



Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended

31st March 2023

Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity
Registered charity number 1145477

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Charity Information

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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: 10th 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.

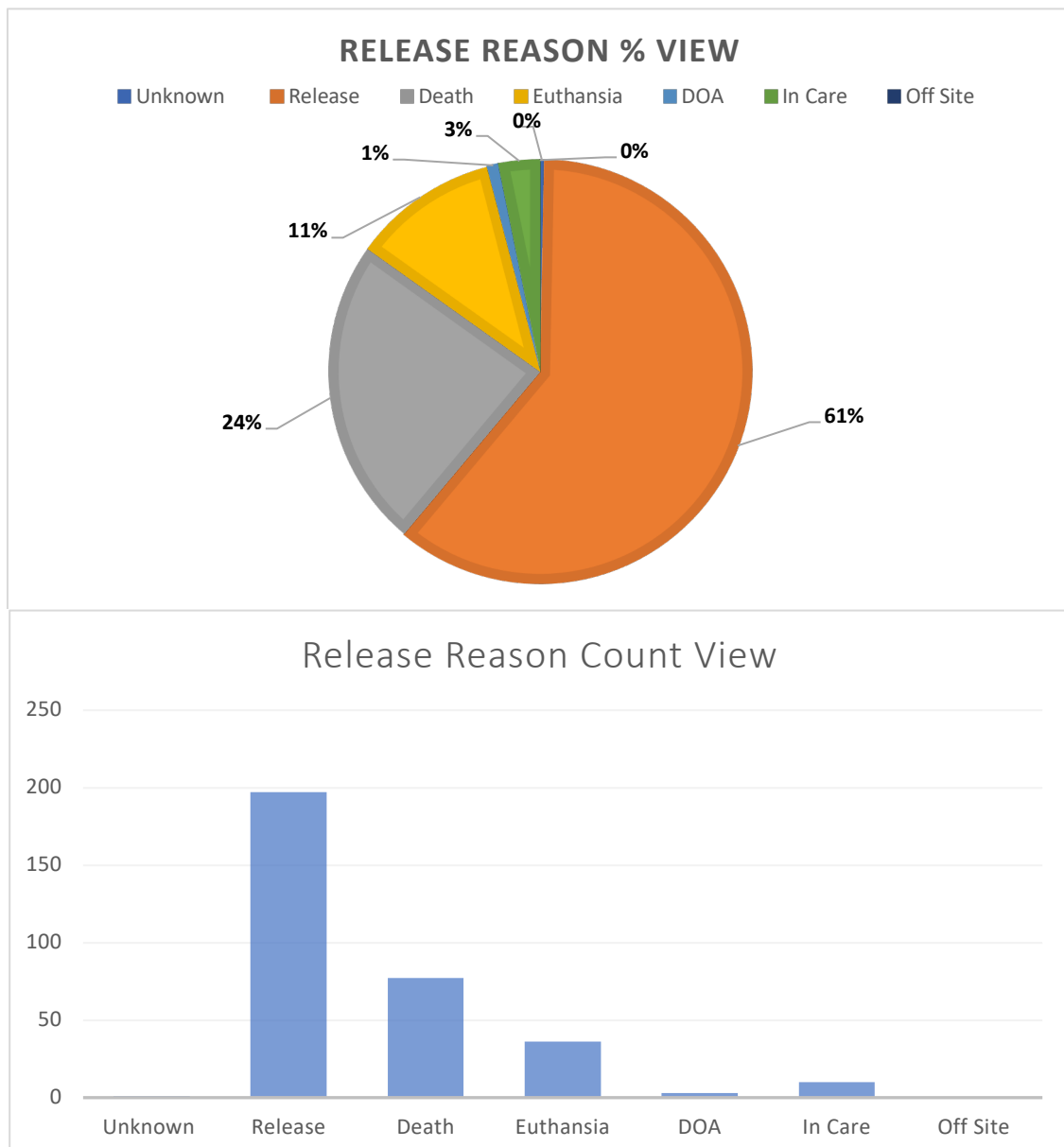
We would like to acknowledge Natasha Ennew and Kirstie Coddington for collating this data and producing this report on behalf of SWCC.



