics
- Use topical preparations (ideally antiseptic) where possible to reduce selection pressure on intestinal flora (the microbiome)

**O**ptimize dosage protocols

- Use the shortest effective course and avoid underdosing
- Test until clinical resolution

**T**reat effectively

- Consider which bacteria are likely to be involved
- Consider drug penetration of the target site (e.g. for peritonitis, osteomyelitis)
- Consider pharmacokinetics and drug interactions with concurrent medication
- Provide instructions, including demarcations, on how to administer prescribed antibiotics

**E**mploy narrow spectrum

- Use narrow-spectrum, rather than broad-spectrum, antibiotics to minimize resistance
- Avoid antibiotic combination therapy
- Use culture results to support de-escalation (switch to a narrower spectrum antibiotic)

**C**onduct cytology and culture

- Use cytology to demonstrate bacterial involvement and an inflammatory response consistent with infection (e.g. intracellular bacteria)
- Collect a sample for culture before starting antibiotic therapy whenever possible
- Culture is essential when using prolonged (14 week) treatment courses, where there is risk factors for resistance (e.g. healthcare-associated infections, antibiotic treatment in the prior 60 days or multiple prior courses of antibiotic use) and in life-threatening situations

**T**ailor your practice policy

- Discuss your practice's first-line antibiotic choice for each condition with your colleagues, complete the tick boxes in this poster and display it so your protocols are clear, including when the approach is to not prescribe an antibiotic
- Evaluate practice biosecurity and hand hygiene protocols
- Practice preventative medicine (vaccination, parasite prevention)

**M**onitor

- Monitor for preventable infections (e.g. surgical site infections) and alter practice protocols if needed
- Audit your own antibiotic use, particularly of NSA generation cephalosporins (e.g. using RCVS Knowledge Audit tool)

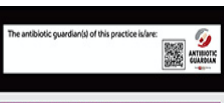
**E**ducate others

- Promote awareness of AMR among staff and clients
- Use tools such as the owner education animation
- Encourage return of leftover antibiotics for safe disposal



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# Antibiotic use in our practice



Select which antibiotics your practice uses in the boxes below

**Culture ESSENTIAL** to ensure effective therapy (where possible)

Consult QR code information for dedicated resources to support medicating cats

Scan the QR code to access extra information. Alternatively visit: [bsava.org.uk/protectme](https://bsava.org.uk/protectme)

**GAITROINTESTINAL INFECTIONS**

Antibiotics are not indicated for:

- Acute enteritis
- Acute enteritis including acute haemorrhagic enteritis (AHE) and enteritis
- Peritonitis
- Chronic enteritis
- Complicated enteritis
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**URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS**

Antibiotics are not indicated for:

- Asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Lower urinary tract infection (LUTI) in healthy animals
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**ORAL INFECTIONS**

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**EYE INFECTIONS**

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**SKIN INFECTIONS**

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**RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS**

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**ADVERSE REACTIONS TO ANTIBIOTICS**

Certain antibiotics can cause serious adverse effects, including nephrotoxicity, anaphylaxis, reactions, blindness, dysbiosis, hypersensitivity reactions, keratoconjunctivitis sicca and immune complex reactions. This list is not comprehensive.

Consult QR code for additional information on at-risk groups and recommendations to minimize risks.

**European Medicines Agency antibiotic categories**

**Category A (Avoid): DO NOT USE**

Antibiotics with restricted use in human medicine (e.g. imipenem, meropenem, teicoplanin, vancomycin) should not be used in animals.

**Category B (Restrict): the highest priority critically important antibiotics**

The use of fluoroquinolones (enrofloxacin, marbofloxacin, pradofloxacin, ciprofloxacin) and 3rd generation cephalosporins (ceftiofur, ceftazidime) should be restricted to mitigate the risk to public health. Samples should be submitted for antibiotic susceptibility testing before starting these agents where possible.

**Category C (Caution)**

Should only be used when there are no suitable alternatives in Category D that would be clinically effective.

**Category D (Prudence): first-line antibiotics**

The use of first-line antibiotics should be limited to times of genuine clinical need. Avoid all unnecessary use and long treatment periods.

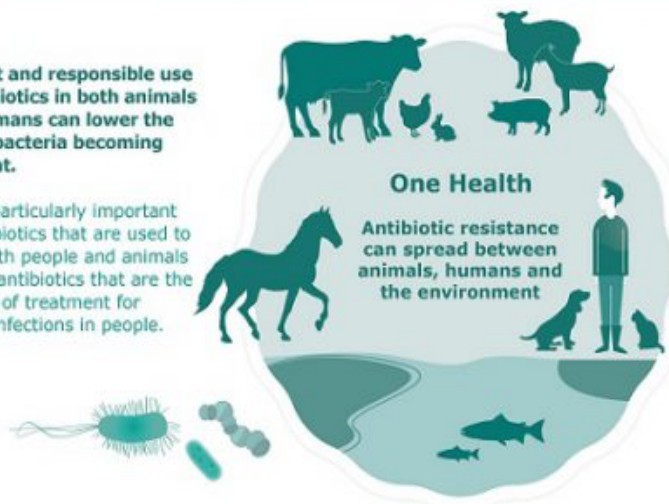
**Responsible antibiotic use under the cascade**

It is justifiable, on a case-by-case basis, to prescribe an antibiotic on the cascade in the interests of minimizing the development of resistance, particularly where culture and sensitivity data indicate that a particular antibiotic, active substance is effective against a bacterial pathogen and where knowledge of pharmacokinetics indicates that the selected product is likely to be safe and effective for the animal species and condition being treated.

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**Prudent and responsible use of antibiotics in both animals and humans can lower the risk of bacteria becoming resistant.**

This is particularly important for antibiotics that are used to treat both people and animals and for antibiotics that are the last line of treatment for critical infections in people.



The Antimicrobial Advice Ad Hoc Expert Group (AMEG) has categorised antibiotics based on the potential consequences to public health of increased antimicrobial resistance when used in animals and the need for their use in veterinary medicine.

The categorisation is intended as a tool to support decision-making by veterinarians on which antibiotic to use.

**Veterinarians are encouraged to check the AMEG categorisation before prescribing any antibiotic for animals in their care.** The AMEG categorisation does not replace treatment guidelines, which also need to take account of other factors such as supporting information in the Summary of Product Characteristics for available medicines, constraints around use in food-producing species, regional variations in diseases and antibiotic resistance, and national prescribing policies.

### Category A Avoid

- antibiotics in this category are not authorised as veterinary medicines in the EU
- should not be used in food-producing animals
- may be given to companion animals under exceptional circumstances

### Category B Restrict

- antibiotics in this category are critically important in human medicine and use in animals should be restricted to mitigate the risk to public health
- should be considered only when there are no antibiotics in Categories C or D that could be clinically effective
- use should be based on antimicrobial susceptibility testing, wherever possible

### Category C Caution

- for antibiotics in this category there are alternatives in human medicine
- for some veterinary indications, there are no alternatives belonging to Category D
- should be considered only when there are no antibiotics in Category D that could be clinically effective

### Category D Prudence

- should be used as first line treatments, whenever possible
- as always, should be used prudently, only when medically needed



## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **3.1 Staffing**

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and three part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis.

Alongside Shepreth Wildlife Park, SWCC employs a Conservation Officer to co-ordinate the community engagement programme and help develop the longer-term conservation strategies.

### **3.2 Release Programme**

At the time of reporting, 236 hedgehogs were successfully released back into the wild. We would like to thank the Hospital staff, volunteers and Release Site Co-ordinator for this tremendous success.

### **3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering its data for desk studies and assisting in research conducted at other institutions and in the field.

SWCC signed an MOU with Nature's Safe to contribute towards the vital work they are doing with their wildlife BioBank, preserving cells and cell tissue from animals at risk of extinction. SWCC agreed to supply the Biobank with tissue samples from deceased hedgehogs.

### **3.4 Hedgehog Helpline**

SWCC staff man a hedgehog helpline.

## **4. Website**

The SWCC website ([www.swccharity.org](http://www.swccharity.org)) continued to be updated.

## **5. Fundraising**

The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss grant applications and upcoming fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days took place during the year.

The Christmas Hedgehog Ball hosted by Shepreth Wildlife Park raised £26,610.97 profit for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.

### **5.1 Grants**

Grants were applied for and received from:

- Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (£1,000)
- Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (£3000)
- Big Give: Green Match Fund (5724.70)
- Holbeche Corfield Charitable Settlement (£500)
- Allia Solar Grant (£15,000)
- Big Give: Christmas Challenge (£14,240.84, of which £4,106 was received in 2025, and not recorded in these set of accounts)

## **6. Media**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintain a successful social media presence.

The relationship with Eddy Temple-Morris, Virgin Radio DJ, continued with regular updates to listeners about the work of the charity live on his daily show.

## **7. Education**

The Hedgehog Challenge badge, created by 1<sup>st</sup> Swavesey Rainbows after an inspirational trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park in 2022, raised £1298.20 for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital in 2024.

SWCC updated it's 'Guide to Hedgehogs' which was mass reproduced. 1,000's of copies have continued to be distributed, in addition to the PDF download from the SWCC website:

<https://swcccharity.org/guide-to-help-hedgehogs>

The monthly awareness and conservation events, which ran on-site throughout 2024 to help highlight the work of SWCC and other conservation initiatives, took the form of invited speakers, workshops, and relevant educational games.

The promotional video of the history of the wildlife park and the work of the conservation charity and SWCC Hedgehog Hospital, continued to be screened to the 100,000 visitors to the wildlife park in 2024, to help promote conservation awareness.

## **8. Community**

Community plays a significant role in what we do, from training volunteers, assisting students with the research element of the hedgehog programme, to advising people on how to make their garden wildlife friendly.

Our Conservation Officer and Volunteer Release-site Co-ordinator continue to work closely within the local community and with organised wildlife groups, to inspire and encourage citizen science programmes and enthuse young people to engage in wildlife and habitat restoration projects. Between them they also attended 38 pre-booked formal talks and events including school assembly talks, sustainability events, WI talks and uniform group events.

We would like to thank both Judith Large and Terri Page for their time spent on this community engagement.

## **9. Sustainability**

SWCC worked with the Green Business Impact Scheme over several months to evaluate the energy use of both the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital and the programme, in order to reduce the charity carbon footprint. As a result of this work, the charity was able to secure a £15,000 government grant to be spend on 20x 450w solar panels and one 5kw battery, which were installed in 2024.

## **Report of the Trustees (Ends)**

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Report of the Trustees (continued)

#### Financial Review

The financial accounts are set out on pages 19 - 24. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effective January 2019) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income of £8,536 which added to the reserves brought forward of £58,551 make total reserves of £67,087 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £27,407 (Hedgehogs £25,456, Tigers £365, Red Panda £759, Lemur £766 and Elephant £61) which leaves free reserves of £39,680.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### Plans for future years

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on . . . . . 22nd May . . . . 2025

  
..... Chair

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity 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 charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on . . . . . 22nd May . . . . 2025

  
..... Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 19 to 24.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Independent Examiner's Report (continued)

#### Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....  
P J Curnow FCCA

Curnow & Co Limited  
Chartered Certified Accounts  
Brackenhurst  
Lee  
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EX34 8LW

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ended 31 December 2024**

|                                 | Unrestricted  | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds             |                             |                                   |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 | Funds         | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Lemur            | Clouded Leopard  | Elephant         | Charity Ball     | Funds Shepreth Wildlife Park | Funds Year ended 31/12/2024 | Funds Period 1/4/23 to 31/12/2023 |
|                                 | £             | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                            | £                           | £                                 |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>       |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| <b>Donations</b>                | 29,351        | 4,397            | 365              | 487              | 643              | 2,628            | 525              |                  |                              | 38,396                      | 25,181                            |
| <b>Fundraising</b>              | 2,092         | 2,968            |                  |                  | 111              | 222              | 233              | 48,713           |                              | 54,339                      | 5,542                             |
| <b>Grants</b>                   |               | 35,358           |                  |                  |                  | 3,000            |                  |                  |                              | 38,358                      | 11,277                            |
| <b>Interest Received</b>        | 332           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 332                         | 369                               |
|                                 | 31,775        | 42,723           | 365              | 487              | 754              | 5,850            | 758              | 48,713           | -                            | 131,425                     | 42,369                            |
| Asset and Investment Sales      | -             | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -                           | -                                 |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b> | <b>31,775</b> | <b>42,723</b>    | <b>365</b>       | <b>487</b>       | <b>754</b>       | <b>5,850</b>     | <b>758</b>       | <b>48,713</b>    | <b>-</b>                     | <b>131,425</b>              | <b>42,369</b>                     |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>       |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| <b>Donations</b>                |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 5,918            | 1,200            |                  |                              | 7,118                       | 2,472                             |
| <b>Fundraising</b>              |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| Fundraising                     |               | 1,912            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,912                       | 5,373                             |
| Charity Ball Costs              |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 22,102           |                              | 22,102                      | -                                 |
| Equipment                       |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -                           | 1,989                             |
| <b>Hospital Costs</b>           |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| Hospital supplies               |               | 2,408            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,408                       | 2,647                             |
| Veterinary                      |               | 8,664            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 8,664                       | 4,260                             |
| Hospital equipment              |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -                           | -                                 |
| Waste Disposal                  |               | 6,512            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 6,512                       | -                                 |
| Repairs and maintenance         |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -                           | 63                                |
| <b>Administration</b>           |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| Staff wages                     |               | 46,081           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 46,081                      | 32,346                            |
| Staff pensions                  |               | 2,077            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,077                       | 444                               |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -                           | -                                 |
| Accountancy                     | 715           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 715                         | 684                               |
| Subscriptions                   | 246           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 246                         | 192                               |
| Bank Charges                    | 8             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 8                           | 5                                 |
| Website                         | 240           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 240                         | 195                               |
| Insurance                       | 1,745         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,745                       | 1,016                             |
| Electricity                     |               | 3,320            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 3,320                       | 3,385                             |
| Telephone                       |               | 884              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 884                         | 499                               |
| Solar Panels                    |               | 15,922           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 15,922                      |                                   |
| Sundry Expenses                 | 2             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2                           | 144                               |
| <b>Depreciation</b>             |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                             |                                   |
| Leasehold property              | 2,933         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,933                       | 2,933                             |
|                                 | 5,889         | 87,780           | -                | -                | -                | 5,918            | 1,200            | 22,102           | -                            | 122,889                     | 58,647                            |
| Asset and Investment Purchases  | -             | -                | -                | -                | -                |                  |                  |                  | -                            | -                           | -                                 |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b> | <b>5,889</b>  | <b>87,780</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>5,918</b>     | <b>1,200</b>     | <b>22,102</b>    | <b>-</b>                     | <b>122,889</b>              | <b>58,647</b>                     |
| Net Income for the year         | 25,886 -      | 45,057           | 365              | 487              | 754 -            | 68 -             | 442              | 26,611           | -                            | 8,536 -                     | 16,278                            |
| Transfers between funds         | - 68          | 70,513           | -                |                  | -                | 68               | -                | 49,699 -         | 20,814                       | -                           | -                                 |
| Total funds brought forward     | 13,862        | -                | -                | 272              | 12               | -                | 503              | 23,088           | 20,814                       | 58,551                      | 74,829                            |
| Total funds carried forward     | 39,680        | 25,456           | 365              | 759              | 766              | 0                | 61               | -                | -                            | 67,087                      | 58,551                            |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

|                                        |     | Notes           |                      |                |                      |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|                                        |     | 31/12/2024      |                      | 31/12/2023     |                      |
|                                        |     | £               | £                    | £              | £                    |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                    |     |                 |                      |                |                      |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3) |                 | 20,535               |                | 23,468               |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |     |                 |                      |                |                      |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |     | 60,781          |                      | 35,729         |                      |
| Stock                                  |     | 2,491           |                      | 3,295          |                      |
| Sundry Debtors                         |     | 3,801           |                      | -              |                      |
| Prepayments                            |     | -               |                      | 2,520          |                      |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4) | <u>(20,521)</u> |                      | <u>(6,461)</u> |                      |
| Net Current Assets                     |     |                 | <u>46,552</u>        |                | <u>35,083</u>        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |     |                 | 67,087               |                | 58,551               |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   |     |                 | <u>0</u>             |                | <u>0</u>             |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                      |     |                 | <u><u>67,087</u></u> |                | <u><u>58,551</u></u> |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>            |     |                 |                      |                |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                     |     |                 | 39,680               |                | 13,862               |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |     |                 | 25,456               |                | -                    |
| Tigers                                 |     |                 | 365                  |                | -                    |
| Red Panda                              |     |                 | 759                  |                | 272                  |
| Lemur                                  |     |                 | 766                  |                | 12                   |
| Clouded Leopard                        |     |                 | 0                    |                | -                    |
| Elephant                               |     |                 | 61                   |                | 503                  |
| Charity Ball                           |     |                 | -                    |                | 23,088               |
| Shepreth Wildlife Park                 |     |                 | <u>-</u>             |                | <u>20,814</u>        |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                     |     |                 | <u><u>67,087</u></u> |                | <u><u>58,551</u></u> |

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

#### **1. Accounting policies Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

#### **Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

**Notes to the Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (Continued)**

**Resources Expended**

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

*Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

*Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

*Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

**Taxation**

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (Continued)

#### Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

#### 2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

#### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                                              | Total         | Leasehold<br>Property | Fixtures<br>& Fittings |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024            | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 | 38,502        | 35,196                | 3,306                  |
| Charge for the year                          | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>          | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024            | <u>41,435</u> | <u>38,129</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Net Book Value                               |               |                       |                        |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024            | <u>20,535</u> | <u>20,535</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023            | <u>23,468</u> | <u>23,468</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |

#### 4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|                               | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sundry Creditors and Accruals | <u>20,521</u> | <u>6,461</u> |
|                               | <u>20,521</u> | <u>6,461</u> |

**Notes to the Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (Continued)**

**5. Leasing commitments**

The charity has a 20 year lease from the Wildlife Park ending in 2033. The £100 per annum rent has been waived to date.

**6. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 4 (2023 – 4).

**7. Waste Disposal**

Waste Disposal cost of £6,512 covers 2 years (2024 and the previous year).

**8. Restricted Funds**

Charity Ball - This was a special event to raise monies for the Hedgehog Hospital and the profit from this years' event and the one held in November 2022 totalling £49,699 to be transferred to Restricted Fund Hedgehogs, as agreed by the Trustees.

Shepreth Wildlife Park – This fund arose due to a donation from a marathon run event and the donor wishes this to be used for the hedgehog hospital costs.

**9. Clouded Leopard**

“Krokodille Zoo” of Denmark granted £3,000 to be donated to the Clouded Leopard Working Group. This donation is on top of the £2,918 donation noted in the Annual Report.



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# Accounts

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Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the period

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity  
Registered charity number 1145477

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Rebecca Willers   | (Chairperson)         |
| Sally Willers     | (Secretary)           |
| Colin Taylor      | (Treasurer)           |
| Jane Taylor       | (Resigned 20.06.2023) |
| Jeanette Richards |                       |
| Mike Hunter       |                       |
| Liz Dams          |                       |
| Yvonne Morrin     |                       |
| Liz Bennett       |                       |
| Hannah Lintott    |                       |

#### **Independent Accountants**

Taylor & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Herts  
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Email: [swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk](mailto:swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk)

#### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

#### **Bankers**

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Royston  
Herts  
SG8 9AB

#### **Governing Document**

Constitution

# Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

## Reports and Accounts

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## SWCC Annual Report 2023

### Report of the Trustees

Please note the reporting period of this Annual Report is for the duration of nine months only: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. This was designed so the charity could continue reporting in the future January – December.

During the Twelve year (2023) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own, but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully delivered: Easter Conservation Trail, Wildlife on Your Doorstep Campaign, Fossils Galore Event, Tiger Day, Clouded Leopard Day, Hedgehog Day, Lemur Day, Elephant Day, Maned Wolf Awareness Talk, Red Panda Day, Halloween, Raffle, Santa's Grotto
4. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
5. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### Achievements and Performance

#### 1. The Board of Trustees

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### 2. Donations

The Charity raised and made donations of funding and equipment to:

- Wild Cats Conservation Alliance (£1,000)
- Ampasy Field Station, Madagascar (£722)
- Red Panda Network (£652)
- Clouded Leopard Working group (£2,086)

#### 3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

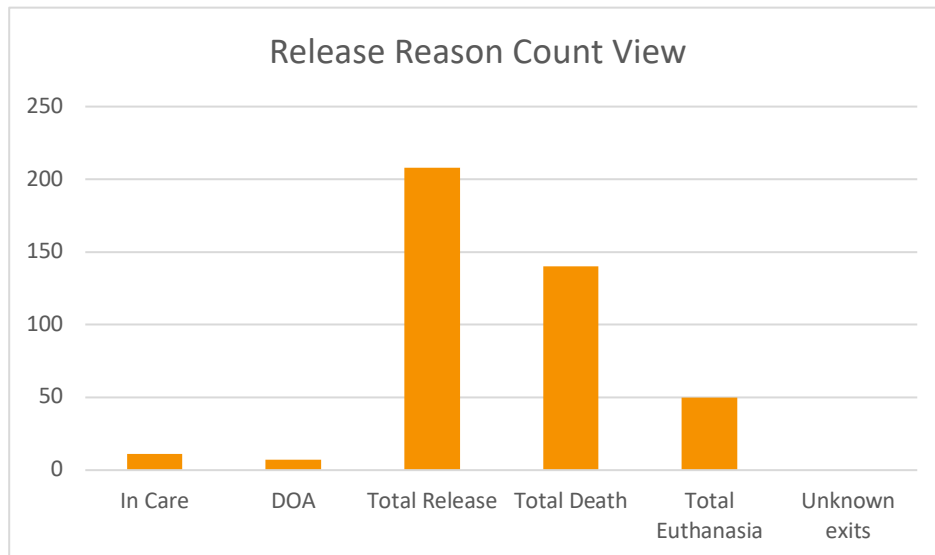
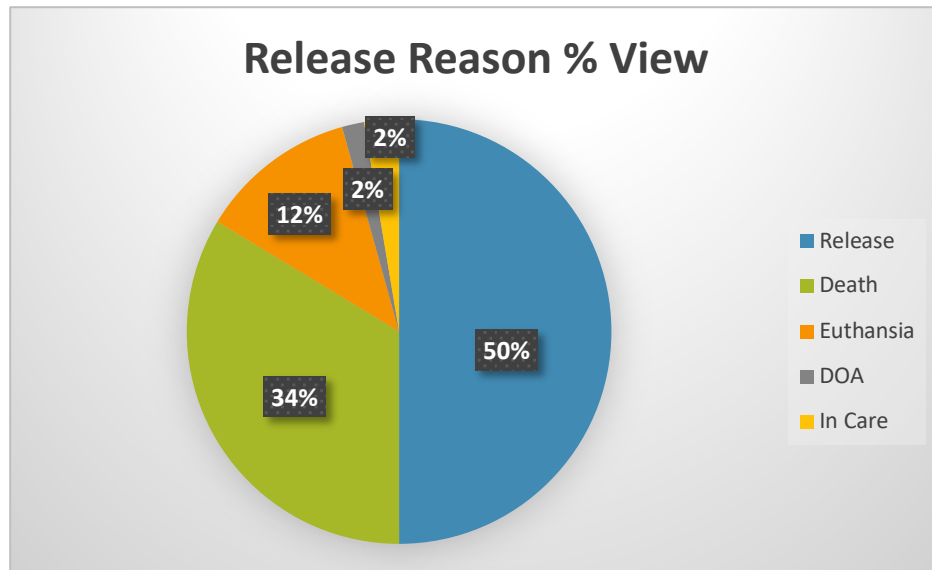
The Charity raised the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the 2023 nine month reporting period the hospital admitted **416** hedgehogs. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continue to work hard during to ensure that high standards of welfare were maintained throughout the year.

We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew and Kirstie Coddington for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data

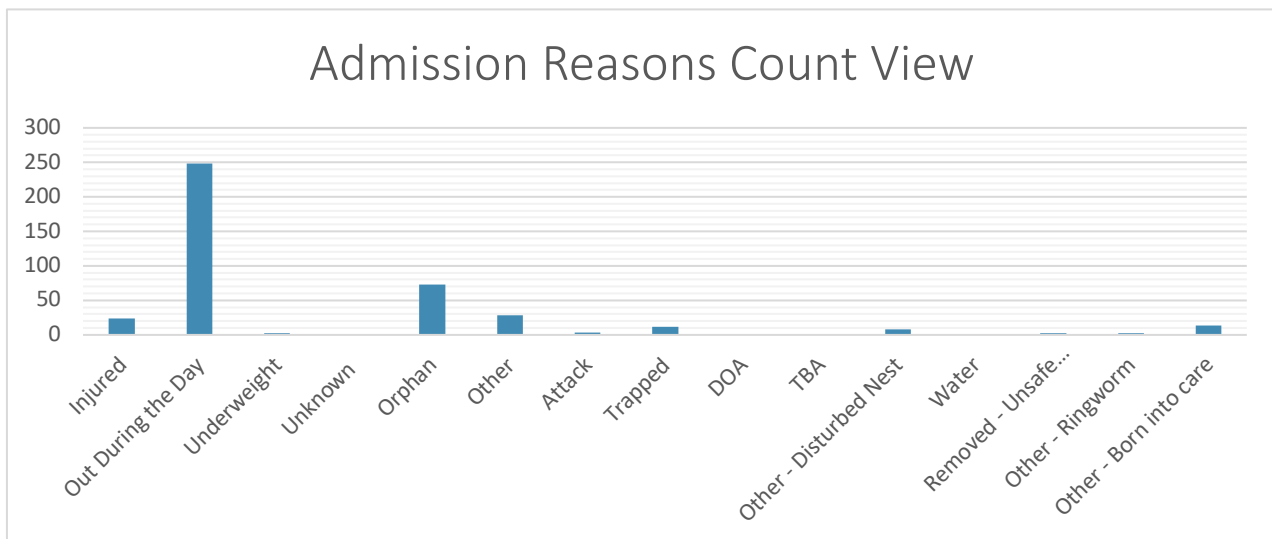
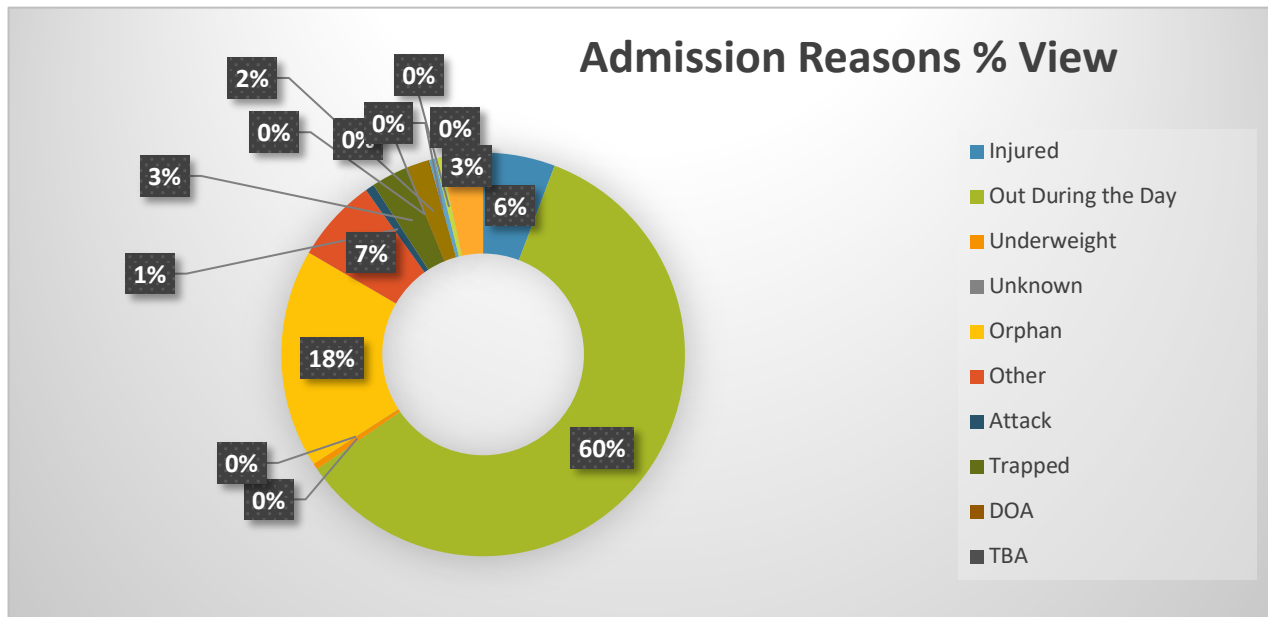
Reporting Period 01.04.23 – 31.12.23



Release percentage has reached 50%, which is an outstanding achievement and easily surpasses the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007); that concludes only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

There are no unknown exits recorded this year. Accurate record keeping is instrumental in achieving this admission count picture. The Hospital Team have ensured files are completed, therefore we can accurately audit the hedgehog journey from their admittance to their destination. Only 11 hedgehogs are recorded as remaining in care from this reporting period. Euthanasia's again remain higher than earlier years, due to changes in protocols; this ensures that no disabled hedgehogs are placed in secure gardens inhibiting their natural instincts.

## Admission Reasons



‘Out during the day,’ like previous reporting years, is the main reason identified as to why hedgehogs are admitted to our care. This is closely followed by orphans. The Hospital Team often educates the public via Facebook or Public Talks as to when is appropriate to intervene with nests that are assumed to have been abandoned or disturbed. This is to give the mother a chance to come back to nurse or move her young. Trapped Hedgehog admissions have doubled this year, and this would be a prudent topic to educate the public on ‘dangers in your garden’ via their communication channels.

At the point when the Admission Form needs re-printing, we will be looking to introduce a ‘final diagnosis’ field to our files to see if we can analyse the real reason they were admitted. For instance, a hedgehog found out during the day may, under further examination, be injured which is not initially visible and this would alter their admittance reason. New admission reasons were added last year which breakdown the ‘other’ category. This is an ongoing process; we will shortly be adding breathing difficulties and tick burden as admission categories on the data set. Again, this year, we have no unknown admission reasons, thanks to the scrupulous diligence of the Hospital Team.

We will also look at adding fields to quantify ecto-parasite burdens upon arrival, in order to analyse any patterns with likely death outcome or identify successful parasite treatments.

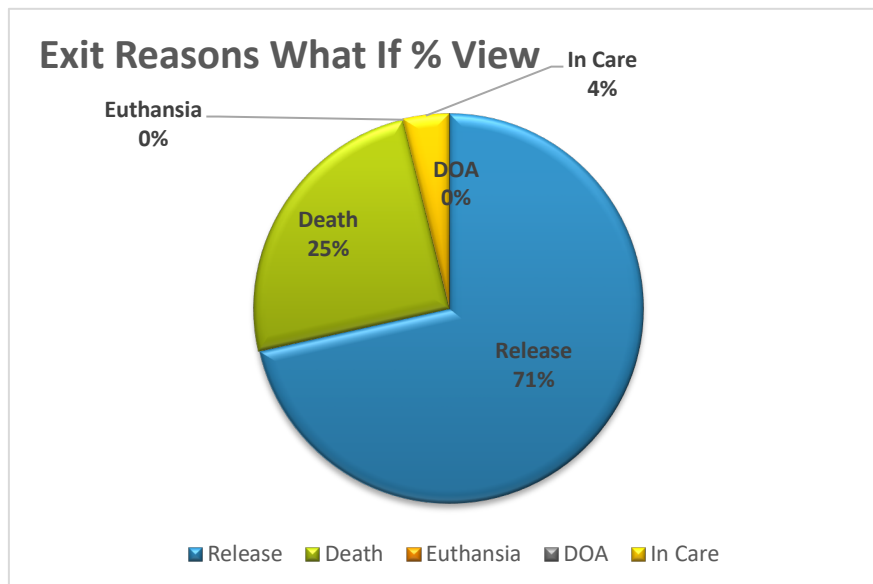
## What If?

If we deduct the hedgehogs that we were never able to save like euthanasia's, dead on arrival and those that pass within 48 hours of admittance (deemed unsavable as they are already in critical decline) the total release percentage will increase from 60% to 71%.

## The Unsavable

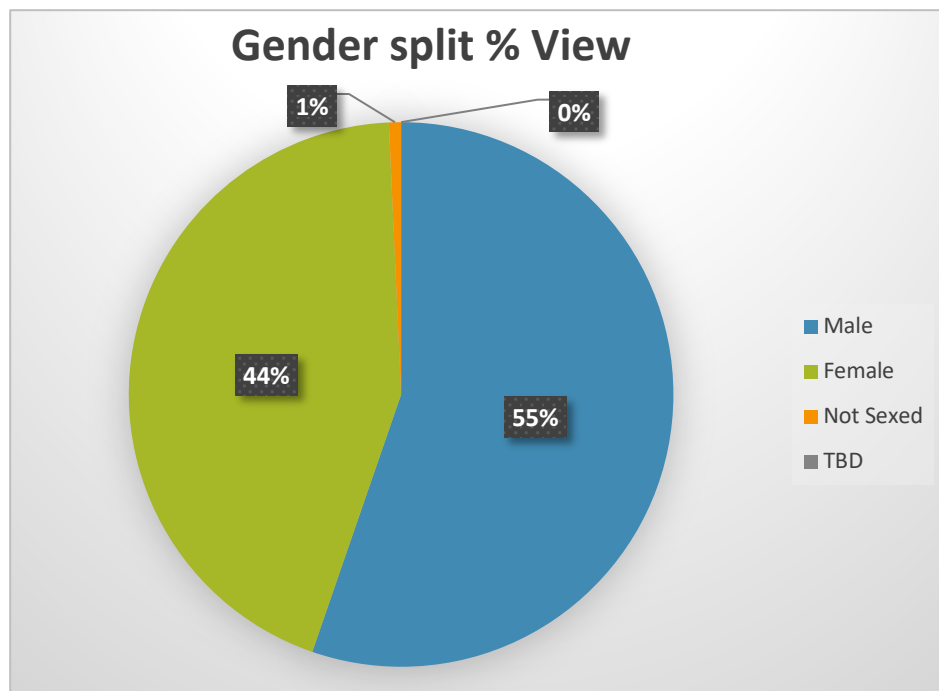
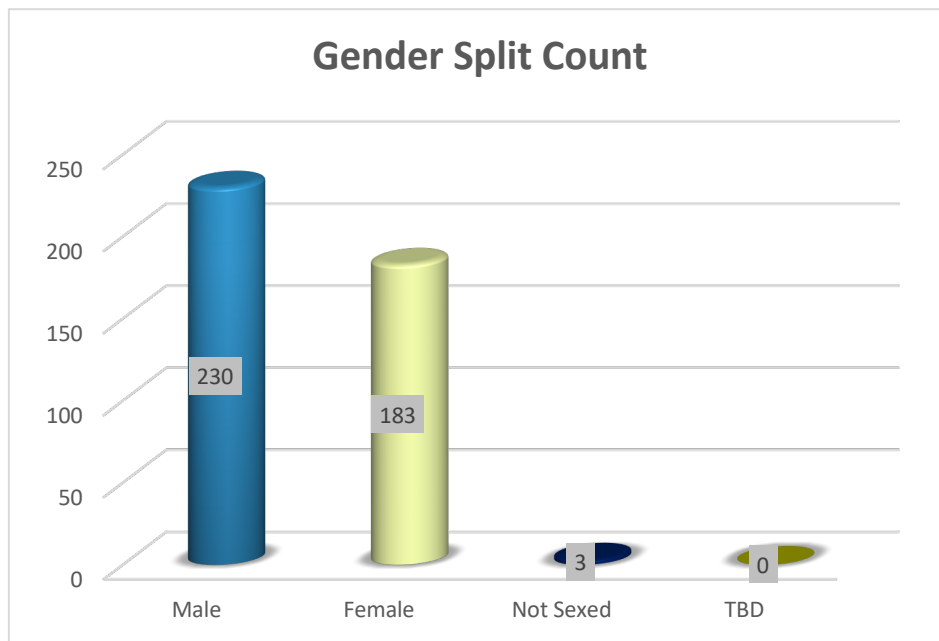
The totals below show the numbers that have either passed within 48 hours of arrival, were euthanised, or were deceased upon arrival.

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Death <2     | 68  |
| Euthanasia<2 | 50  |
| DOA          | 7   |
| Total        | 125 |



In conjunction with the Hospital Manager and vet Elizabeth Church, we aim to review the deaths under 48 hrs to see if we can alter care plans and/or introduce new care plans. For instance, a protocol for treating suspected salmonella cases is in draft and will be reviewed and agreed shortly. The Hospital core manuals are also under review.

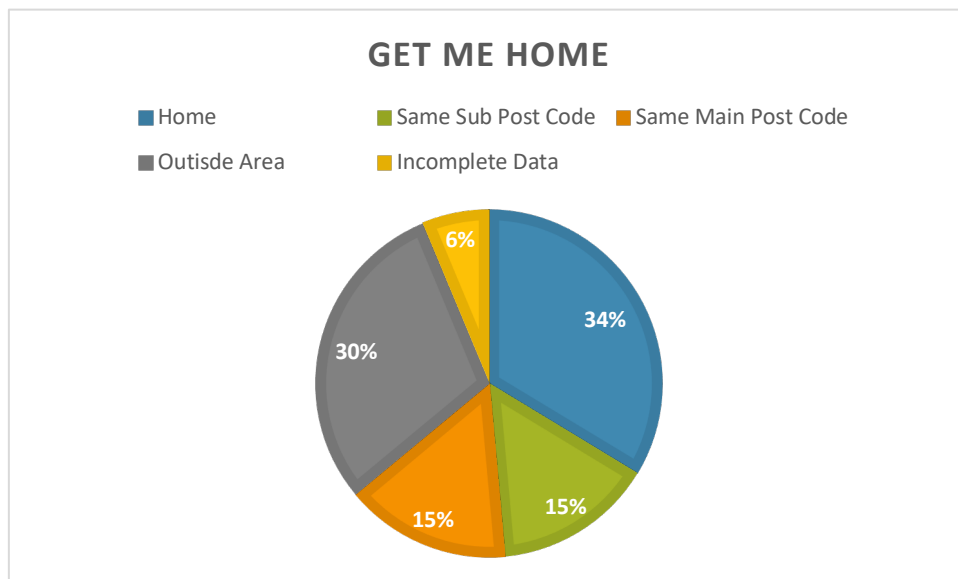
## Gender Split Information



Unlike previous reporting years, this is the second year we have seen the gender gap trend towards more males being admitted into our care. Previous reporting periods have indicated almost a 50/50 split on gender. Only one hedgehog remained gender unidentified; the need for them to receive emergency veterinary care overtakes the need to record the gender in this instance.

We will be looking to report on how many males and females have been released to understand if there is a pattern emerging from our survival perspective.

## Getting Me Home



| Category              | Code | Example                  |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Home                  | 1    | Complete Post Code Match |
| Same Sub Postcode     | 2    | i.e. CB21 to CB21        |
| Same Main Postcode    | 3    | i.e. CB to CB            |
| Outside Main Postcode | 4    | i.e. CB to SG            |
| Incomplete Data       | 5    | unable to define         |

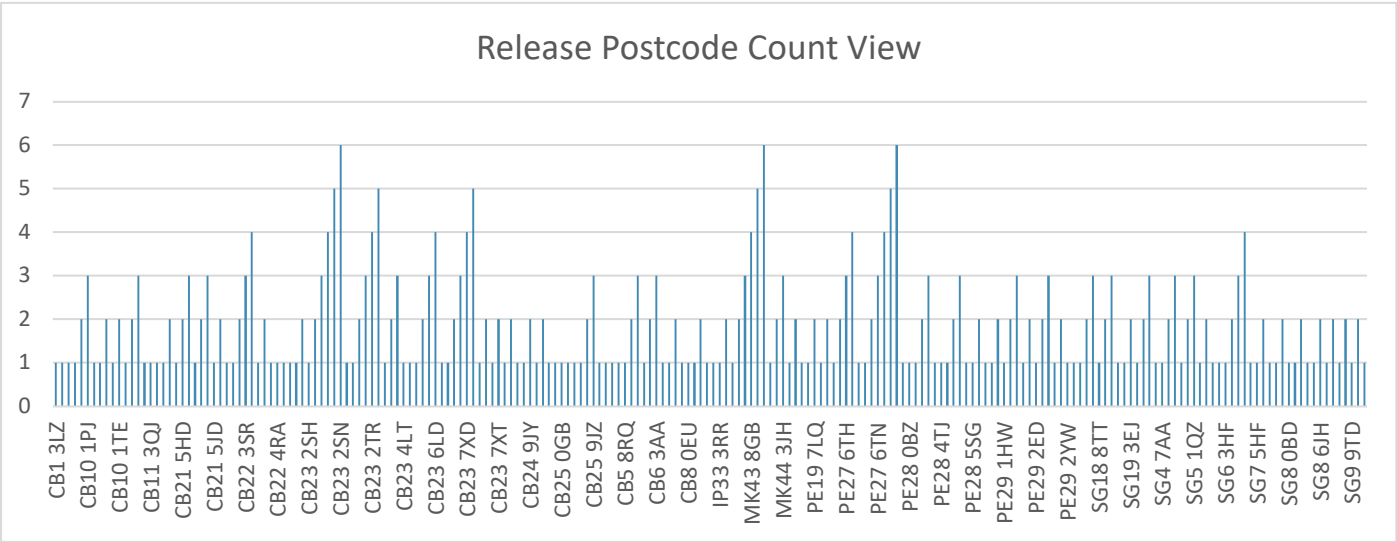
The British Hedgehog Preservation Society conclude that hedgehogs build a mental map of their home range to help better navigate their environment. Hedgehogs released from unknown sites face larger competition for resources and a greater risk of road mortality. They may also spread infectious diseases to new populations. Simply release a hedgehog where they will be most content, within its original home range.

However, it is not always possible to release back home for several reasons:

- Hazards in that area caused original admittance.
- Finder does not want the hedgehog to come back.
- Release site not ready to support release and hedgehog is ready to go.
- Infectious diseases identified in the home area.

The Hospital Team strive to get the hedgehogs back home as swiftly as possible. For whatever reason, where this is not possible, or suitable, the nearest location to the home site is preferred to be used.

This view represents the release picture by Post Code view, unfortunately this does not show actual distance. For instance, a hedgehog released outside of the main postcode area CB1 to SG8 may only be a few miles away and is still suitable. We are looking at mapping software to better represent this view in the future. Mapping software is quite expensive, and we have been looking at free software; but they do have restrictions which make some of them unsuitable.



This chart shows the number of Hedgehogs that have been released to a specific postcode; with the maximum number of six, per site, being recorded. Many sites rehome a single hedgehog. This view can be used to build into our release strategy to ensure that sites are not overpopulated. With the re-introduction of our ‘tagging project,’ in 2024/25, we will gain citizen science to see how our releases behave once released.