SWCC Hedgehog Hospital Data

Reporting Period 01.04.22 – 31.03.23

Current Position on 7th June 2023



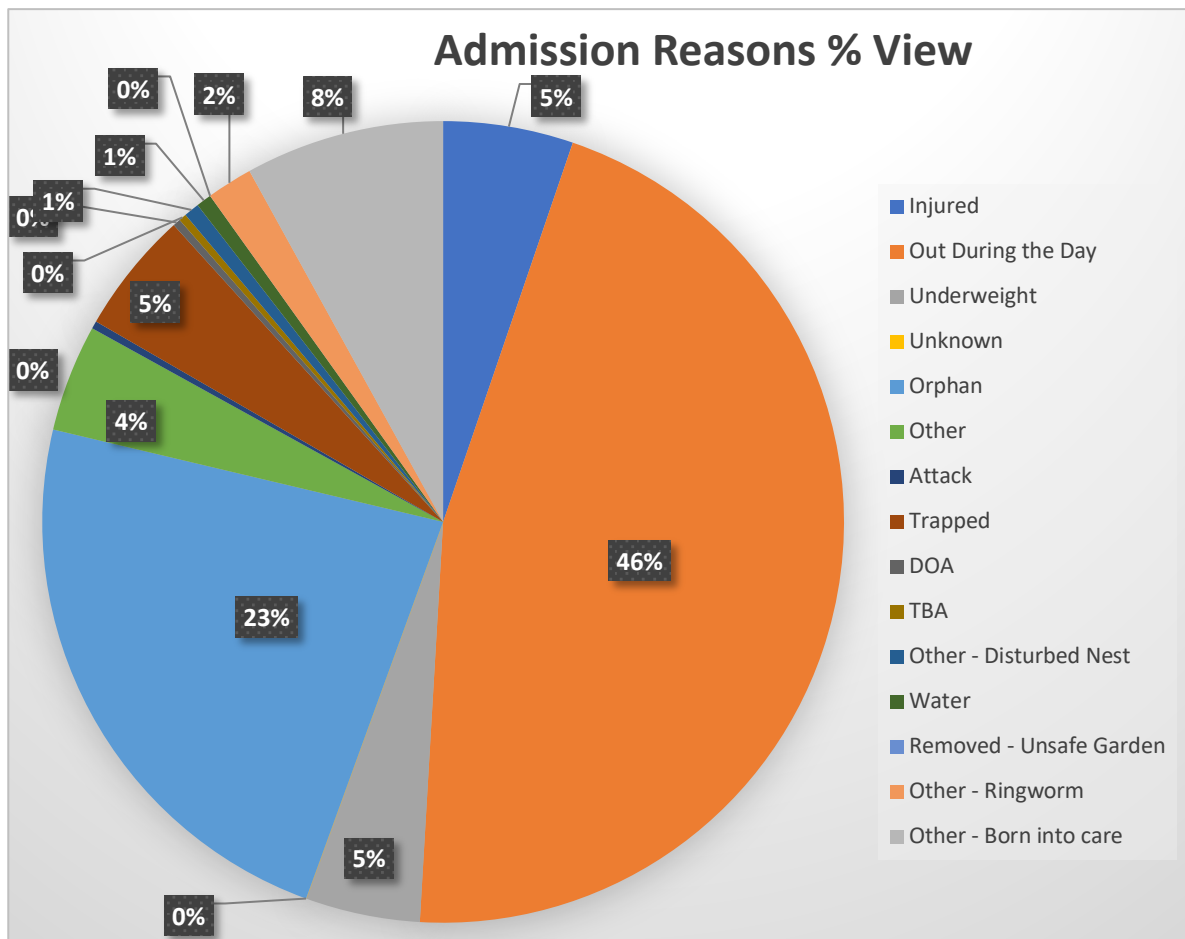
Release percentage has achieved 61%, which is an outstanding achievement and easily surpasses the expected study outcome from Molony et al (2007); that concludes only 30 to 40% of wildlife casualties are successfully released back into the wild.