The Hospital Team have focused on postcode date capture at admission and release points; therefore, we only have 6% incomplete records vs 33% that we have reported in earlier years (2021-2022).

There is an opportunity for focus, this year, to reduce the number of hedgehogs that are released outside their area. It is noted that this may not always be feasible due to release sites not being available or prepared at the same time the hedgehog is ready to be released.

Note: This report will be updated to include our audit information and gender survival rates.

## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **3.1 Staffing**

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and three part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis.

Alongside Shepreth Wildlife Park, SWCC employed a Conservation Officer to co-ordinate the community engagement programme and help develop the longer-term conservation strategies.

### **3.2 Release Programme**

At the time of reporting, **216** were successfully released back into the wild. We would like to thank the Hospital staff, volunteers and Release Site Co-ordinator for this tremendous success.

### **3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering its data for desktop studies and assisting in research conducted at other institutions and in the field.

### **3.4 Hedgehog Helpline**

SWCC staff man a hedgehog helpline.

## **4. Website**

The SWCC website ([www.swcccharity.org](http://www.swcccharity.org)) continued to be updated in 2023.

## **5. Fundraising**

The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss grant applications and upcoming fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days took place during the year.

### **5.1 Grants**

Grants were applied and received from:

- Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (£1,000)
- Aviva Community Fund (£10,276.52)

### **5.2 Donations**

Donations (over £500) were received from:

- Holbeche Corfield Charitable Trust (£500)
- Diana Foreman (£1,500)
- Tropical Butterfly House (£1,356.42)
- Folbigg (£500)

## **6. Media**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintain a successful social media presence.

The relationship with Eddy Temple-Morris, Virgin Radio DJ, continued with regular updates to listeners about the work of the charity live on his daily show.

## **7. Education**

The Hedgehog Challenge badge was designed and created by 1<sup>st</sup> Swavesey Rainbows after an inspirational trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park in 2022. All profits from this badge will go to the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.

An educational section was added to the website: <http://www.swccharity.org>

SWCC updated it's 'Guide to Hedgehogs' which was mass reproduced. 1,000's of copies have continued to be distributed, in addition to the PDF download from the SWCC website: <https://swccharity.org/guide-to-help-hedgehogs>

The monthly awareness and conservation events, which ran on-site throughout 2023 to help highlight the work of SWCC and other conservation initiatives, took the form of invited speakers, workshops, and relevant educational games.

The 2022 promotional video of the history of the wildlife park and the work of the conservation charity and SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to be screened to the 100,000 visitors to the wildlife park in 2023 to help promote conservation awareness.

## **8. Community**

Community plays a significant role in what we do, from training volunteers, assisting students with the research element of the hedgehog programme, to advising people on how to make their garden wildlife friendly.

We continued to work closely within the local community and with organised wildlife groups, to inspire and encourage citizen science programmes and enthuse young people to engage in wildlife and habitat restoration projects. Between them they also attended 29 pre-booked formal talks and events including school assembly talks, sustainability events, WI talks and uniform group events.

We would like to thank Liz, Judith and Terri for their time spent on this community engagement.

## **Report of the Trustees (Ends)**

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Report of the Trustees (continued)

#### Financial Review

The financial accounts are set out on pages 14 – 19. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effecting April 2005) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

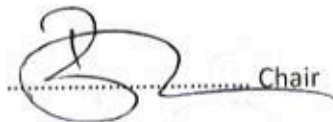
The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure of £16,278 which deducted from reserves brought forward of £74,829 make total reserves of £58,551 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £44,689 (Hedgehogs Nil, Red Pandas £272, Lemur £12, Elephant £503, Charity Ball £23,088 and Shepreth Wildlife Park £20,814) which leaves free reserves of £13,862.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### Plans for future years

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



Chair

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity 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 Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

 Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

I report on the accounts of the company for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 14 to 19.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Independent Examiner's Report (continued)

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Period 1st April 2023 to 31st December 2023**

|                                       | Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds       | Total            | Total            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | Funds        | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Lemur            | Clouded Leopard  | Elephant         | Charity Ball     | Shapreth Wildlife Park | Funds 31/12/2023 | Funds 31/03/2023 |
|                                       | £            | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                      | £                | £                |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
| Donations                             | 18,358.15    | 5,654.96         | 244.87           | 66.74            | 493.92           |                  | 363.00           |                  |                        | 25,181.64        | 44,435.28        |
| Fundraising                           | 1,904.17     | 640.28           | 202.95           | 335.15           | 240.20           | 2,079.66         | 140.00           |                  |                        | 5,542.41         | 59,459.26        |
| Grants                                |              | 11,276.52        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 11,276.52        | 1,000.00         |
| Interest Received                     | 368.57       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 368.57           | 37.95            |
|                                       | 20,630.89    | 17,571.76        | 447.82           | 401.89           | 734.12           | 2,079.66         | 503.00           | -                | -                      | 42,369.14        | 104,932.49       |
| <b>Asset and Investment Sales</b>     | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                      | -                | -                |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>       | 20,630.89    | 17,571.76        | 447.82           | 401.89           | 734.12           | 2,079.66         | 503.00           | -                | -                      | 42,369.14        | 104,932.49       |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
| Donations                             |              |                  | 1,000.00         |                  | 722.00           | 750.00           |                  |                  |                        | 2,472.00         | 2,414.45         |
| Fundraising                           |              | 5,373.19         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 5,373.19         | 3,226.13         |
| Charity Ball Costs                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | 26,247.76        |
| Equipment                             |              |                  |                  | 652.69           |                  | 1,336.03         |                  |                  |                        | 1,988.72         | -                |
| Hospital Costs                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Hospital supplies                     |              | 2,647.05         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 2,647.05         | 2,178.27         |
| Veterinary                            |              | 4,260.40         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 4,260.40         | 5,064.28         |
| Hospital equipment                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Waste Disposal                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | 2,484.00         |
| Repairs and maintenance               |              | 63.27            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 63.27            | 453.78           |
| Administration                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Staff wages                           |              | 32,346.00        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 32,346.00        | 33,608.50        |
| Staff pensions                        |              | 444.42           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 444.42           | 499.64           |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising       |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | 931.34           |
| Accountancy                           | 684.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 684.00           | 828.00           |
| Subscriptions                         | 192.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 192.00           | 390.00           |
| Bank Charges                          | 5.36         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 5.36             | -                |
| Website                               | 195.14       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 195.14           | -                |
| Paypal Charges                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Insurance                             | 1,016.44     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 1,016.44         | 1,255.40         |
| Electricity                           |              | 3,384.96         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 3,384.96         | 3,376.57         |
| Card Charges                          |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Telephone                             |              | 499.34           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 499.34           | 606.96           |
| Ambulance Insurance                   |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | 912.80           |
| Loan Interest                         |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | 12.00            |
| Other Interest                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Sundry Expenses                       |              | 141.93           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 141.93           | 82.99            |
| Depreciation                          |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | -                | -                |
| Leasehold property                    | 2,933.00     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 2,933.00         | 2,933.00         |
|                                       | 5,025.94     | 49,160.56        | 1,000.00         | 652.69           | 722.00           | 2,086.03         | -                | -                | -                      | 58,647.22        | 87,505.87        |
| <b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b> | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                      | -                | -                |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>       | 5,025.94     | 49,160.56        | 1,000.00         | 652.69           | 722.00           | 2,086.03         | -                | -                | -                      | 58,647.22        | 87,505.87        |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>        | 15,604.95    | 31,588.80        | 552.18           | 250.80           | 12.12            | 6.37             | 503.00           | -                | -                      | 16,278.08        | 17,426.62        |
| Transfers between funds               | 32,147.35    | 31,588.80        | 552.18           |                  |                  | 6.37             |                  |                  |                        | 0.00             | -                |
| Total funds brought forward           | 30,404.55    |                  |                  | 523.00           |                  |                  | 23,088.24        | 20,813.75        |                        | 74,829.54        | 57,402.92        |
| Total funds carried forward           | 13,862.15    | -                | -                | 272.20           | 12.12            | -                | 503.00           | 23,088.24        | 20,813.75              | 58,551.46        | 74,829.54        |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

## Notes

|                                        |     | 31/12/2023    | 31/03/2023    |
|----------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------|
|                                        |     | £             | £             |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                    |     |               |               |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3) | 23,468        | 26,401        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |     |               |               |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |     | 35,729        | 48,061        |
| Stock                                  |     | 3,295         | -             |
| Sundry Debtors                         |     | -             | 1,154         |
| Prepayments                            |     | 2,520         | -             |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4) | (6,461)       | (787)         |
| Net Current Assets                     |     | 35,083        | 48,428        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |     | 58,551        | 74,829        |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   |     | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                      |     | <u>58,551</u> | <u>74,829</u> |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>            |     |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds                     |     | 13,862        | 30,404        |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |     | -             | -             |
| Tigers                                 |     | -             | -             |
| Red Panda                              |     | 272           | 523           |
| Lemur                                  |     | 12            | -             |
| Elephant                               |     | 503           | -             |
| Charity Ball                           |     | 23,088        | 23,088        |
| Shepreth Wildlife Park                 |     | 20,814        | 20,814        |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                     |     | <u>58,551</u> | <u>74,829</u> |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

**Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (Continued)**

**Resources Expended**

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

*Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

*Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

*Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

**Taxation**

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (Continued)**

**Funds structure policy**

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

**2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity**

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

**3. Tangible Fixed Assets**

|                                            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>Leasehold<br/>Property</b> | <b>Fixtures<br/>&amp; Fittings</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>                 | <u>3,306</u>                       |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023          | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>                 | <u>3,306</u>                       |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 | 35,569        | 32,263                        | 3,306                              |
| Charge for the period                      | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>                  | <u>Nil</u>                         |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023             | <u>38,502</u> | <u>35,196</u>                 | <u>3,306</u>                       |
| Net Book Value                             |               |                               |                                    |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023          | <u>23,468</u> | <u>23,468</u>                 | <u>Nil</u>                         |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023             | <u>26,401</u> | <u>26,401</u>                 | <u>Nil</u>                         |

**4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

|                           | <b>31.12.23<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>31.03.23<br/>2022<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sundry Creditors/Accruals | <u>6,461</u>                   | <u>787</u>                     |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (Continued)**

**5. Leasing commitments**

The charity has now negotiated a lease for 20 years with the Wildlife Park. The rent due per annum will be £1.

**6. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 4 (2023-3).

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# Accounts

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**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Report and Unaudited Accounts**

**For the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**  
**Registered charity number 1145477**

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca Willers   | (Chairperson) |
| Sally Willers     | (Secretary)   |
| Colin Taylor      | (Treasurer)   |
| Jane Taylor       |               |
| Jeanette Richards |               |
| Mike Hunter       |               |
| Liz Dams          |               |
| Yvonne Morrin     |               |
| Liz Bennett       |               |
| Hannah Lintott    |               |

#### **Independent Accountants**

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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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#### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB  
The Cross  
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Herts  
SG8 9AB

#### **Governing Document**

Constitution

# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

## **Reports and Accounts**

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## SWCC Annual Report 2022 / 2023

### Report of the Trustees

During the eleventh year (2022/2023) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully delivered: Easter Conservation Trail, Conservation Awareness Day, BIAZA Love Your Zoo Event, Tiger Day, Hedgehog Day, Red Panda Day, Halloween, Anniversary Raffle, Santa's Grotto
4. Anniversary celebrations: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SWCC Charity Ball and the '10 Challenges for 10 Years' fundraising events.
5. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
6. Raising funds for the final costs and repayment of loan for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
7. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### Achievements and Performance

#### 1. The Board of Trustees

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### 2. Donations

The Charity raised and made donations to:

- Wildlife Vets International (£1,000)
- Wild Cats Conservation Alliance (£1,000)
- Ampasy Field Station, Madagascar (£414)

#### 3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

The Charity continued to make monthly repayments to clear its ten-year loan. It also raised the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the period 2022/2023 the hospital admitted 324 hedgehogs. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continue to work hard during to ensure that high standards of welfare were maintained throughout the year.

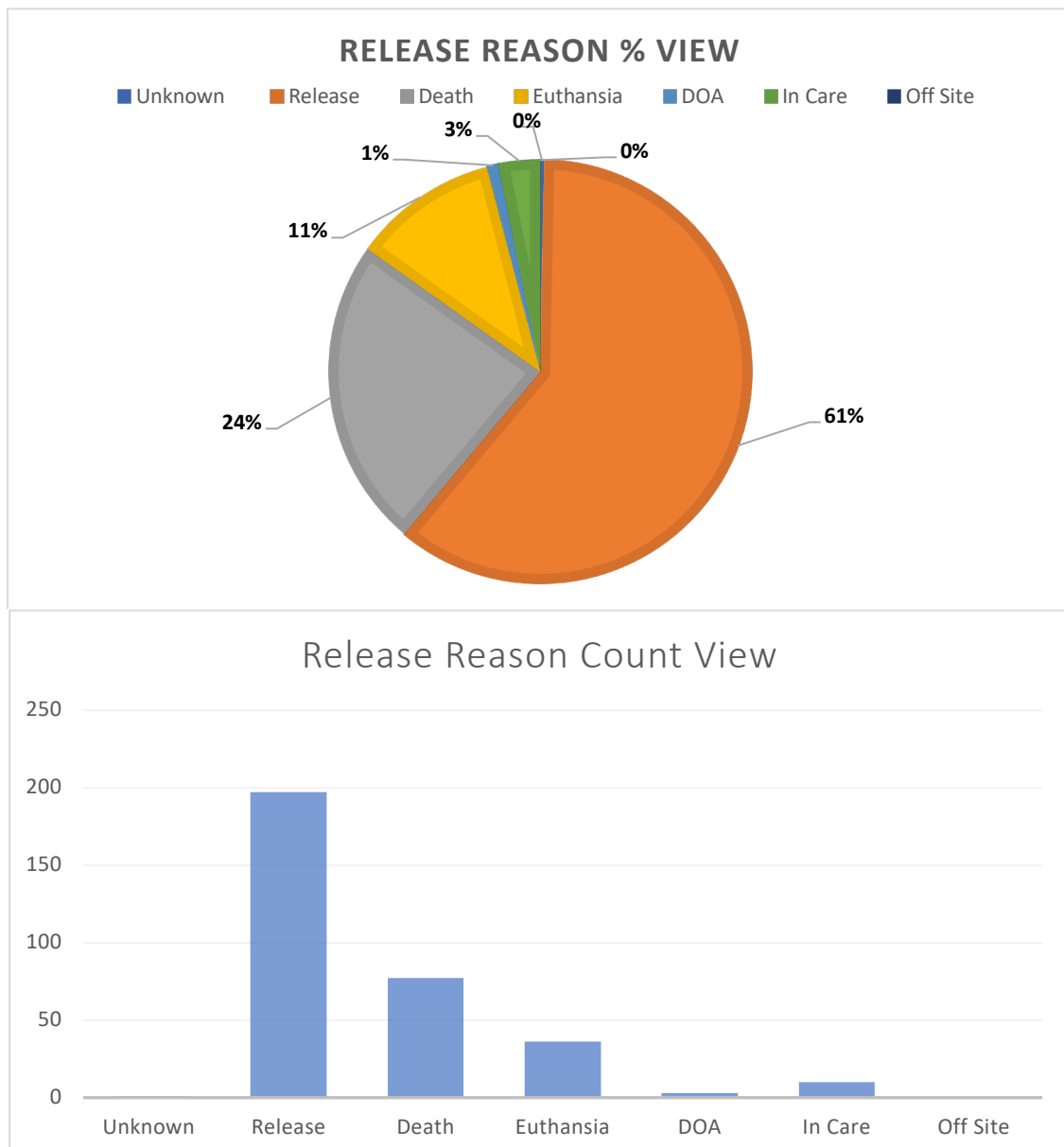
We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew and Kirstie Coddington for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data

**Reporting Period 01.04.22 – 31.03.23**

***Current Position on 7th June 2023***



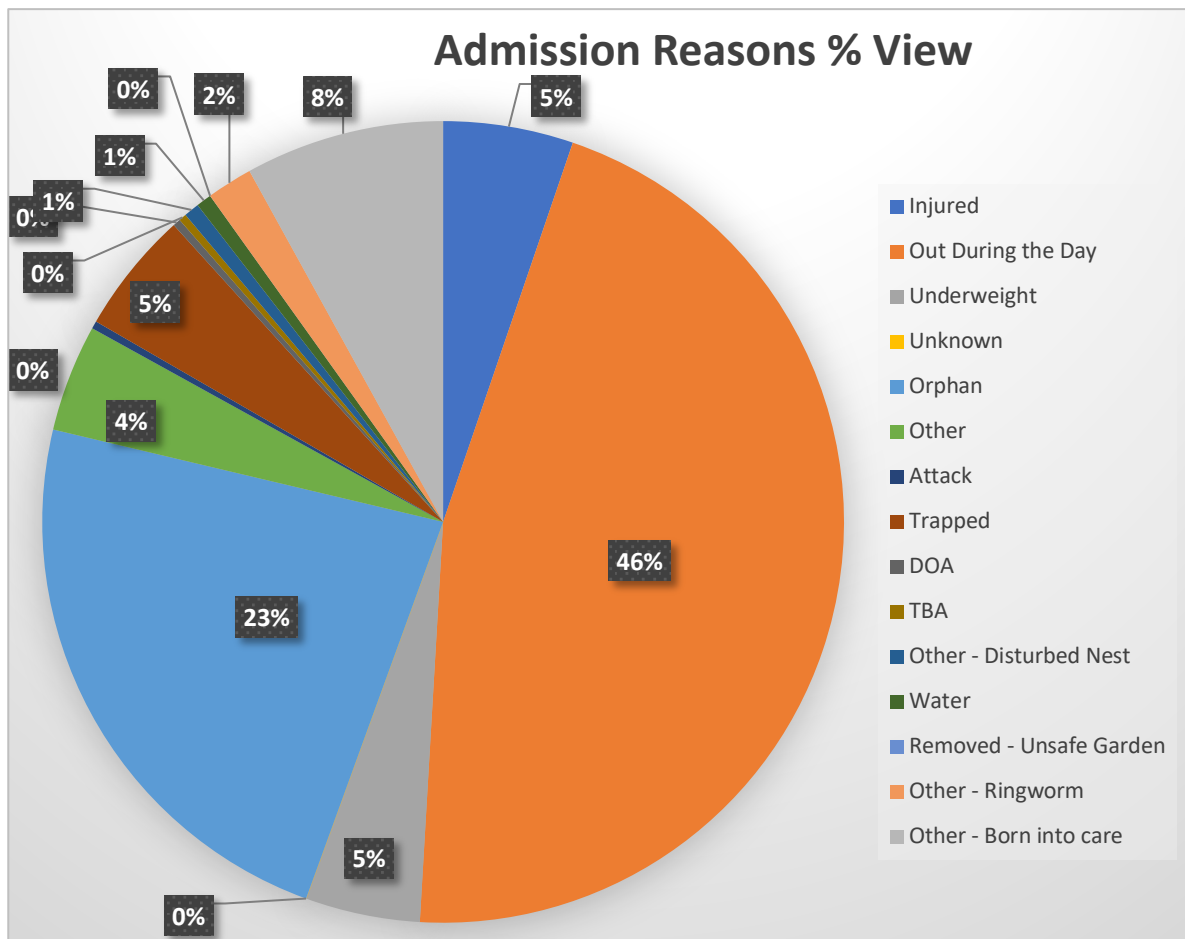
Release percentage has achieved 61%, which is an outstanding achievement and easily surpasses the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007); that concludes only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

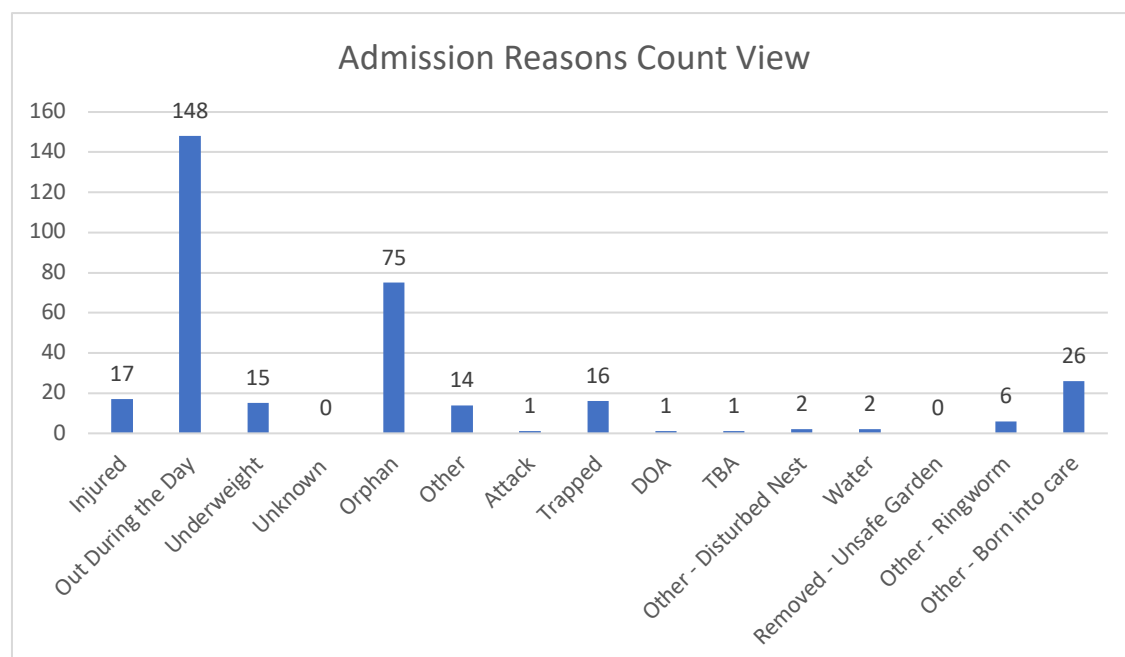
New drug protocols and equipment investment have contributed to the success rate, along with the increase of giving fluids to patients with a body score of 2.