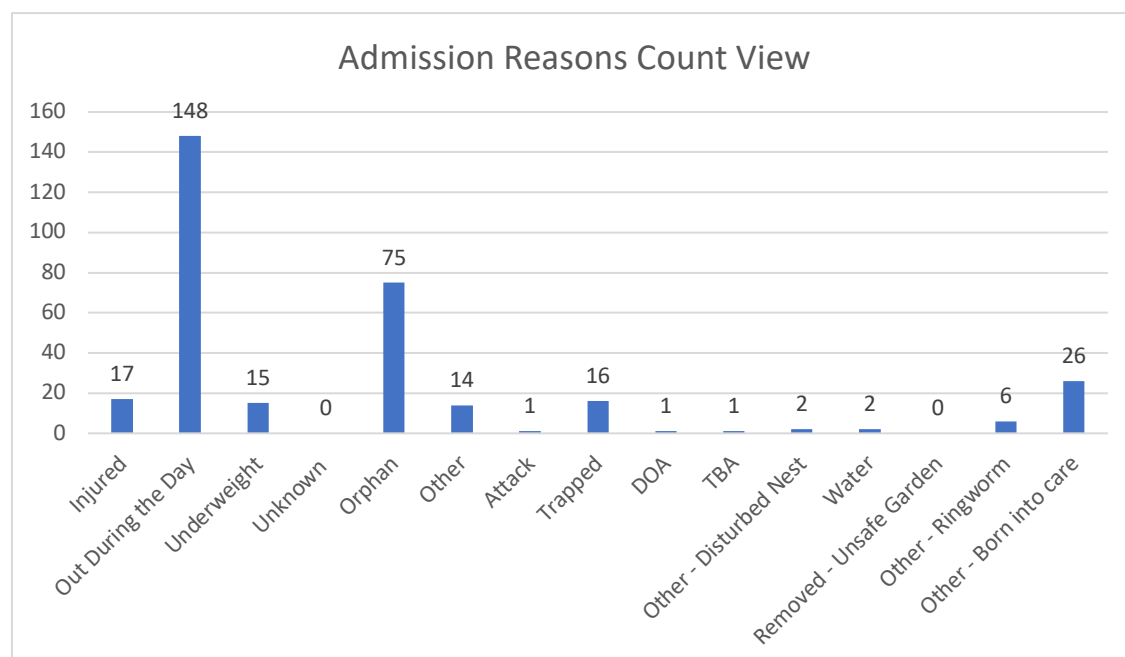
New drug protocols and equipment investment have contributed to the success rate, along with the increase of giving fluids to patients with a body score of 2.

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.

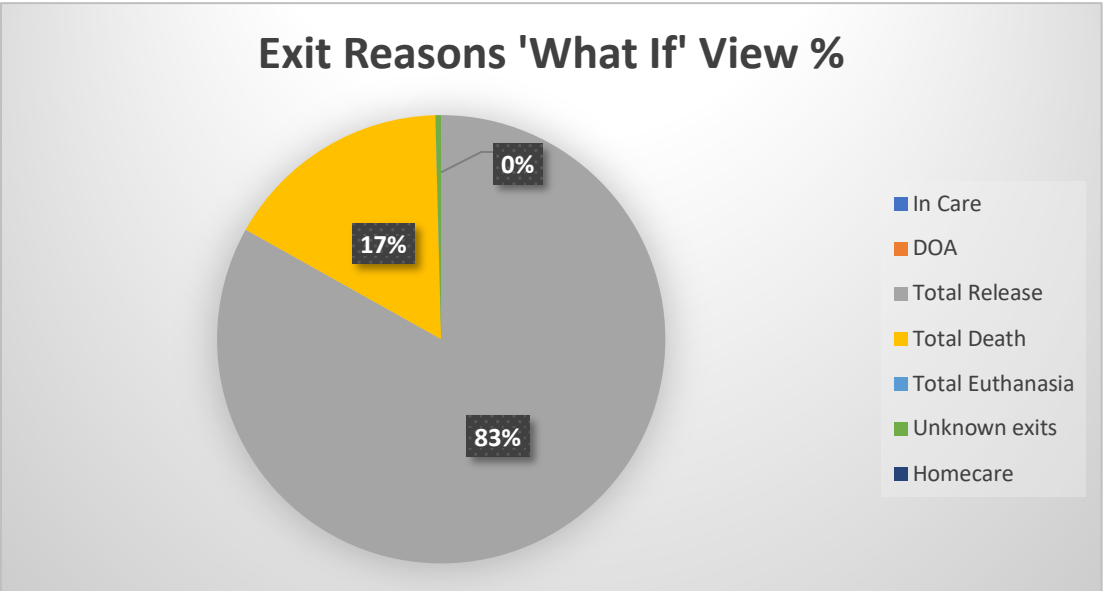
What If?