There is only one unknown exit recorded this year. This patient was transferred to a Vet Practice's care, and they have not been able to confirm the outcome.

Accurate record keeping is instrumental in achieving this admission count picture, the Hospital Team have ensured that files are completed, and we can audit the hedgehog journey to their destination. Only ten hedgehogs remain in care from this reporting period; this report reflects a true picture. Euthanasia's again remain higher than earlier years, due to changes in protocols; this ensures that no disabled hedgehogs are placed in secure gardens inhibiting their natural instincts.

### Admission Reasons





‘Out during the day,’ like previous reporting years, is the main reason identified as to why hedgehogs are admitted to our care. This is closely followed by orphans. The Hospital Team often educates the public via Facebook or public talks as to when is appropriate to intervene with nests that are assumed to have been abandoned or disturbed; this is to give the mother a chance to come back to nurse or move her young. Trapped Hedgehog admissions have doubled this year, and this would be a prudent topic to educate the public on ‘dangers in your garden’ via their communication channels.

At the point when the Admission Form needs re-printing, we will be looking to introduce a ‘final diagnosis’ field to our files to see if we can analyse the real reason they were admitted. For instance, a hedgehog found out during the day may, under further examination, be injured which is not initially visible and this would alter their admittance reason. New admission reasons were added last year which breakdown the ‘other’ category that has been reported with higher figures in previous years. Again, this year we have no unknown reasons which is scrupulous diligence by the Hospital Team. We will also look at adding fields to quantify ecto-parasite burdens upon arrival, to analyse any patterns with likely death outcome or successful parasite treatments.

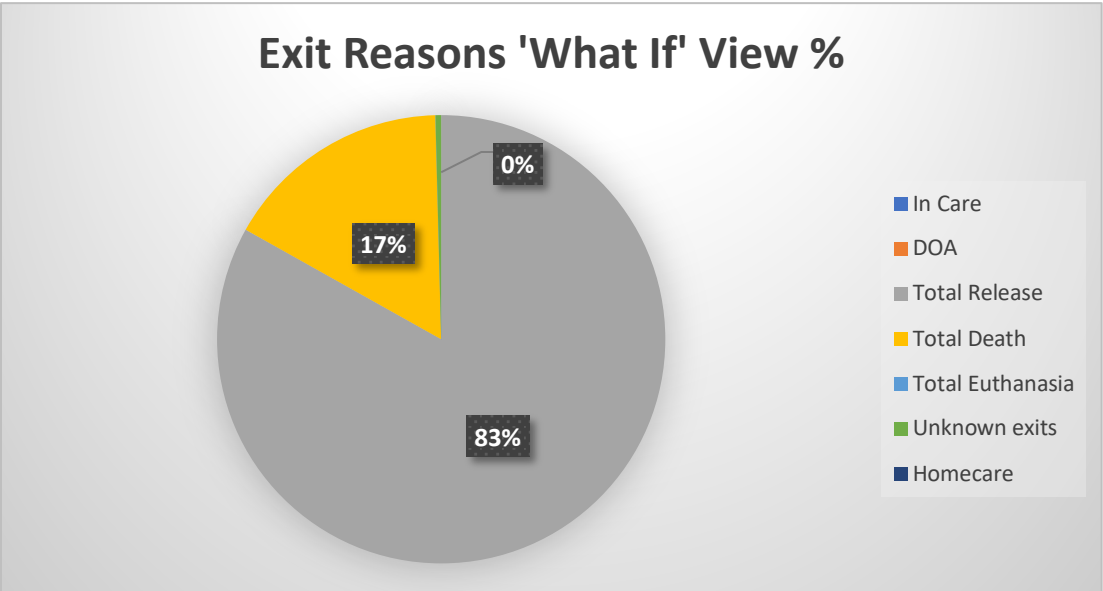
### What If?

If we deduct the hedgehogs we were never able to save, like *Euthanasia*, *Dead on arrival* and those that *Pass within 48 hours of admittance* (deemed unsavable as they are already in critical decline), and the hedgehogs currently recorded as ‘*Homecare*’ and ‘*In Care*’ are released; the total release percentage would increase from 61% to 83%.

### The Unsavable

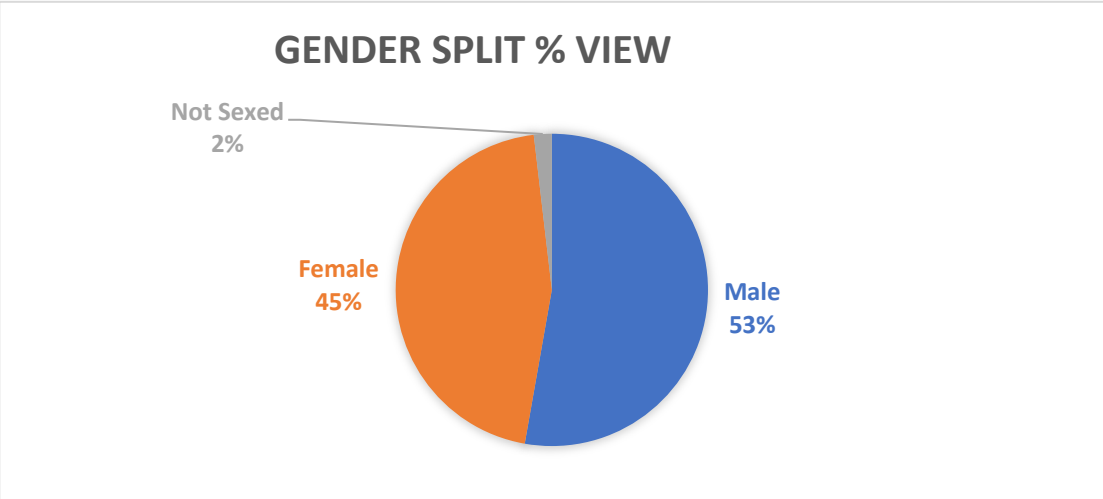
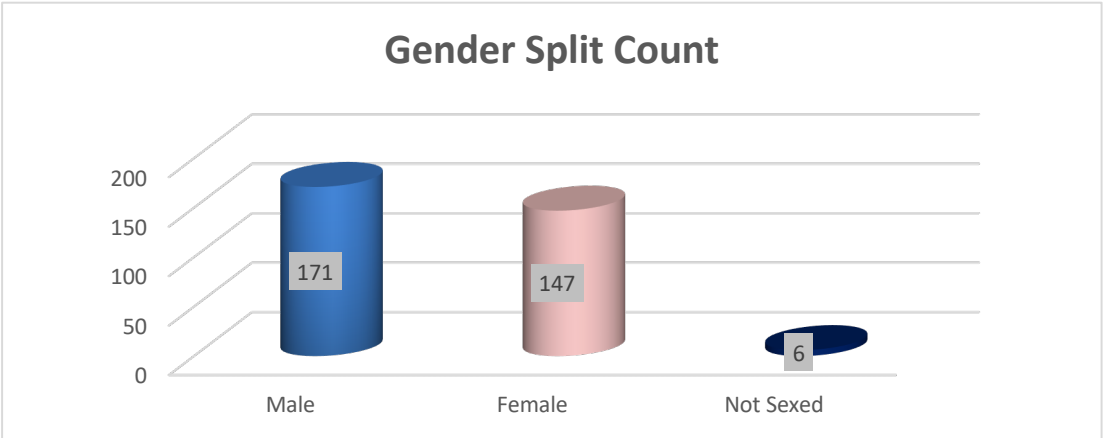
The totals below show the numbers that have either passed within 48 hours of arrival, were euthanised, or were deceased upon arrival.

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Death <2     | 37        |
| Euthanasia<2 | 30        |
| DOA          | 3         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>70</b> |



In conjunction with the Hospital Manager will be reviewing the deaths under 48hrs to see if we can alter care plans for them (to be agreed with their veterinary support). Like reviewing daily fluid maintenance rates and fluid deficits to increase these values and be administered throughout the day. We were not able to start this work last year, but we are eager to proceed with this data for the next reporting year and discuss these matters at an Ethical Board level.

**Gender Split Information**



Unlike previous reporting years, this is the first time we have seen the gender gap trend towards more males being admitted into our care. Previous reporting periods have reported almost a 50/50 split on gender. Only six hedgehogs remained gender unidentified, the need for them to receive emergency veterinary care overrides the need to record the gender. All released hedgehogs had their gender identified and recorded which is meticulous reporting from the Hospital team.

### % Survival Information by Recorded Admittance Body Score

This view is purely based on the recorded admittance body score that is captured upon arrival. The table below shows the release count and % of survival depending on this category only. *This view does not consider the reason for admittance.*

| BCS | Count Total by BCS | Death | Euthan | DOA | Release | In Care | Offsite | Unknown | Survival % | Previous Year Survival % |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | 13                 | 10    | 1      | 0   | 2       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 15%        | 14%                      |
| 2   | 152                | 53    | 20     | 2   | 70      | 6       | 0       | 1       | 46%        | 30%                      |
| 3   | 120                | 12    | 12     | 1   | 94      | 1       | 0       | 0       | 78%        | 59%                      |
| 4   | 31                 | 1     | 1      | 0   | 28      | 1       | 0       | 0       | 90%        | 82%                      |
| 5   | 6                  | 1     | 1      | 0   | 3       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 50%        | 67%                      |

Last year we reported hedgehogs with a body condition score of 2 and below had a low percentage of survival as hedgehogs with a body score of 2 and under would have trouble maintaining their core body temperatures and will be fluid deficient. It was essential they were stabilised before treatment. Investment of further incubators and improved fluid maintenance administration was recommended. I am pleased to report with the investment of two incubators, and fluids being administered to those of a body score of 2, has significantly improved their chance of survival from 30% to 46%.

Hedgehogs with a body score of 1 will also be suffering from organ shutdown and will require fluid drips along with incubation, for any chance of survival. It is felt the hedgehogs released, with a body score of 1, were mis-recorded and were actually a body score 2. The prognosis of body score 1 hedgehogs should be a discussion point at the next Ethical Review meeting. The right decision may be to arrange for euthanasia under veterinary instruction for those identified as a true body condition score 1.

### Death View Split by Body Condition Score and Admittance Reason

| Death Totals | Injured |   | ODD |    | UDW |   | Orphan |   | Other |   | Unknown |   | Trapped |   | Water |   |
|--------------|---------|---|-----|----|-----|---|--------|---|-------|---|---------|---|---------|---|-------|---|
| 10           | 1       | 0 | 1   | 5  | 1   | 0 | 1      | 2 | 1     | 0 | 1       | 0 | 1       | 3 | 1     | 0 |
| 53           | 2       | 1 | 2   | 46 | 2   | 0 | 2      | 4 | 2     | 1 | 2       | 0 | 2       | 0 | 2     | 1 |
| 12           | 3       | 1 | 3   | 10 | 3   | 0 | 3      | 1 | 3     | 0 | 3       | 0 | 3       | 0 | 3     | 0 |
| 1            | 4       | 0 | 4   | 1  | 4   | 0 | 4      | 0 | 4     | 0 | 4       | 0 | 4       | 0 | 4     | 0 |
| 1            | 5       | 1 | 5   | 0  | 5   | 0 | 5      | 0 | 5     | 0 | 5       | 0 | 5       | 0 | 5     | 0 |

View by breaking the BCS totals for death (excluding euthanasia), a step further and considering the admittance category shows:

Hedgehogs 'Out During the Day' (ODD), for BCS 1-3 are less likely to survive. This is a similar pattern for previous years however with earlier intervention of fluids being administered along with the use of incubators the death rates have improved from last year:

- Body score 2 - 61 to 46
- Body score 3 - 45 to 10.

## Exit Weight & Days in Hospital - Audit Information

| Days in Hospital | Year by Year Counts |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                  | 15 to 16            | 16 to 17 | 17 to 18 | 18 to 19 | 19 to 20 | 20 to 21 | 21 to 22 | 22 to 23 |
| >200             | 20                  | 23       | 99       | 1        | 8        | 18       | 17       | 10       |
| >250             | 9                   | 7        | 29       | 0        | 5        | 3        | 3        | 0        |
| >300             | 5                   | 4        | 9        | 0        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0        |
| >350             | 5                   | 2        | 4        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

\*Days in care have fallen from previous years. No hedgehogs have spent more than 250 days in the hospital, which makes them more likely to be successful releases, as they are not institutionalised.

Hedgehogs have been released throughout the winter due to milder weather keeping this figure low.

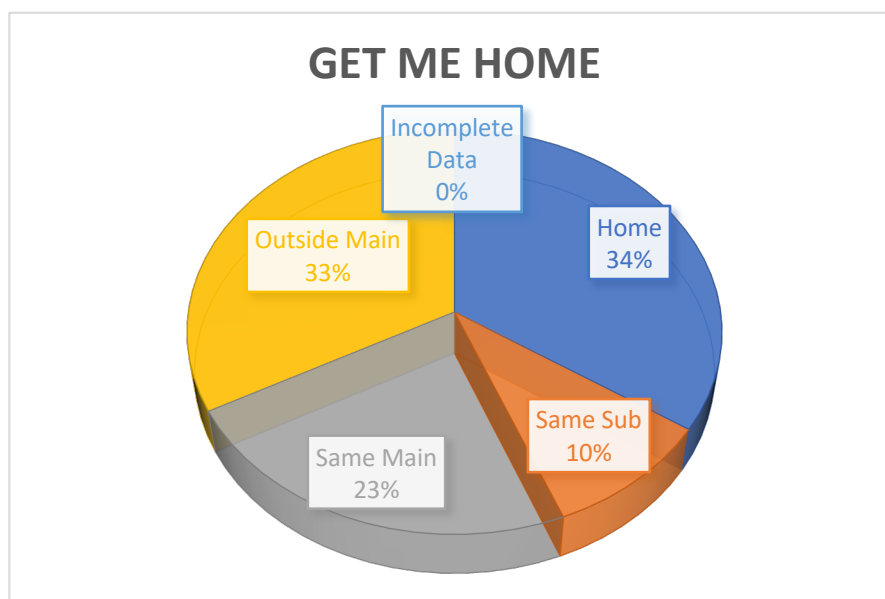
\*Calculated on days currently in care.

| Exit Weight | Year by Year Counts |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|             | 15 to 16            | 16 to 17 | 17 to 18 | 18 to 19 | 19 to 20 | 20 to 21 | 21 to 22 | 22 to 23 |
| >1000       | 38                  | 126      | 271      | 176      | 25       | 8        | 32       | 32       |
| >1200       | 7                   | 52       | 149      | 44       | 6        | 0        | 1        | 5        |
| >1300       | 1                   | 29       | 90       | 25       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1400       | 0                   | 16       | 46       | 10       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1500       | 0                   | 2        | 25       | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1600       | 0                   | 1        | 6        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| >1700       | 0                   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1800       | 0                   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

\*Exit weights have risen in hedgehogs over 1200g, however, these hedgehogs were true to size and not recorded as obese. This is still a vast improvement on years 2016 through to 2019.

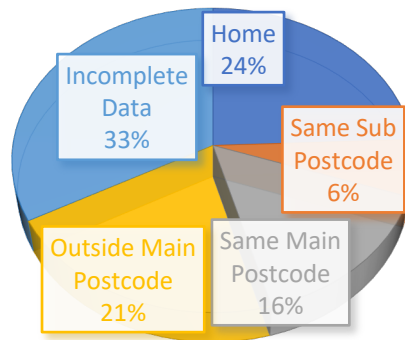
\*Calculated on recorded exit weights for released hogs.

## Getting Me Home



## GET ME HOME

(LAST REPORTING YEAR)



| Category              | Code | Example                  |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Home                  | 1    | Complete Post Code Match |
| Same Sub Postcode     | 2    | i.e. CB21 to CB21        |
| Same Main Postcode    | 3    | i.e. CB to CB            |
| Outside Main Postcode | 4    | i.e. CB to SG            |
| Incomplete Data       | 5    | unable to define         |

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society conclude hedgehogs build a mental map of their home range to help better navigate their environment. Hedgehogs released into unknown sites face larger competition for resources and a greater risk of road mortality. They may also spread infectious diseases to new populations. We recommend release of a hedgehog where they will be most content, within its original home range.

However, it is not always possible to release back home for several reasons:

- Hazards in that area may have caused original admittance
- Finder does not want the hedgehog to come back
- Release site not ready to support release and hedgehog is ready to go
- Infectious diseases identified in the home area

The Hospital Team strive to get them back home as swiftly as possible, and for whatever reason where this is not possible, or suitable, the nearest location to the home site is used.

This view represents the release picture by Post Code view, unfortunately this does not show actual distance. For instance, a hedgehog released outside of the main postcode area CB1 to SG8 may only be a few miles away and is still suitable. We are looking at mapping software to better represent this view in the future. Mapping software is quite expensive, and we have been looking at free software, but they do have restrictions which make some of them unsuitable.

Last year was the first year that this view had been reported. The Hospital Team have focused on data capture, and we have 0% incomplete data versus 33% the reporting year before. A phenomenal effort.

More hedgehogs have been released home or within the same main-postcode or same sub-postcode area at 67% versus 46% last year. This demonstrates a dedicated effort from the team to get hedgehogs back out into a safe environment.

## Report of the Trustees (continued)

### 3.1 Staffing

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and two part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis.

### 3.2 Release Programme

At the time of reporting, 197 were successfully released back to the wild.

### 3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering our data for desk studies and assisting in research conducted at other institutions and in the field.

### 3.4 Hedgehog Helpline

SWCC staff man a hedgehog helpline.

### 3.5 Website

The SWCC website ([www.swccharity.org](http://www.swccharity.org)) continued to be updated in 2022/23.

## 4 Fundraising

### Grants and funding

Grants and donations were applied and received from:

- Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (£1,000)

The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss grant applications and upcoming fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days took place during the year in celebration of the 10-year anniversary.

SWCC created the '*10 Challenges for 10 Years*' in 2022 to celebrate 10 years of the conservation charity and Hedgehog Hospital (<https://sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk/product/10challenges/>)

The aim of the celebration was to firstly raise awareness of the work carried out by the Wildlife Park and SWCC, which in turn would help raise the plight of the European hedgehog in the UK, secondly to raise awareness of the projects supported over the past 10 years including Wildlife Vets International, WildCats Conservation Alliance etc. Some of the challenges were also designed to help the natural world in a tangible way, for example the River Cam litter clearance challenge, others were to raise funds directly for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital project through sponsorship.



The following people joined in the challenges throughout the year:

- Rebecca Willers, Sally Willers, Nick Willers, Liz Dams, Amy Cook: Shepreth Wildlife Park & Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity
- Bob Steed, Claire McGregor, Rob Sadler: Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity
- Lynn Whitnall, Tyler Whitnall, Lisa Pressland: Zoological Society of Hertfordshire
- Matt Brady: Big Cat Sanctuary
- Olivia Walters: Wildlife Vets International
- John Pullen: Formally Marwell Zoo
- David (River Patrol Officer): Cambs River Conservancy

Additionally, the charity successfully designed and delivered its inaugural Charity Ball. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SWCC Charity Ball was designed to raise awareness of the charity, and additionally an auction and raffle were included to raise funds for the hospital. The event was organized by Trustees and raised over £23,000 for the Hedgehog Hospital Programme.

All speakers on the night were selected for their expertise in the field of conservation, and gave enlightening 15-minute speeches on conservation, climate change and biodiversity. All speakers gave their time freely.

Our speakers included:

Jonathan Scott (video address)



**Darren Bett**

Darren started as a weather forecaster for the Met Office. After presenting on regional TV he joined the national weather presenting team to launch the 24-hour news channel. He can now be regularly seen, and heard, on national TV, radio as well as BBC World.



**Hugh Warwick**

Hugh is an author and ecologist with a particular passion for hedgehogs. He started studying hedgehogs over 35 years ago, and has since written three books about them, become spokesperson for the *British Hedgehog Preservation Society*, is a much in-demand public speaker and possibly the world's only hedgehog standup comedian.



**Colin S Bell**

Distinguished Flying Cross - AE

Colin served in WW2. Born in 1921, Colin joined the Royal Air Force in 1940 and his flying training was carried out in the USA prior to its entry into the War. On his return to the UK in 1943, he converted to twin engine Mosquito Bombers and joined 608 Squadron (Pathfinder Group) carrying out 50 bombing raids over Germany.



**Chris Packham**

Extraordinarily creative and prolific, Chris Packham has led a remarkable life. He's gained recognition as a naturalist, television presenter, writer, photographer, conservationist, campaigner and filmmaker. As a broadcaster he is a presenter of BBC's *BAAFTA Award* winning *Springwatch*, *Autumnwatch* and *Winterwatch* series.