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

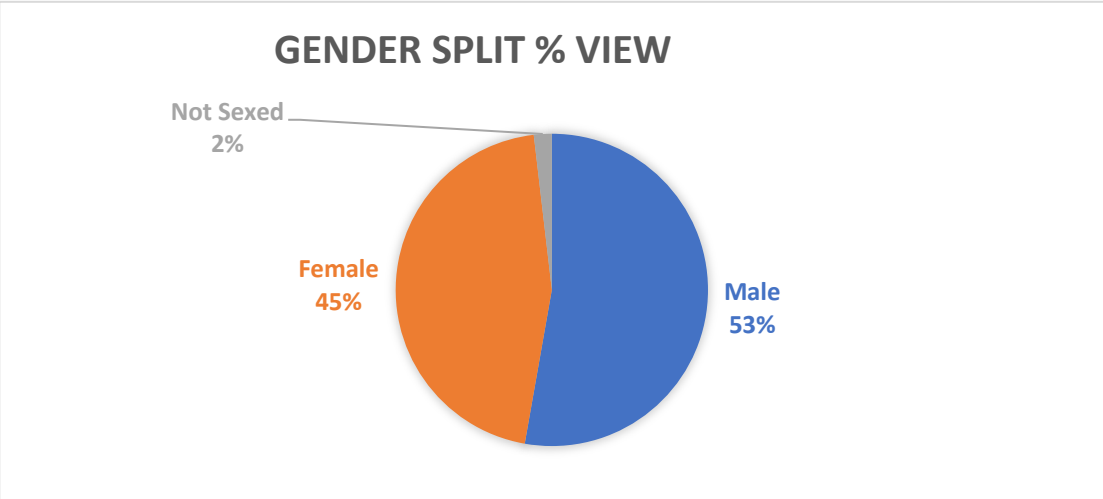
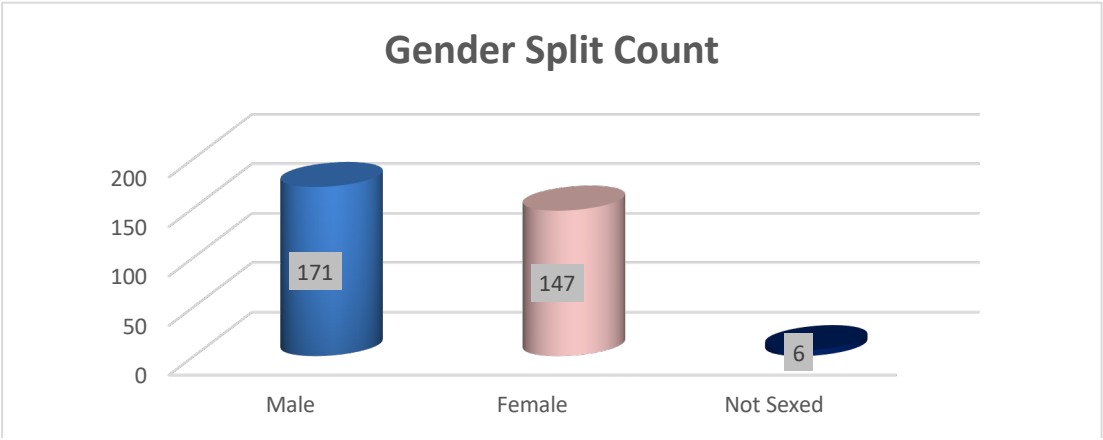
The totals below show the numbers that have either passed within 48 hours of arrival, were euthanised, or were deceased upon arrival.