**DJ Spooky**

DJ Spooky started on pirate radio in the 1990's, forming the trio The Dreem Team. He joined Kiss100 in 1997, followed by BBC Radio 1 in 2000. Alongside the Ignition Orchestra, he is the founder of Garage Classical, an orchestral celebration of 20 years of UKG, and is the current resident Friday night DJ on BBC Radio 2.



**SWCC** HEDGEHOG HOSPITAL  
**CHARITY BALL**  
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022  
KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE



Additionally in support of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, SWCC produced a 2023 calendar which highlighted important things to be done each month to help care for the European hedgehogs in our back gardens (<https://sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk/product/swcc-calendar-2022/>)

## **5.2 Hedgehog Ambulance**

Buckingham & Stanley Group – MG and Subaru Cambridge, continued to donate, tax and service the use of a vehicle to be used as an ambulance for collecting and releasing hedgehogs.

## **6. Media**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintain a successful social media presence.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign attracted considerable media coverage throughout the year, including several BBC radio interviews, BBC news online, newspaper articles and magazine features, including two double page spreads. It also founded a close relationship with Eddy Temple-Morris, Virgin Radio DJ. With special thanks to Trustee Liz Dams, Eddy regularly updates listeners about the work of the charity live on his daily 10am show.

Most significantly the Charity Ball was promoted on Hugh Warwick's on-line petition to the Secretary of State for Housing with over 1.1m receiving this update who had signed the 'Hedgehog Highways' campaign.

## **7. Education**

An educational section was added to the website: <http://www.swcccharity.org>

SWCC partnered with the BHPS and several other organisations to create the *Code of Conduct for hedgehogs being used at Talks and Shows*, which has now been published and distributed.

SWCC produced a 'Guide to Hedgehogs' which was mass produced. 15,000 copies have already been distributed, in addition to a PDF download from our SWCC website ([http://www.swcccharity.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/leaflet\\_rollfold10\\_separatepages.pdf](http://www.swcccharity.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/leaflet_rollfold10_separatepages.pdf))

The monthly awareness and conservation events, which ran on-site throughout 2022 to help highlight the work of SWCC and other conservation initiatives, took the form of invited speakers, workshops, and related educational games.

The Charity Ball also offered the opportunity to showcase a new promotional video of the history of the wildlife park and the work of the conservation charity and SWCC Hedgehog Hospital. This was received well and is now being screened to the 100,000 visitors to the wildlife park each year to also help promote awareness.

The Charity Ball itself was sold out and welcomed 205 people in total. All attendees listened to the speakers give talks on the impact of climate change, the importance of biodiversity and the significance of the hedgehog in the countryside. We hope this inspired those who attended, and others exposed to the awareness campaigns throughout 2022/23 to feel compelled to do something today for hedgehogs and global wildlife.

## **8. Community**

Community plays a large part of what we do, from training volunteers and students to help with the hedgehog programme to advising people on making gardens wildlife friendly.

## **Report of the Trustees (Ends)**

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

#### **Financial Review**

The financial accounts are set out on pages 16 – 21. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effecting April 2005) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income of £17,426 which added to reserves brought forward of £57,403 make total reserves of £74,829 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £44,425 (Hedgehogs Nil, Red Pandas £523, Charity Ball £23,088 and Shepreth Wildlife Park £20,814) which leaves free reserves of £30,404.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### **Plans for future years**

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

  
..... Chair

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity 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 Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

  
..... Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 21.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Independent Examiner's Report (continued)**

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....  
A.G. Winter FCCA

Taylor & Co.  
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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year Ended 31st March 2023**

|                                       | Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds             | Total      | Total     |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                       | Funds        | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Lemur            | Charity Ball     | Research         | Funds Shepreth Wildlife Park | Funds      | Funds     |
|                                       | £            | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                            | 2023       | 2022      |
|                                       |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | £          | £         |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |           |
| <b>Donations</b>                      | 29,649.02    | 14,133.06        | 218.75           | 20.00            | 414.45           |                  |                  |                              | 44,435.28  | 33,301.11 |
| <b>Fundraising</b>                    | 2,750.53     | 6,103.49         | 766.24           | 503.00           |                  | 49,336.00        |                  |                              | 59,459.26  | 9,807.96  |
| <b>Grants</b>                         |              | 1,000.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,000.00   | 7,500.00  |
| <b>Covid Government Grants</b>        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| <b>Interest Received</b>              | 37.95        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 37.95      | 2.33      |
|                                       | 32,437.50    | 21,236.55        | 984.99           | 523.00           | 414.45           | 49,336.00        | -                | -                            | 104,932.49 | 50,611.40 |
| <b>Asset and Investment Sales</b>     | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -          | -         |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>       | 32,437.50    | 21,236.55        | 984.99           | 523.00           | 414.45           | 49,336.00        | -                | -                            | 104,932.49 | 50,611.40 |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |           |
| <b>Donations</b>                      |              |                  | 2,000.00         |                  | 414.45           |                  |                  |                              | 2,414.45   | 8,454.15  |
| <b>Fundraising</b>                    |              | 3,226.13         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 3,226.13   | 1,218.75  |
| Charity Ball Costs                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  | 26,247.76        |                  |                              | 26,247.76  | -         |
| <b>Hospital Costs</b>                 |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| Hospital supplies                     |              | 2,178.27         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,178.27   | 2,744.08  |
| Veterinary                            |              | 5,064.28         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 5,064.28   | 9,491.13  |
| Hospital equipment                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| Waste Disposal                        |              | 2,484.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,484.00   | -         |
| Repairs and maintenance               |              | 453.78           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 453.78     | 328.08    |
| <b>Administration</b>                 |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| Staff wages                           |              | 33,608.50        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 33,608.50  | 28,390.50 |
| Staff pensions                        |              | 499.64           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 499.64     | 373.82    |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising       |              | 931.34           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 931.34     | 188.00    |
| Accountancy                           | 828.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 828.00     | 756.00    |
| Subscriptions                         | 390.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 390.00     | 591.60    |
| Bank Charges                          |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | 65.00     |
| Paypal Charges                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | 290.36    |
| Insurance                             |              | 1,255.40         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,255.40   | 1,179.83  |
| Electricity                           |              | 3,376.57         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 3,376.57   | 2,381.80  |
| Card Charges                          |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | 22.80     |
| Telephone                             |              | 606.96           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 606.96     | 547.63    |
| Ambulance Insurance                   | 912.80       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 912.80     | 912.80    |
| Loan Interest                         | 12.00        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 12.00      | 36.00     |
| Other Interest                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| Sundry Expenses                       |              | 82.99            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 82.99      | 527.49    |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                   |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -         |
| Leasehold property                    |              | 2,933.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,933.00   | 2,933.00  |
|                                       | 2,142.80     | 56,700.86        | 2,000.00         | -                | 414.45           | 26,247.76        | -                | -                            | 87,505.87  | 61,432.82 |
| <b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b> | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -          | -         |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>       | 2,142.80     | 56,700.86        | 2,000.00         | -                | 414.45           | 26,247.76        | -                | -                            | 87,505.87  | 61,432.82 |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>        | 30,294.70    | 35,464.31        | 1,015.01         | 523.00           | -                | 23,088.24        | -                | -                            | 17,426.62  | 10,821.42 |
| Transfers between funds               | - 371.59     | 1,535.55         | 371.59           | -                | -                | -                | 1,535.55         | -                            | -          | -         |
| Transfers between funds               | - 33,928.76  | 33,928.76        | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -          | -         |
| Total funds brought forward           | 34,410.20    | -                | 643.42           |                  |                  |                  | 1,535.55         | 20,813.75                    | 57,402.92  | 68,224.34 |
| Total funds carried forward           | 30,404.55    | -                | -                | 523.00           | -                | 23,088.24        | -                | 20,813.75                    | 74,829.54  | 57,402.92 |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

## Notes

|                                        |     | 2023 |                      | 2022 |                      |
|----------------------------------------|-----|------|----------------------|------|----------------------|
|                                        |     | £    | £                    | £    | £                    |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                    |     |      |                      |      |                      |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3) |      | 26,401               |      | 29,334               |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |     |      |                      |      |                      |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |     |      | 48,061               |      | 29,133               |
| Sundry Debtors                         |     |      | 1,154                |      | 3,096                |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4) |      | <u>(787)</u>         |      | <u>(4,160)</u>       |
| Net Current Assets                     |     |      | <u>48,428</u>        |      | <u>28,069</u>        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |     |      | 74,829               |      | 57,403               |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   | (5) |      | <u>0</u>             |      | <u>0</u>             |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                      |     |      | <u><u>74,829</u></u> |      | <u><u>57,403</u></u> |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>            |     |      |                      |      |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                     |     |      | 30,404               |      | 34,410               |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |     |      | -                    |      | -                    |
| Tigers                                 |     |      | -                    |      | 644                  |
| Red Panda                              |     |      | 523                  |      | -                    |
| Charity Ball                           |     |      | 23,088               |      | -                    |
| Research                               |     |      | -                    |      | 1,535                |
| Shepreth Wildlife Park                 |     |      | <u>20,814</u>        |      | <u>20,814</u>        |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                     |     |      | <u><u>74,829</u></u> |      | <u><u>57,403</u></u> |
|                                        |     |      | -                    |      | -                    |

**Notes to the Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**  
**Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

**Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Continued)**

**Resources Expended**

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

*Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

*Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

*Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

**Taxation**

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

### Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Continued)

#### Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

#### 2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

#### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                                            | Total         | Leasehold<br>Property | Fixtures<br>& Fittings |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023             | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 | 32,636        | 29,330                | 3,306                  |
| Charge for the year                        | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>          | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023             | <u>35,569</u> | <u>32,263</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Net Book Value                             |               |                       |                        |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023             | <u>26,401</u> | <u>26,401</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022             | <u>29,334</u> | <u>29,334</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |

#### 4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|                           | 2023<br>£  | 2022<br>£    |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Sundry Creditors/Accruals | 787        | 706          |
| Loan: M. Hunter           | <u>-</u>   | <u>3,454</u> |
|                           | <u>787</u> | <u>4,160</u> |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Continued)**

**5. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year**

|                | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Loan M. Hunter | <u>Nil</u>  | <u>Nil</u>  |

M. Hunter is a trustee of the charity. The loan has been repaid.

**6. Leasing commitments**

The charity has now negotiated a lease for 20 years with the Wildlife Park. The rent due per annum will be £1.

**7. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 3 (2022-3).

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# Accounts

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**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Report and Unaudited Accounts**

**For the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**  
**Registered charity number 1145477**

# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

## **Reports and Accounts**

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# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

## **Charity Information**

### **Trustees**

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Rebecca Willers   | (Chairperson)        |
| Sally Willers     | (Secretary)          |
| Colin Taylor      | (Treasurer)          |
| Jane Taylor       |                      |
| Jeanette Richards |                      |
| Mike Hunter       |                      |
| Liz Dams          |                      |
| Yvonne Morrin     |                      |
| Liz Bennett       |                      |
| Hannah Lintott    | (appointed 30.07.21) |

### **Independent Accountants**

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SG8 5AB

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### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB  
The Cross  
2 Melbourn Street  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 9AB

### **Governing Document**

Constitution



## **SWCC Annual Report 2021 / 2022**

### **Report of the Trustees**

During the tenth year (2021/2022) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following categories:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own, but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully executed: Santa's Grotto, Elephant Day, Anniversary Raffle, Yoga Fridays.
4. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
5. Raising funds for the ongoing costs and repayment of loan for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
6. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **1. The Board of Trustees**

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### **2. Donations**

The Charity raised and made donations to:

- Red Panda Network (£217)
- EAZA Ukraine Zoos Fund (£500)
- Shepreth Wildlife Park: Conservation & Education Department (£5,000)
- Transfrontier Africa (£796)
- Elephant Care unchained (£1,000)
- Fuze Ecoteer (Elephant MEME Coaster) (£940.57)

#### **3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital**

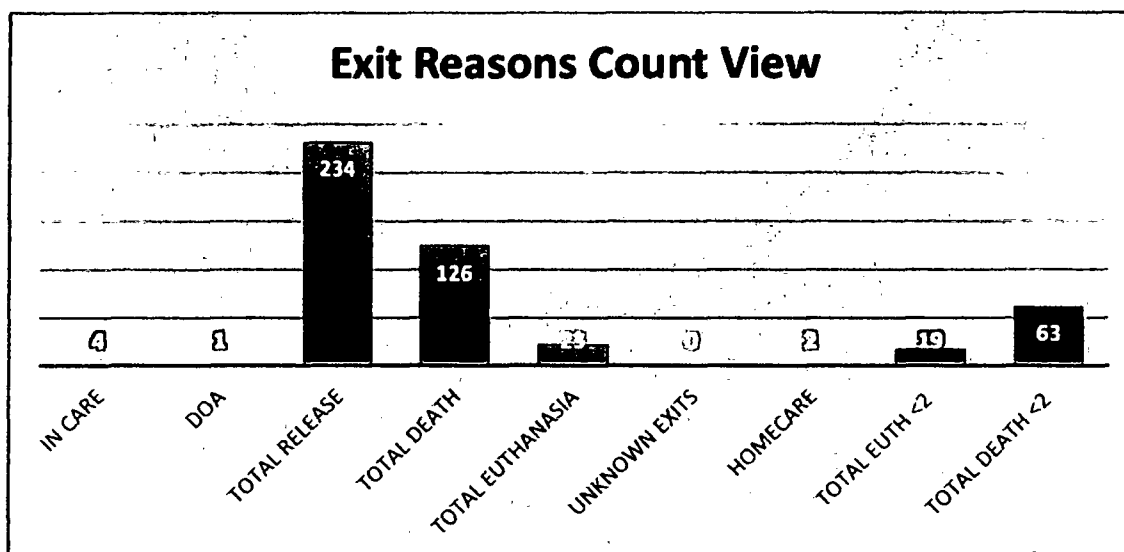
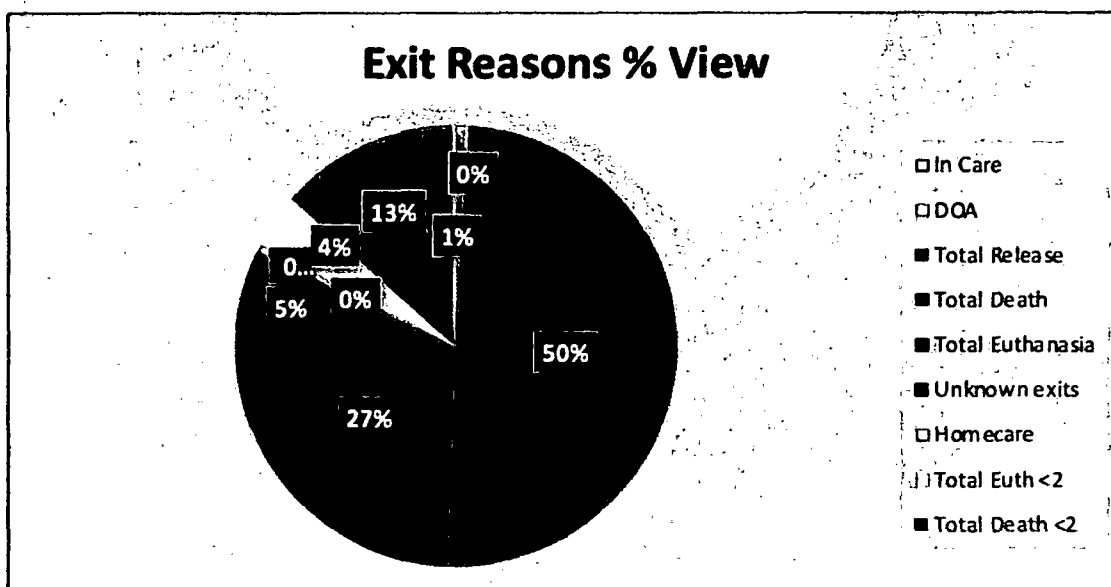
The Charity continues to make monthly repayments to reduce its ten-year loan. It also raises the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the period 2021/2022 the hospital admitted 472 hedgehogs. We are proud to report the following data despite the disruption caused during the Covid pandemic. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continued to work hard during this time to ensure that high standards of welfare were maintained throughout the year. We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data

Reporting Period 01.04.21 – 31.03.22

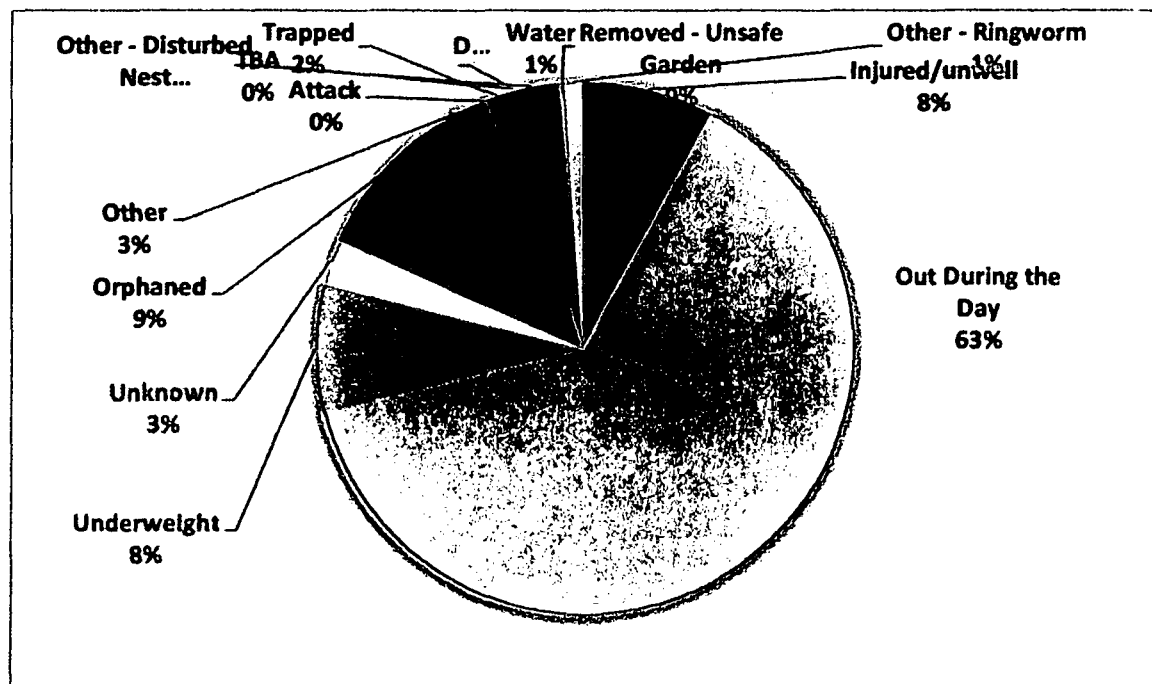
Current Position on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022



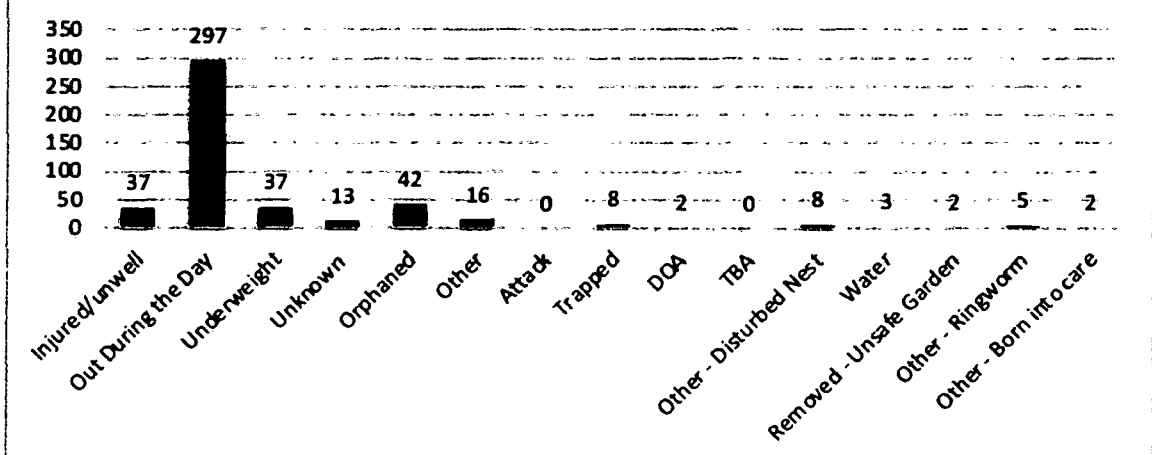
Release percentage has achieved 50% which easily exceeds the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007) that concluded that only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

There are no unknown exits this year. Accurate record keeping is instrumental in achieving this admission count picture, the Hospital Team have ensured that files are completed, and we can audit the Hedgehog journey to their destination. Only six hedgehogs remain in care from this reporting period; this report reflects a true picture. Euthanasia's are higher this year due to changes in protocols, this ensures that no hedgehogs are placed in secure gardens inhibiting their natural instincts.

### Admission Release % View



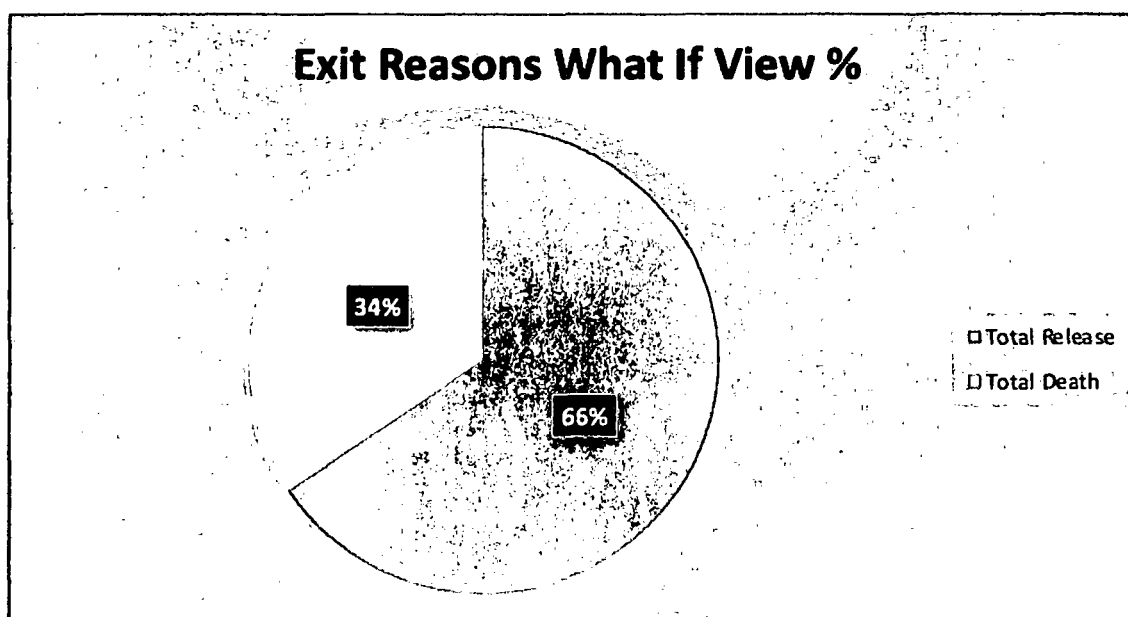
### Admission Reasons Count View



'Out during the day,' like previous reporting years, is the main reason why hedgehogs are admitted to our care. We will be looking to introduce a 'final diagnosis' field to our files to see if we can analyse the real reason they were admitted. For instance, a hedgehog found out during the day may, under further examination, be injured which is not initially visible and this would alter their admittance reason. New admission reasons have been added this year which breakdowns the 'other' category that has been reported with higher figures in previous years. This year we have no unknown reasons which is scrupulous diligence by the Hospital Team.

## What If?

If we deduct the hedgehogs that we were never in a position to save, like euthanasia's, dead on arrival and those that pass within 48 hours of admittance (deemed unsavable as they are already in critical decline) and the hedgehogs currently recorded as 'Homecare' and 'In Care' are released; the total release percentage will increase from 50% to 66%.



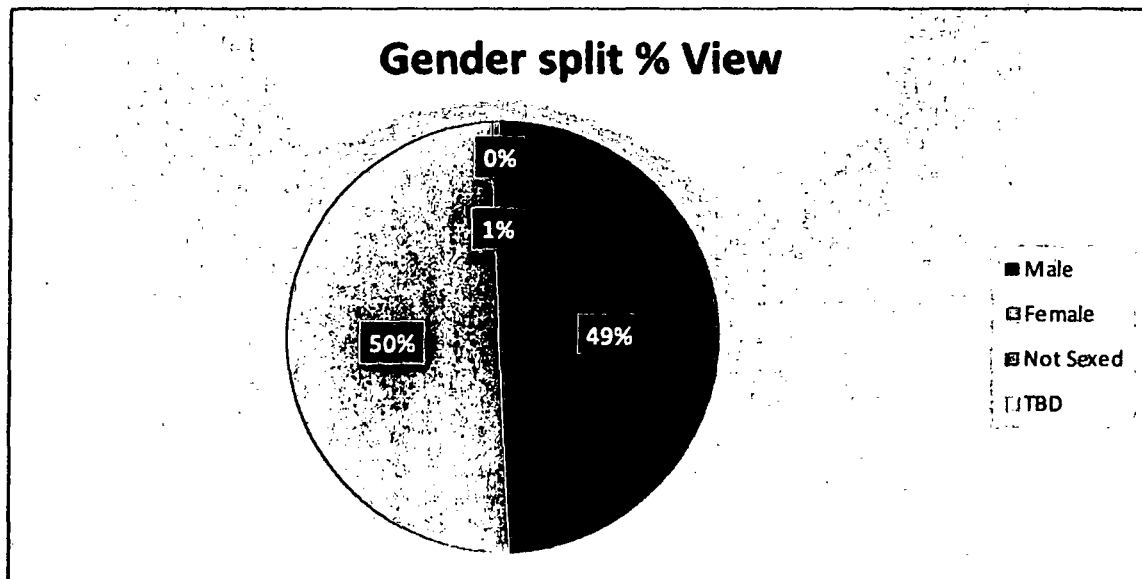
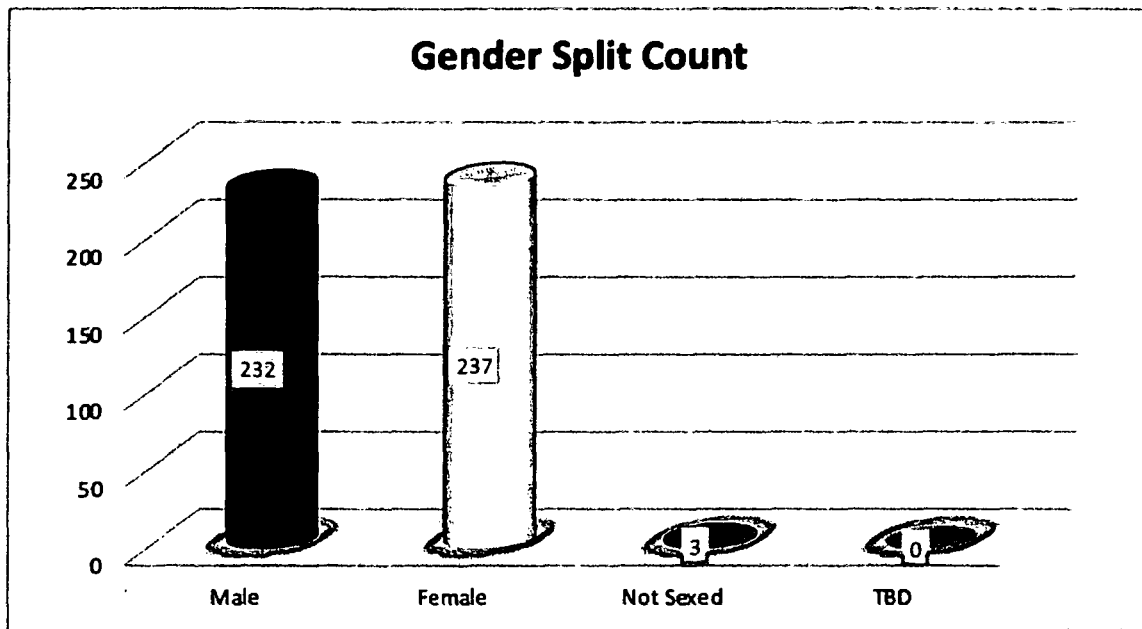
## The un-saveables

The totals below show the numbers of hedgehogs that have either passed within 48 hours of arrival, were euthanised, or deceased upon arrival.

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Death <2      | 63 |
| Euthanasia <2 | 19 |
| DOA           | 2  |
| Total         | 84 |

In conjunction with the Hospital Manager and veterinary support team, we will be reviewing the 'Deaths under 48 hours' to see if we can alter care plans to reduce this occurrence.

## Gender Split Information



As with previous reporting periods, we have again almost a 50 /50 split on sexes. Only three hedgehogs remained gender unidentified, which is thanks to meticulous reporting from the Hospital team.

## % Survival Information by Recorded Admittance Body Score

This view is purely based on the recorded admittance body score that is captured upon arrival. The table below shows the release count and % of survival depending on this category only.

*This view does not consider the reason for admittance.*

| Count<br>Total of all<br>by BCS | BCS<br>Recorded | Death | Euthan | DOA | Release | Survival<br>% |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----|---------|---------------|
| 14                              | 1               | 11    | 1      | 0   | 2       | 14%           |
| 134                             | 2               | 78    | 15     | 1   | 40      | 30%           |
| 192                             | 3               | 63    | 15     | 0   | 114     | 59%           |
| 28                              | 4               | 2     | 3      | 0   | 23      | 82%           |
| 3                               | 5               | 0     | 1      | 0   | 2       | 67%           |

This summarises that hedgehogs with a body condition score of 2 and below have a low percentage of survival. Hedgehogs with a body score of 2 and under will have trouble maintaining their core body temperatures and will be fluid deficient. It is essential they are stabilised before treatment. With investment of further incubators and improved fluid maintenance administration, it is felt more hedgehogs of a body condition score of 2 could be stabilised for further treatment, and the survival percentage would increase. This will be further analysed in conjunction with the Hospital Manager; also including antibiotic intervention and the use of probiotics.

Hedgehogs with a body score of 1 will be suffering from organ shutdown and will require fluid drips along with incubation and oxygen support; for any chance of survival. It is felt the hedgehogs released were mis-recorded and were a body score 2. This prognosis of body score 1 hedgehogs will be a discussion point at the next Ethical Review meeting. The right decision may be to arrange for euthanasia, under veterinary instruction and care; for those identified as a true body condition score 1.

A review will also take place regarding hedgehogs and the use of intrafungal. It is assumed this reduces the time hedgehogs are in our care. This view can then be presented to the veterinary advisors with supporting data evidence; for a potential agreement to change a treatment protocol.

## Death View Split by Body Condition Score and Admittance Reason

| Death<br>Totals | Injured |   | ODD |    | UDW |   | Urchin |    | Other |   | Unknown |   | Trapped |   | DOA |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|-----|----|-----|---|--------|----|-------|---|---------|---|---------|---|-----|---|
| 11              | 1       | 1 | 1   | 7  | 1   | 3 | 1      | 0  | 1     | 0 | 1       | 0 | 1       | 0 | 1   | 0 |
| 78              | 2       | 1 | 2   | 61 | 2   | 5 | 2      | 3  | 2     | 2 | 2       | 4 | 2       | 1 | 2   | 1 |
| 63              | 3       | 2 | 3   | 45 | 3   | 2 | 3      | 14 | 3     | 0 | 3       | 0 | 3       | 0 | 3   | 0 |
| 2               | 4       | 1 | 4   | 1  | 4   | 0 | 4      | 0  | 4     | 0 | 4       | 0 | 4       | 0 | 4   | 0 |
| 0               | 5       | 0 | 5   | 0  | 5   | 0 | 5      | 0  | 5     | 0 | 5       | 0 | 5       | 0 | 5   | 0 |

By breaking the BCS totals for death (excluding euthanasia) a step further, and considering the admittance category, shows:

Hedgehogs that are 'Out During the Day' (ODD), for BCS 2-3 are less likely to survive. This is a similar pattern for previous years. From this view, standard treatment plans upon admission may improve the chance of survival i.e., always give a certain % deficit of s/c fluids suitable to the BCS. Investment in incubators may also increase survival rates by stabilising these patients. Heat pads alone do not distribute heat effectively or maintain a consistent temperature.

## Exit Weight & Days in Hospital - Audit Information

| Exit Weight | Year by Year Counts |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|             | 15 to 16            | 16 to 17 | 17 to 18 | 18 to 19 | 19 to 20 | 20 to 21 | 21 to 22 |
| >1000       | 38                  | 126      | 271      | 176      | 25       | 8        | 32       |
| >1200       | 7                   | 52       | 149      | 44       | 6        | 0        | 1        |
| >1300       | 1                   | 29       | 90       | 25       | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1400       | 0                   | 16       | 46       | 10       | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1500       | 0                   | 2        | 25       | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1600       | 0                   | 1        | 6        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| >1700       | 0                   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| >1800       | 0                   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

\*Exit weights have risen; however, this is still a vast improvement on years 2016 through to 2019.

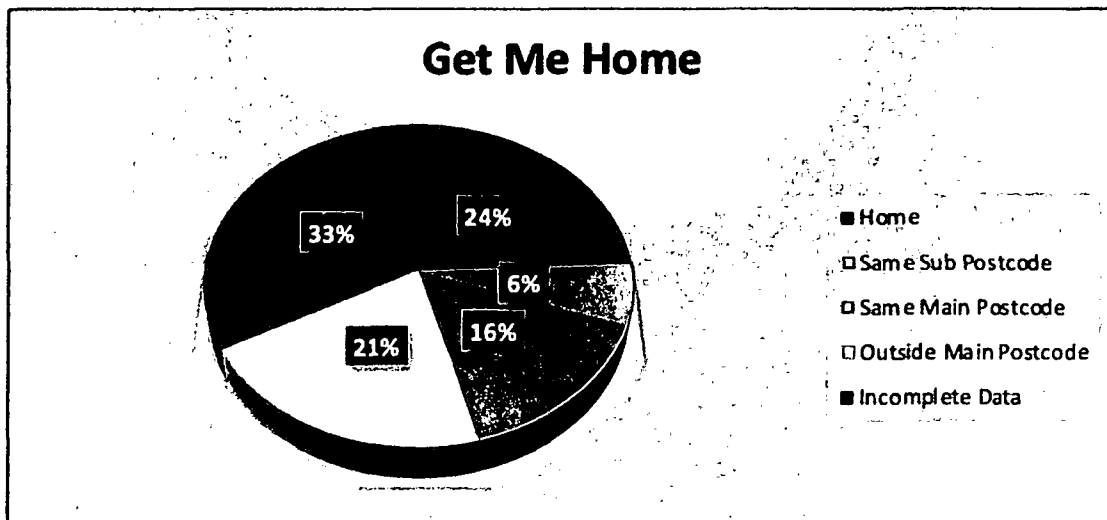
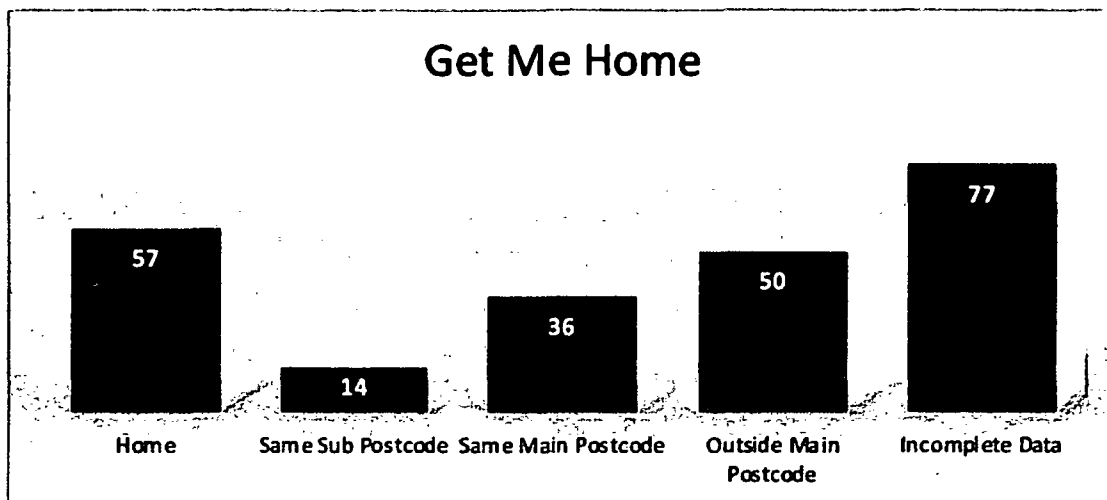
\*Calculated on recorded exit weights for released hogs.

| Days in Hospital | Year by Year Counts |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                  | 15 to 16            | 16 to 17 | 17 to 18 | 18 to 19 | 19 to 20 | 20 to 21 | 21 to 22 |
| >200             | 20                  | 23       | 99       | 1        | 8        | 18       | 17       |
| >250             | 9                   | 7        | 29       | 0        | 5        | 3        | 3        |
| >300             | 5                   | 4        | 9        | 0        | 2        | 2        | 0        |
| >350             | 5                   | 2        | 4        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        |

\*Days in care are a similar pattern to last year. This represents less than 0.05% of total hedgehogs. Hedgehogs have been released throughout the winter due to milder weather keeping this figure low.

\*Calculated on days currently in care.

## Release Site Data



| Category              | Code | Example                  |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Home                  | 1    | Complete Post Code Match |
| Same Sub Postcode     | 2    | i.e., CB21 to CB21       |
| Same Main Postcode    | 3    | i.e., CB to CB           |
| Outside Main Postcode | 4    | i.e., CB to SG           |
| Incomplete Data       | 5    | unable to define         |

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society conclude that Hedgehogs build a mental map of their home range to help better navigate their environment. Hedgehogs released from unknown sites face larger competition for resources and a greater risk of road mortality. They may also spread infectious diseases to new populations. Simply release a hedgehog where they will be most content, within its original home range.

However, in reality, it is not always possible to release back home for several reasons:

- Hazards in that area caused original admittance
- Finder does not want the hedgehog to come back
- Release site not ready to support release and hedgehog is ready to go
- Infectious diseases in home area

The Hospital Team strive to get them back home as swiftly as possible, and for whatever reason where this is not possible, or suitable, the nearest location to the home site is used.

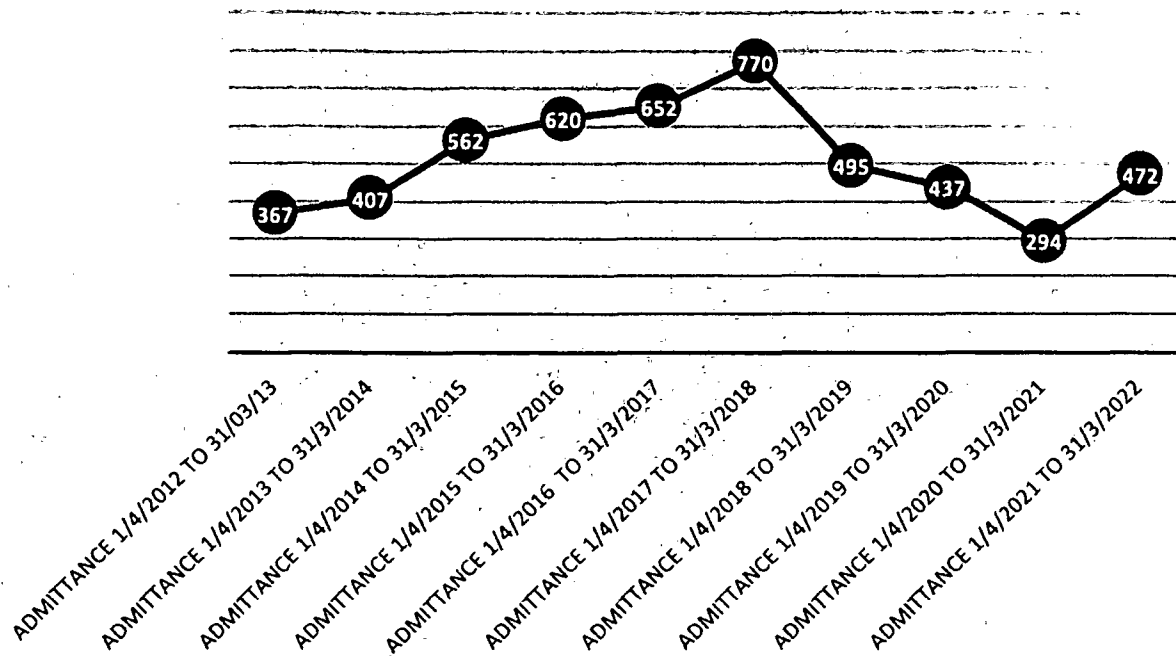
This view represents the release picture by Post Code view, unfortunately this does not show actual distance. For instance, a hedgehog released outside of the main postcode area CB1 to SG8 may only be a few miles away and is still suitable. We are looking at mapping software to better represent this view next year.

Data in this area is short for a variety of reasons:

- Hedgehogs admitted by vets cannot pass finders details (GDPR restrictions)
- Finders often dropping patient off for a friend or neighbour does not know where the hedgehog was found.
- Members of public withholding area found information
- Street or place name is recorded; post code is to be updated on paperwork

The Hospital Manager is focusing on this data for the next reporting period.

## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Summary Admission Totals



**Total admissions since the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital opened: 5076**

## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **3.1 Staffing**

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and two part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis.

### **3.2 Release Programme**

At the time of reporting, 234 hedgehogs were successfully released back to the wild.

### **3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering our data for desk studies.

### **3.4 Hedgehog Helpline**

SWCC staff man a hedgehog helpline.

## **4. Website**

The SWCC website ([www.swccharity.org](http://www.swccharity.org)) continued to be updated in 2022.

## **5. Fundraising**

### **5.1 Grants and funding**

The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss grant applications and possible fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days took place during the year.

Grants and donations were applied and received from:

- Jack Patston Trust (£2,000)
- Trinity College, Cambridge (£1,000)
- Tropical Butterfly House, Wildlife and Falconry Centre (£690)
- Animal Defence Trust (£2,500)
- Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (£1,000)
- AXA Insurance (£2,000)

### **5.2 Hedgehog Ambulance**

Buckingham & Stanley Group – MG and Subaru Cambridge, have continued to donate, tax and service the use of a vehicle to be used as an ambulance for collecting and releasing hedgehogs.

## **6. Media**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continued to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintain a successful social media presence.

## **7. Education**

An educational section was added to the website: <http://www.swccharity.org>

## **8. Community**

Community plays a large part of what we do, with training volunteers and students to help with the hedgehog programme and advising people on making gardens wildlife-friendly.

## **Report of the Trustees (Ends)**

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

#### **Financial Review**

The financial accounts are set out on pages 16 – 21. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effecting April 2005) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure of £10,821 which deducted from reserves brought forward of £68,224 make total reserves of £57,403 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £22,993 (Hedgehogs Nil, Red Pandas £644, Elephants Nil, Research £1,535 and Shepreth Wildlife Park £20,814) which leaves free reserves of £34,410.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### **Plans for future years**

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

Charity 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 Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is in appropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, which are set out on pages 16 to 21.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Independent Examiner's Report (continued)**

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A.G. Winter FCCA

Taylor & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accounts  
The Sycamores  
43 Kneesworth Street  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 5AB

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year Ended 31st March 2022**

|                                       | Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds             | Restricted Funds | Total      | Total      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|                                       | Funds        | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Elephants        | Research         | Funds Shepreth Wildlife Park | Ukraine Zoo      | Funds 2022 | Funds 2021 |
|                                       | £            | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                            | £                | £          | £          |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  |            |            |
| Donations                             | 19,107.84    | 11,982.85        | 368.42           | 10.00            | 1,832.00         |                  |                              |                  | 33,301.11  | 55,449.08  |
| Fundraising                           | 5,582.14     | 3,410.82         | 275.00           | 40.00            |                  |                  |                              | 500.00           | 9,807.96   | 4,576.78   |
| Grants                                |              | 7,500.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 7,500.00   | 13,655.66  |
| Covid Government Grants               |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          | 10,000.00  |
| Interest Received                     | 2.33         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 2.33       | 2.98       |
|                                       | 24,692.31    | 22,893.67        | 643.42           | 50.00            | 1,832.00         | -                | -                            | 500.00           | 50,611.40  | 83,684.50  |
| <b>Asset and Investment Sales</b>     | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -                | -          | -          |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>       | 24,692.31    | 22,893.67        | 643.42           | 50.00            | 1,832.00         | -                | -                            | 500.00           | 50,611.40  | 83,684.50  |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  |            |            |
| Donations                             |              |                  |                  | 217.33           | 2,738.82         |                  | 5,000.00                     | 500.00           | 8,454.15   | 6,892.82   |
| Fundraising                           | 1,218.75     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 1,218.75   | 20.00      |
| Hospital supplies                     |              | 2,744.08         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 2,744.08   | 1,756.18   |
| Veterinary                            |              | 9,491.13         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 9,491.13   | 5,003.52   |
| Hospital equipment                    |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          | 565.54     |
| Waste Disposal                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          | 1,943.97   |
| Repairs and maintenance               |              | 328.08           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 328.08     | 222.04     |
| Administration                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          |            |
| Staff wages                           |              | 28,390.50        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 28,390.50  | 27,665.75  |
| Staff pensions                        |              | 373.82           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 373.82     | -          |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising       |              | 188.00           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 188.00     | 214.80     |
| Accountancy                           | 756.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 756.00     | 624.00     |
| Subscriptions                         | 591.60       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 591.60     | 447.60     |
| Bank Charges                          | 65.00        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 65.00      | -          |
| Paypal Charges                        | 290.36       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 290.36     | -          |
| Insurance                             |              | 1,179.83         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 1,179.83   | 722.20     |
| Electricity                           |              | 2,381.80         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 2,381.80   | 1,554.26   |
| Card Charges                          | 22.80        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 22.80      | -          |
| Telephone                             |              | 547.63           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 547.63     | 368.18     |
| Ambulance Insurance                   | 912.80       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 912.80     | 951.00     |
| Loan Interest                         |              | 36.00            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 36.00      | 82.00      |
| Other Interest                        |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          | 1.07       |
| Sundry Expenses                       |              | 527.49           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 527.49     | -          |
| Depreciation                          |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | -          |            |
| Leasehold property                    |              | 2,933.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |                  | 2,933.00   | 2,933.00   |
|                                       | 3,857.31     | 49,121.36        | -                | 217.33           | 2,738.82         | -                | 5,000.00                     | 500.00           | 61,432.82  | 51,968.03  |
| <b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b> | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -                | -          | -          |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>       | 3,857.31     | 49,121.36        | -                | 217.33           | 2,738.82         | -                | 5,000.00                     | 500.00           | 61,432.82  | 51,968.03  |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>        | 20,835.00    | 26,227.69        | 643.42           | 167.33           | 904.82           | -                | 5,000.00                     | -                | 10,821.42  | 31,716.47  |
| Transfers between funds               | - 26,359.27  | 26,227.69        |                  | 167.33           | 35.75            |                  |                              |                  | - 0.00     | -          |
| Total funds brought forward           | 39,934.47    |                  |                  |                  | 940.57           | 1,535.55         | 25,813.75                    |                  | 68,224.34  | 38,507.87  |
| Total funds carried forward           | 34,410.20    | -                | 643.42           | -                | -                | 1,535.55         | 20,813.75                    | -                | 57,402.92  | 68,224.34  |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

## Notes

|                                        |     | 2022                 | 2021                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                        |     | £                    | £                    |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                    |     |                      |                      |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3) | 29,334               | 32,267               |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |     |                      |                      |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |     | 29,133               | 44,233               |
| Sundry Debtors                         |     | 3,096                | 470                  |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4) | <u>(4160)</u>        | <u>(5208)</u>        |
| Net Current Assets                     |     | <u>28,069</u>        | <u>39,495</u>        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |     | 57,403               | 71,762               |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   | (5) | <u>0</u>             | <u>(3538)</u>        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                      |     | <u><u>57,403</u></u> | <u><u>68,224</u></u> |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>            |     |                      |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                     |     | 34,410               | 39,934               |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |     | -                    | -                    |
| Tigers                                 |     | 644                  | -                    |
| Red Panda                              |     | -                    | -                    |
| Elephants                              |     | -                    | 941                  |
| Research                               |     | 1,535                | 1,535                |
| Shepreth Wildlife Park                 |     | <u>20,814</u>        | <u>25,814</u>        |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                     |     | <u><u>57,403</u></u> | <u><u>68,224</u></u> |

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

#### **1. Accounting policies Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

#### **Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

# Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Continued)

### Resources Expended

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

#### *Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

#### *Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

#### *Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

### Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

### Taxation

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Continued)

### Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

### 2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                                            | Total         | Leasehold<br>Property | Fixtures<br>& Fittings |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022             | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 | 29,703        | 26,397                | 3,306                  |
| Charge for the year                        | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>          | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022             | <u>32,636</u> | <u>29,330</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Net Book Value                             |               |                       |                        |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022             | <u>29,334</u> | <u>29,334</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021             | <u>32,267</u> | <u>32,267</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |

### 4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|                           | 2022<br>£    | 2021<br>£    |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sundry Creditors/Accruals | 706          | 708          |
| Loan: M. Hunter           | <u>3,454</u> | <u>4,500</u> |
|                           | <u>4,160</u> | <u>5,208</u> |

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Notes to the Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Continued)**

**5. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year**

|                | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b>  |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Loan M. Hunter | <u>Nil</u>  | <u>3,538</u> |

M. Hunter is a trustee of the charity. The loan is repayable over 10 years with an annual interest rate set at the current Bank Rate, which is currently 0.50% but subject to change.

**6. Leasing commitments**

The charity has now negotiated a lease for 20 years with the Wildlife Park. The rent due per annum will be £100.

**7. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 3 (2020-3).

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# Accounts

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Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity  
Registered charity number 1145477

# **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

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## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca Willers   | (Chairperson) |
| Sally Willers     | (Secretary)   |
| Colin Taylor      | (Treasurer)   |
| Jane Taylor       |               |
| Jeanette Richards |               |
| Mike Hunter       |               |
| Liz Dams          |               |
| Yvonne Morrin     |               |
| Liz Bennett       |               |

#### **Independent Accountants**

Taylor & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
The Sycamores  
43 Kneesworth Street  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 5AB

#### **Business address and contact details**

c/o. Shepreth Wildlife Park  
Station Road  
Shepreth  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 6PZ

Email: [swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk](mailto:swcc@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk)

#### **Registered Charity Number**

1145477

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB  
The Cross  
2 Melbourn Street  
Royston  
Herts  
SG8 9AB

#### **Governing Document**

Constitution



## **SWCC Annual Report 2020 / 2021**

### **Report of the Trustees**

During the ninth year (2020/2021) of operation the Charity, Trustees and volunteers have undertaken work falling within the following categories:

1. Raising funds through various means to donate to other charities whose aims are consistent with the Charity's own, but have the local presence and expertise to achieve the Charity's objectives.
2. Management of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
3. Events successfully executed: Halloween Event and Santa's Grotto.
4. Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers to manage the hedgehog programme.
5. Raising funds for the ongoing costs and repayment of loan for the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.
6. Educating the general public about conservation projects supported by SWCC and the work of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **1. The Board of Trustees**

The Charity has continued to raise funds for a variety of conservation causes in line with its aims and objectives.

#### **2. Donations**

The Charity raised and made donations to:

- Furget-me-not (£350)
- Wild Cats Alliance (£2,000)
- Wildlife Vets International (£1,000)
- Wildlife Conservation Fund ZAA (£1,450)
- Red Panda Network (£1,050 & €250)
- Northern Rangelands Trust (£825)

#### **3. SWCC Hedgehog Hospital**

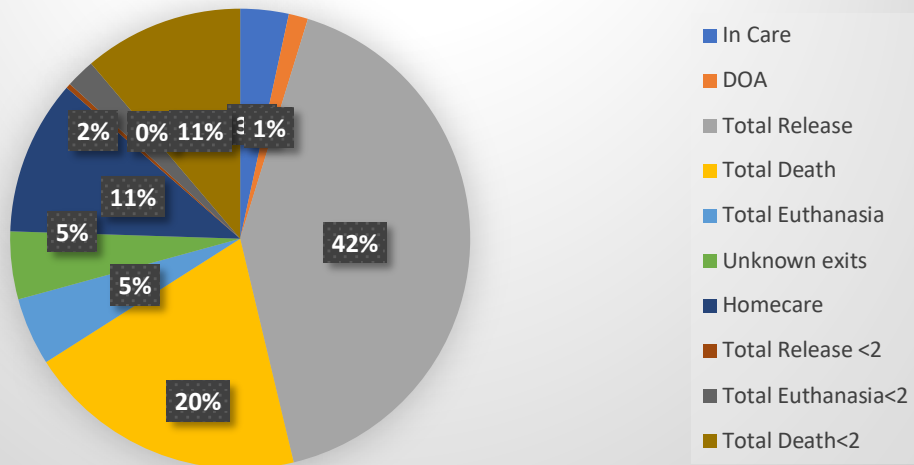
The Charity continues to make monthly repayments to reduce its ten-year loan. It also raises the funds required to keep the Hedgehog Hospital running efficiently. In the period 2020/2021 the hospital admitted 294 hedgehogs. We are proud to report the following data despite the disruption caused during the Covid pandemic. The success of this reporting period is credit to the staffing team and volunteers who continued to work hard during this time to ensure that high standards of welfare were maintained throughout the year.



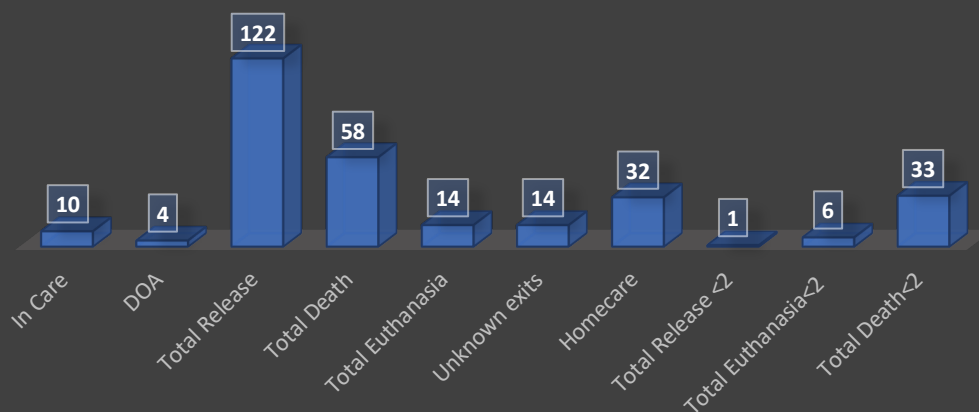
## SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data Reporting Period 01.04.20 – 31.03.21

*\*Current Position as at 05.05.21*

### Exit Reasons % View

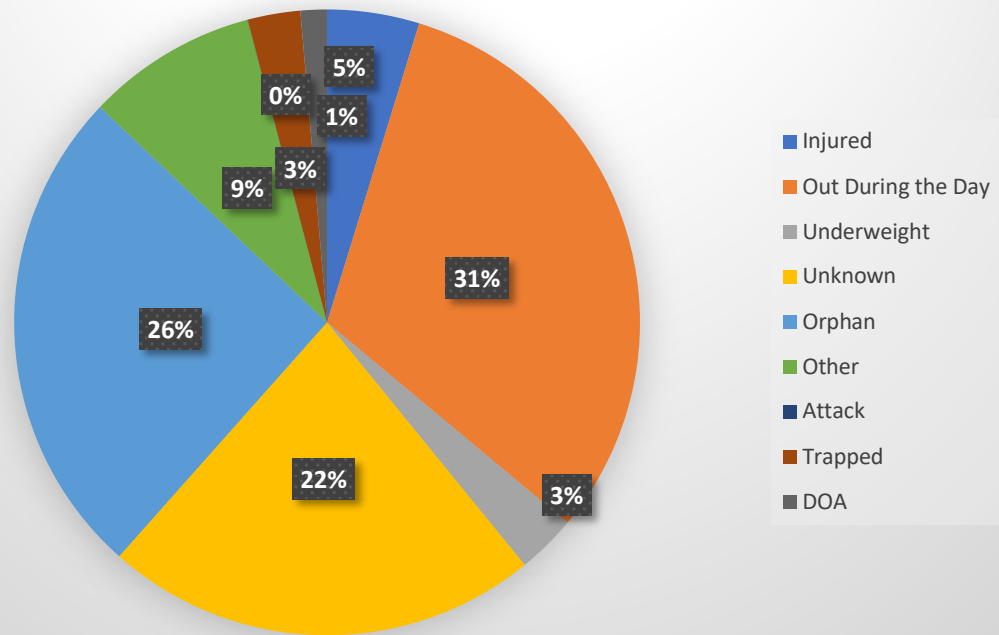


### EXIT REASONS COUNT VIEW

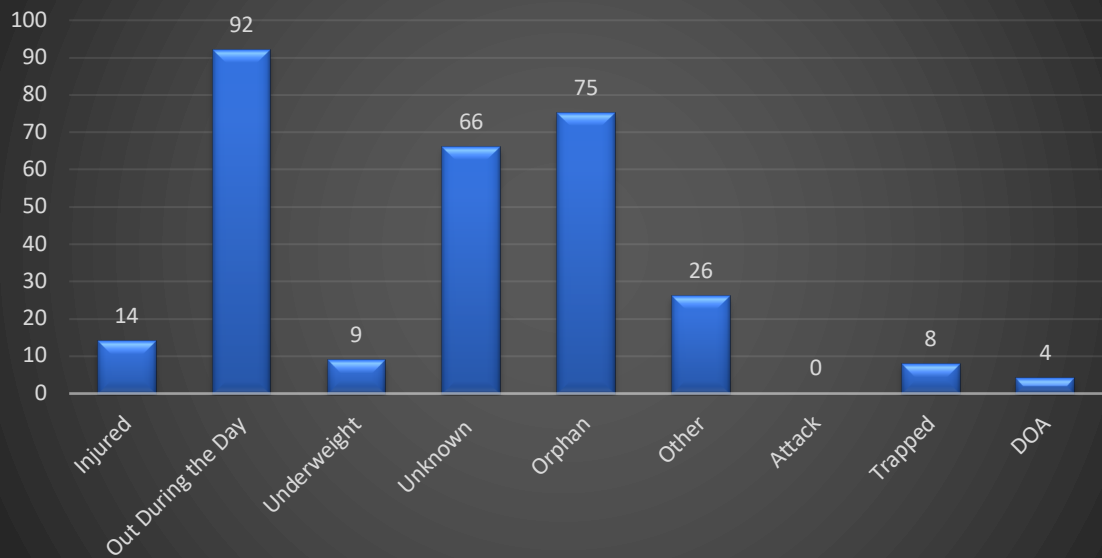


\*Unknown exits are a combination of not completing the exit section of the paperwork and a few hedgehogs likely to be on homecare. An audit trail has been put in place by the HH Manager and these are currently being investigated to get the status of the files exit reasons updated.

### Admission Reasons % View



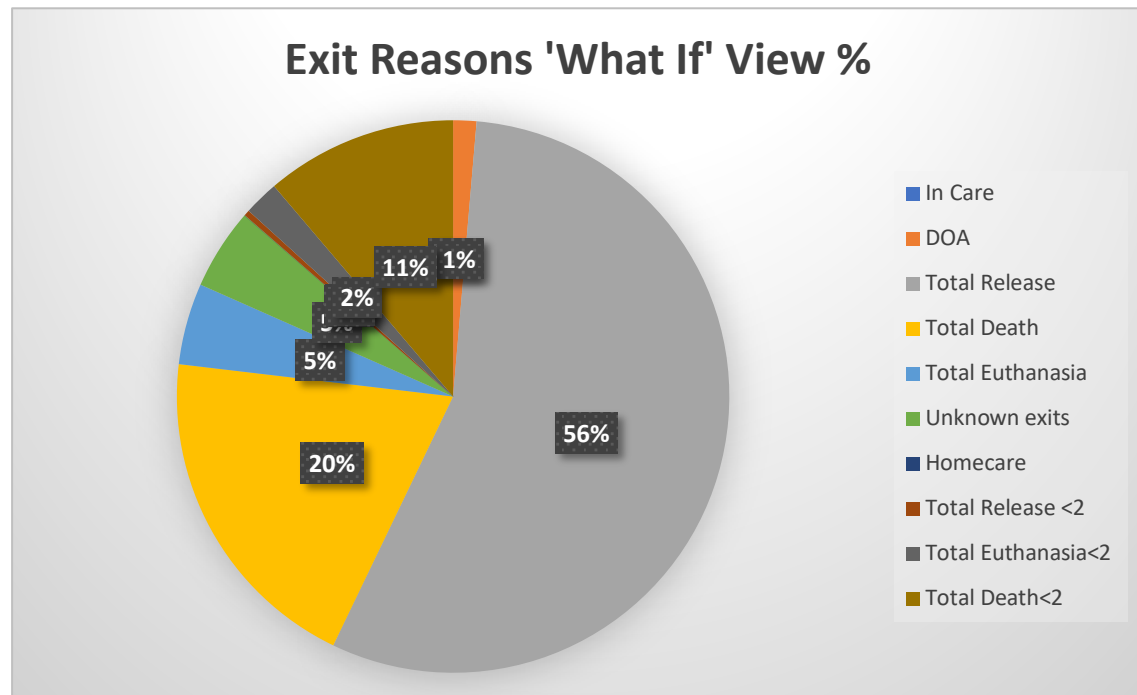
### Admission Reasons Count View



In an unprecedented year, and with solo working in the Hospital due to strict Covid working restrictions, 294 hedgehogs have been cared for. A seamless transition to homecare for those well enough to be moved has been instrumental in achieving this admission count whilst adhering to a maximum Hospital capacity of 30.

## What If?

If all the hedgehogs currently recorded as 'Homecare' and 'In Care' are released the total release percentage will increase from 42% to 56%.

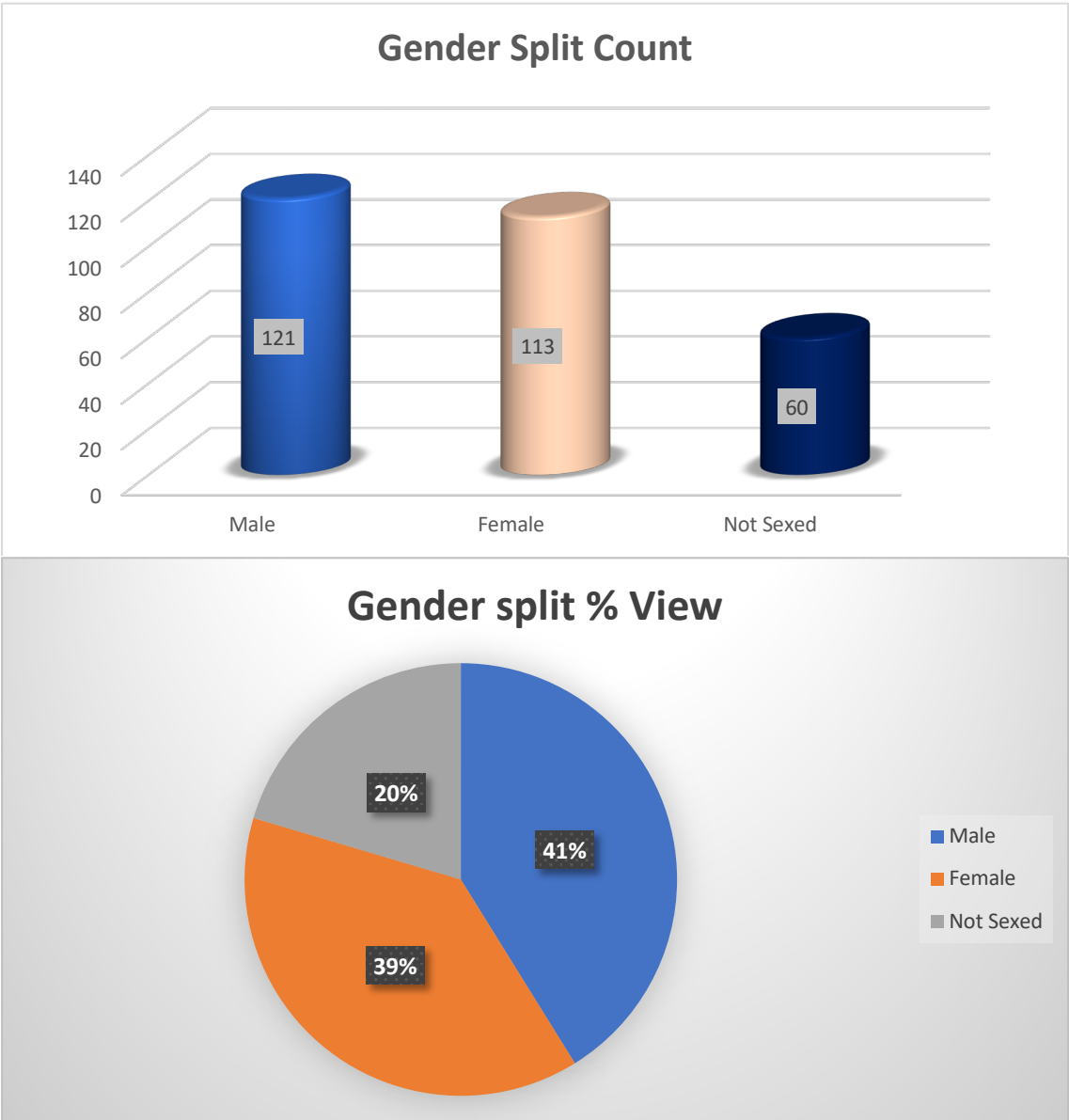


## The un-saveable and quick releases

The totals below show the numbers that have either passed within 48 hours of arrival or indeed have been released back within that time frame. These are calculated separately from the main totals to provide a clearer representation of exit totals.

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Death <2     | 33 |
| Euthanasia<2 | 6  |
| Release<2    | 1  |
| DOA          | 2  |
| Total        | 42 |

**Gender Split Information**



In some instances, it is truly impossible to identify the gender due to the injuries present or the passing position of the deceased.

42 out of the 60 'Not Sexed' hedgehogs are still 'In Care'. As the Hedgehog's journey ends with us the gender can be updated and reflected in the totals above.

## % Survival Information by Age

This is purely based on the approximate age upon arrival category. The above shows the release count and % of survival depending on the age category only.

|               | Count | Released | % Survival |
|---------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Urchin        | 92    | 68       | 73%        |
| Juvenile      | 102   | 40       | 39%        |
| Adult         | 33    | 12       | 36%        |
| Senior        | 12    | 3        | 25%        |
| Not Specified | 55    | 0        | 0%         |
| Total         | 294   |          |            |

This view does not consider the reason for admittance.  
 Urchins have the greatest chance of survival, the same as last year.  
 42 files are still to be recorded and that will further define this picture.

## % Survival Information by BCS

| BCS | Survival % |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | 10%        |
| 2   | 38%        |
| 3   | 67%        |
| 4   | 61%        |
| 5   | 100%       |

| BCS | Count Total by BCS | Death | Euthan. | DOA | Release | Unknown |
|-----|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|---------|---------|
| 1   | 10                 | 8     | 1       | 0   | 1       | 0       |
| 2   | 102                | 54    | 7       | 1   | 39      | 1       |
| 3   | 104                | 25    | 7       | 2   | 70      | 0       |
| 4   | 13                 | 2     | 2       | 1   | 8       | 0       |
| 5   | 1                  | 0     | 0       | 0   | 1       | 0       |

The above split shows exit reasons based purely on BCS (Body Condition Score).  
 Hedgehogs with a BCS recorded as 3, 4 or 5 are more likely to survive, however this view does not take into consideration the reason for admittance or approximate age. This view will be further defined this year.

### % of Death by BCS and Admittance Reason

| Death Totals | Injured |   | ODD |    | UDW |   | Urchin |   | Other |   | Unknown |   |
|--------------|---------|---|-----|----|-----|---|--------|---|-------|---|---------|---|
| 8            | 1       | 0 | 1   | 6  | 1   | 1 | 1      | 0 | 1     | 1 | 1       | 0 |
| 52           | 2       | 2 | 2   | 35 | 2   | 1 | 2      | 9 | 2     | 1 | 2       | 4 |
| 25           | 3       | 1 | 3   | 15 | 3   | 0 | 3      | 4 | 3     | 5 | 3       | 0 |
| 2            | 4       | 0 | 4   | 1  | 4   | 0 | 4      | 1 | 4     | 0 | 4       | 0 |
| 0            | 5       | 0 | 5   | 0  | 5   | 0 | 5      | 0 | 5     | 0 | 5       | 0 |

By breaking the BCS totals for death (excluding euthanasia), down a step further and considering the admittance category shows:

Hedgehogs that are 'Out During the Day' (ODD), for BCS 1-4 are less likely to survive. This is the same view as year 19 to 20.

Work will continue this year to introduce the age upon arrival into this matrix.

From this view, standard treatment plans upon admission may improve the chance of survival i.e. always give a certain % deficit of s/c fluids suitable to the BCS. Suggestions can be put forward to the HH Vet for consideration.

### Exit Weight & Days in Hospital - Audit Information

|             | Year by Year Counts |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Exit Weight | 2015 to 16          | 2016 to 17 | 2017 to 18 | 2018 to 19 | 2019 to 20 | 2020 to 21 |
| >1000       | 38                  | 126        | 271        | 176        | 25         | 8          |
| >1200       | 7                   | 52         | 149        | 44         | 6          | 0          |
| >1300       | 1                   | 29         | 90         | 25         | 0          | 0          |
| >1400       | 0                   | 16         | 46         | 10         | 0          | 0          |
| >1500       | 0                   | 2          | 25         | 4          | 0          | 0          |
| >1600       | 0                   | 1          | 6          | 1          | 0          | 0          |
| >1700       | 0                   | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| >1800       | 0                   | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          |

\*Exit weights have further improved. Hedgehogs are not leaving the hospital obese.

\*Calculated on exit weights for released hogs.

|                  | Year by Year Counts |            |            |            |            |            |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Days in Hospital | 2015 to 16          | 2016 to 17 | 2017 to 18 | 2018 to 19 | 2019 to 20 | 2020 to 21 |
| >200             | 20                  | 23         | 99         | 1          | 8          | 18         |
| >250             | 9                   | 7          | 29         | 0          | 5          | 3          |
| >300             | 5                   | 4          | 9          | 0          | 2          | 2          |
| >350             | 5                   | 2          | 4          | 0          | 2          | 0          |

\*Days in care have increased since year 19 to 20 for >200 days. 11 of those are in 'off site' accommodation and have been allowed to over winter, giving hedgehogs an opportunity to display natural behaviour.

\*Calculated on days currently in care.

## Year Overview

Number of hedgehogs admitted per month and their final destination.

|        | Count | Death | Release | Euthanasia | DOA | Homecare | In Care | Unknown |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|------------|-----|----------|---------|---------|
| April  | 1     | 0     | 0       | 1          | 0   | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| May    | 13    | 3     | 7       | 2          | 0   | 1        | 0       | 0       |
| June   | 35    | 12    | 18      | 4          | 0   | 1        | 0       | 0       |
| July   | 77    | 14    | 56      | 4          | 2   | 0        | 0       | 1       |
| Aug    | 27    | 9     | 14      | 1          | 1   | 0        | 0       | 2       |
| Sept   | 48    | 21    | 16      | 3          | 1   | 3        | 1       | 3       |
| Oct    | 36    | 13    | 5       | 4          | 0   | 10       | 3       | 1       |
| Nov    | 21    | 8     | 1       | 0          | 0   | 9        | 1       | 2       |
| Dec    | 14    | 4     | 3       | 0          | 0   | 4        | 1       | 2       |
| Jan    | 5     | 1     | 2       | 0          | 0   | 2        | 0       | 0       |
| Feb    | 5     | 2     | 0       | 1          | 0   | 2        | 0       | 0       |
| Mar    | 12    | 4     | 1       | 0          | 0   | 0        | 4       | 3       |
| Totals | 293   | 91    | 123     | 20         | 4   | 32       | 10      | 14      |

\*Data calculated on the hedgehog's admittance date period and their final destination.  
For five of the reporting months 'Releases' have exceeded the total number of deaths and euthanasia's combined.

## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **3.1 Staffing**

SWCC employs a Hospital Manager and two part-time Welfare Assistants. Volunteers are continually recruited and trained to maintain the hospital on a seven-day/week basis, with an out of hours phone service available to the public.

### **3.2 Release Programme**

At the time of reporting, 123 hedgehogs were successfully released back to the wild.

### **3.3 Hedgehog Scientific Advisory Board (HSAB - Research)**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital has continued to support student research projects by offering our data for desk studies.

Research in the reporting period includes:

- **Georgina Hopkins:**

The aim of this research is to find out what the main clinical reasons are for hedgehogs being presented to veterinary practices and rescue centres in England and if there is a relationship between these clinical reasons and the hedgehog being able to be released following treatment.

- **Lydia Michaelides:**

The aim of this research is to survey and record the endoparasite species present in British hedgehogs entering wildlife hospitals. To ascertain the prevalence and burden of infection of these parasite species in these hedgehogs. To assess effects of habitat at rescue and previous antiparasitic treatment (and if available sex, weight at rescue, and time in captivity) on prevalence and burden of infection of each endoparasite species.

- **Luke Yates:**

The aim of this research is to pinpoint exactly what parameters make a hedgehog likely to survive a rehabilitation attempt, and which specifically are the most important influences. Using records of 500 hedgehogs admitted to SWCC Hedgehog Hospital between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the impact of several variables, including body condition score, weight, and burden by both ectoparasites and endoparasites, will be investigated on the outcome of rehabilitation attempts of admitted hedgehogs, be it death, euthanasia, or successful release.

All SWCC Hospital data, dating back to 2012 was sorted and filed in the Hospital Loft.

### **3.4 Hedgehog Helpline**

SWCC staff man a hedgehog helpline.

## **4. Website**

The SWCC website ([www.swcccharity.org](http://www.swcccharity.org)) was updated in 2020 during the Covid lockdown to incorporate an educational area for children and schools (EDUCATION CORNER), and an information area for rescue and general hedgehog care (ADVICE).

## **5. Fundraising**

### **5.1 Grants and funding**

The committee continued to meet virtually during the pandemic to discuss grant applications and possible fundraising events. Regular fundraising event days were postponed for the year in line with government guidelines.

Grants were applied and received from:

- Animal Friends Insurance
- Dead Happy Insurance
- Jean Sainsburys Animal Welfare Trust
- MS Rickard Animals Charity
- Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (Paradise Wildlife Park)

And after the year end:

- The Jack Patston Charitable Trust

Funding was also received from:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- CAF
- Marshalls
- Gift Aid
- Via private donors on Virgin Media and JustGiving
- Via private donors on Amazon, PayPal

## **5.2 Hedgehog Ambulance**

Buckingham & Stanley Group – MG and Subaru Cambridge, have continued to donate, tax and service the use of a vehicle to be used as an ambulance for collecting and releasing hedgehogs.

## **6. Media**

The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital continues to receive good media coverage, and SWCC staff and volunteers maintain a successful social media presence.

## **7. Education**

An educational section was added to the website: <http://www.swccharity.org>

## **8. Community**

Community plays a large part of what we do, with training volunteers and students to help with the hedgehog programme and advising people on making gardens wildlife-friendly.

This work was restricted in 2020 in line with government covid guidelines. However, the programme was able to deliver some virtual tours of the projects, in addition to virtual talks given to groups.

The Trustees and staffing team also facilitated a local group in initiating the start of a hedgehog friendly community group.

## **\*COVID-19**

The Hedgehog Hospital closed to the public on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 on government advice in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic. The programme was moved to off-site satellite carers and staff. The three members of staff remained employed during this period. When restrictions were lifted the programme moved back into the hospital and lone working resumed with a limit on admission capacity to safeguard the welfare of staff and hedgehogs.

## **Report of the Trustees (Ends)**

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

#### **Financial Review**

The financial accounts are set out on pages 16 - 21. The financial statement has been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (effective April 2005) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

During the period the principal sources of funding were fundraising and donations.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income of £31,716 which added to the reserves brought forward of £36,508 make total reserves of £68,224 at the year end. The Restricted funds total £7,881 (Hedgehogs Nil, Elephants £941, Research £1,535 and Shepreth Wildlife Park £25,814) which leaves free reserves of £39,934.

The Trustees are satisfied that these reserves are sufficient at the present time.

#### **Plans for future years**

The Charity expects to increase its fund-raising and obtain grants to pay for the hospitals running costs, employ staff and to allow it to continue to donate to other charities.

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

..... Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

Charity 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 charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including Statement of Financial Activities, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

..... Chair

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the Unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which are set out on pages 16 to 21.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £500,000 although the charity's trustees have requested that an independent examiners report is undertaken. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Charities Commission law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 statement**

My examination was conducted 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.

**Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

**Independent Examiner's Report (continued)**

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....  
A.G. Winter FCCA

Taylor & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accounts  
The Sycamores  
43 Kneesworth Street  
Royston  
Herts  
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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Statement of Financial Activities  
Year Ended 31st March 2021

|                                       | Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds             | Total      | Total      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                       | Funds        | Hedgehogs        | Tigers           | Red Panda        | Otter            | Australia Day    | Elephants        | Research         | Funds Shepreth Wildlife Park | Funds 2021 | Funds 2020 |
|                                       | £            | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                            | £          | £          |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |            |
| Donations                             | 18,975.77    | 10,659.56        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 25,813.75                    | 55,449.08  | 29,821.10  |
| Fundraising                           | 650.41       | 3,796.37         |                  |                  |                  |                  | 130.00           |                  |                              | 4,576.78   | 20,981.16  |
| Grants                                |              | 13,655.66        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 13,655.66  | 10,264.27  |
| Covid Government Grants               | 10,000.00    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 10,000.00  | -          |
| Interest Received                     | 2.98         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2.98       | 0.67       |
|                                       | 29,629.16    | 28,111.59        | -                | -                | -                | -                | 130.00           | -                | 25,813.75                    | 83,684.50  | 61,067.20  |
| <b>Asset and Investment Sales</b>     | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -          | -          |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>       | 29,629.16    | 28,111.59        | -                | -                | -                | -                | 130.00           | -                | 25,813.75                    | 83,684.50  | 61,067.20  |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>             |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |            |
| Donations                             |              |                  | 3,000.00         | 1,274.53         | 350.00           | 1,450.39         | 818.00           |                  |                              | 6,892.92   | 5,458.77   |
| Fundraising                           |              | 20.00            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 20.00      | 750.48     |
| Internal Projects                     |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | -          |
| <b>General Costs</b>                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |            |
| Hospital supplies                     |              | 1,756.18         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,756.18   | 2,555.22   |
| Veterinary                            |              | 5,003.52         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 5,003.52   | 4,785.77   |
| Hospital equipment                    |              | 565.54           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 565.54     | -          |
| Waste Disposal                        |              | 1,943.97         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,943.97   | 268.56     |
| Repairs and maintenance               |              | 222.04           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 222.04     | 221.40     |
| <b>Administration</b>                 |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |            |
| Staff wages                           |              | 27,665.75        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 27,665.75  | 25,151.07  |
| Printing/Stationery/Advertising       |              | 214.80           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 214.80     | -          |
| Accountancy                           | 624.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 624.00     | 624.00     |
| Subscriptions                         | 447.60       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 447.60     | 276.00     |
| Insurance                             |              | 722.20           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 722.20     | 1,554.46   |
| Electricity                           |              | 1,554.26         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1,554.26   | 1,924.94   |
| Telephone                             |              | 368.18           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 368.18     | 188.32     |
| Ambulance Insurance                   | 951.00       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 951.00     | -          |
| Loan Interest                         |              | 82.00            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 82.00      | 57.00      |
| Other Interest                        |              | 1.07             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 1.07       | -          |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                   |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              |            |            |
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment      |              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | -          | 232.00     |
| Leasehold property                    |              | 2,933.00         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                              | 2,933.00   | 2,933.00   |
|                                       | 2,022.60     | 43,052.51        | 3,000.00         | 1,274.53         | 350.00           | 1,450.39         | 818.00           | -                | -                            | 51,968.03  | 46,980.99  |
| <b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b> | -            | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                            | -          | -          |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>       | 2,022.60     | 43,052.51        | 3,000.00         | 1,274.53         | 350.00           | 1,450.39         | 818.00           | -                | -                            | 51,968.03  | 46,980.99  |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>        | 27,606.56    | - 14,940.92      | - 3,000.00       | - 1,274.53       | - 350.00         | - 1,450.39       | - 688.00         | -                | 25,813.75                    | 31,716.47  | 14,086.21  |
| Transfers between funds               | - 16,298.99  | 14,940.92        | 1,039.18         | 249.74           | 33.78            | 35.37            |                  |                  |                              | 0.00       | -          |
| Total funds brought forward           | 28,626.90    |                  | 1,960.82         | 1,024.79         | 316.22           | 1,415.02         | 1,628.57         | 1,535.55         |                              | 36,507.87  | 22,421.66  |
| Total funds carried forward           | 39,934.47    | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | 940.57           | 1,535.55         | 25,813.75                    | 68,224.34  | 36,507.87  |

## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

|                                        | Notes | 2021 |                      | 2020 |                      |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|------|----------------------|
|                                        |       | £    | £                    | £    | £                    |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                    |       |      |                      |      |                      |
| Tangible Assets                        | (3)   |      | 32,267               |      | 35,200               |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |       |      |                      |      |                      |
| Cash at Bank and in hand               |       |      | 44,233               |      | 18,327               |
| Sundry Debtors                         |       |      | 470                  |      | -                    |
| Creditors: Amounts due within one year | (4)   |      | <u>(5208)</u>        |      | <u>(7403)</u>        |
| Net Current Assets                     |       |      | <u>39,495</u>        |      | <u>10,924</u>        |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities  |       |      | 71,762               |      | 46,124               |
| Creditors: Amounts due over one year   | (5)   |      | <u>(3538)</u>        |      | <u>(9616)</u>        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                      |       |      | <u><u>68,224</u></u> |      | <u><u>36,508</u></u> |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>            |       |      |                      |      |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                     |       |      | 39,934               |      | 28,627               |
| Restricted funds: Hedgehogs            |       |      | -                    |      | -                    |
| Tigers                                 |       |      | -                    |      | 1,961                |
| Red Panda                              |       |      | -                    |      | 1,025                |
| Otter                                  |       |      | -                    |      | 316                  |
| Australia Day                          |       |      | -                    |      | 1,415                |
| Elephants                              |       |      | 941                  |      | 1,629                |
| Research                               |       |      | 1,535                |      | 1,535                |
| Shepreth Wildlife Park                 |       |      | <u>25,814</u>        |      | <u>-</u>             |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                     |       |      | <u><u>68,224</u></u> |      | <u><u>36,508</u></u> |

## **Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity**

### **Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **1. Accounting policies Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2005. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act.

The company has also taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The Charity is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising and grants as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuation of donations, fundraising and grants.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate. Grants are all included in voluntary income on the SOFA.

#### **Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

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**Resources Expended**

As specified by SORP (2005), adopted during the year, resources expended includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

*Costs of generating voluntary income*

The cost of generating voluntary income comprises of an appropriate share of support costs associated with attracting and administering grants and donations received by the charity.

*Fundraising Costs*

Fundraising costs comprise of goods and services obtained specifically for fund raising activities and events, and an appropriate share of the support costs.

*Governance Costs*

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the general running of the charity and expenses incurred for compliance with charitable and statutory requirements, as well as an appropriate share of support costs.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

A regular review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment | 25% straight line |
| Leasehold Property               | Over 20 years     |

**Taxation**

As a registered charity, it is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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### Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy on the allocation of funds to designated funds.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds. Any proposed transfer between funds would be considered in the particular circumstances.

### 2. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remains any assets the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities the assets represented by the reserves shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                                            | Total         | Leasehold<br>Property | Fixtures<br>& Fittings |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020         | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021             | <u>61,970</u> | <u>58,664</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Depreciation at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 | 26,770        | 23,464                | 3,306                  |
| Charge for the year                        | <u>2,933</u>  | <u>2,933</u>          | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021             | <u>29,703</u> | <u>26,397</u>         | <u>3,306</u>           |
| Net Book Value                             |               |                       |                        |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021             | <u>32,267</u> | <u>32,267</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020             | <u>35,200</u> | <u>35,200</u>         | <u>Nil</u>             |

### 4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|                           | 2021<br>£    | 2020<br>£    |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sundry Creditors/Accruals | 708          | 2,903        |
| Loan: M. Hunter           | <u>4,500</u> | <u>4,500</u> |
|                           | <u>5,208</u> | <u>7,403</u> |

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**5. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year**

|                | <b>2021</b>  | <b>2020</b>  |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Loan M. Hunter | <u>3,538</u> | <u>9,616</u> |

M. Hunter is a trustee of the charity. The loan is repayable over 10 years with an annual interest rate set at the current Bank Rate, which is currently 0.50% but subject to change.

**6. Leasing commitments**

The charity has now negotiated a lease for 20 years with the Wildlife Park. The rent due per annum will be £100.

**7. Staff numbers**

The average number of employees during the period under review was 3 (2020-3).