Death <2	37
Euthanasia<2	30
DOA	3
Total	70



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.

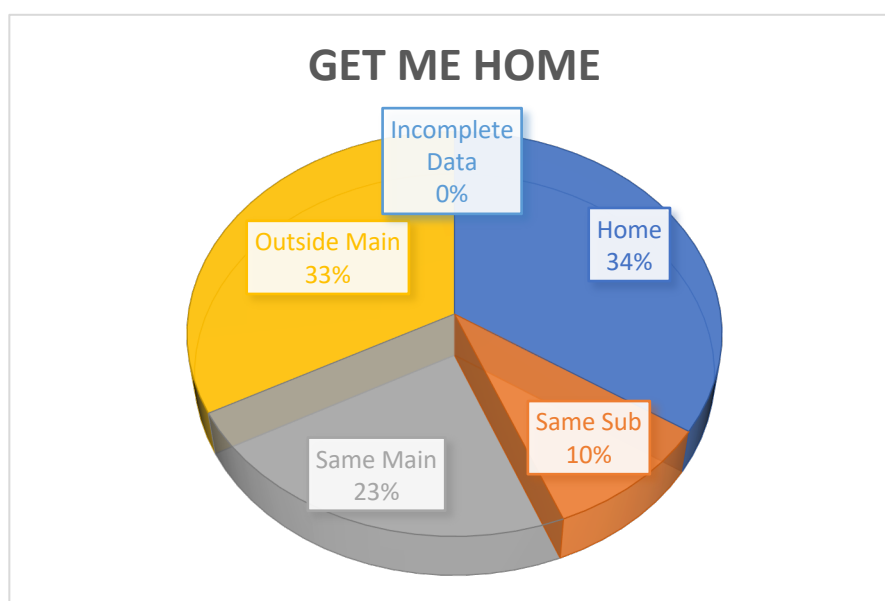
*Calculated on days currently in care.

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.

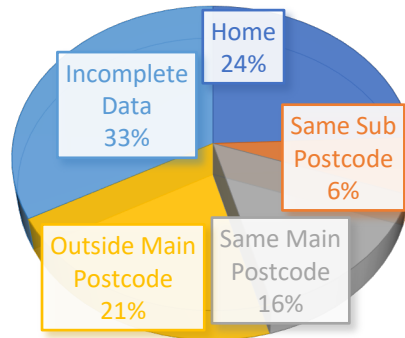
*Calculated on recorded exit weights for released hogs.

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) 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 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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)

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 20th 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 20th 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 31st March 2023

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st 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.

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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: 20th 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
									£	£
Incoming Resources										
Donations	29,649.02	14,133.06	218.75	20.00	414.45				44,435.28	33,301.11
Fundraising	2,750.53	6,103.49	766.24	503.00		49,336.00			59,459.26	9,807.96
Grants		1,000.00							1,000.00	7,500.00
Covid Government Grants									-	-
Interest Received	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
Asset and Investment Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	32,437.50	21,236.55	984.99	523.00	414.45	49,336.00	-	-	104,932.49	50,611.40
Resources Expended										
Donations			2,000.00		414.45				2,414.45	8,454.15
Fundraising		3,226.13							3,226.13	1,218.75
Charity Ball Costs						26,247.76			26,247.76	-
Hospital Costs									-	-
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
Administration									-	-
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
Depreciation									-	-
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
Asset and Investment Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	2,142.80	56,700.86	2,000.00	-	414.45	26,247.76	-	-	87,505.87	61,432.82
Net Income for the year	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	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	(3)		26,401		29,334
Current Assets					
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>
Net Assets			<u><u>74,829</u></u>		<u><u>57,403</u></u>
Funds of the Charity					
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>
Total Funds			<u><u>74,829</u></u>		<u><u>57,403</u></u>
			-		-

**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st 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 31st 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.

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31st 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 Property	Fixtures & Fittings
Cost at 1 st April 2022	<u>61,970</u>	<u>58,664</u>	<u>3,306</u>
At 31 st March 2023	<u>61,970</u>	<u>58,664</u>	<u>3,306</u>
Depreciation at 1 st 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 st March 2023	<u>35,569</u>	<u>32,263</u>	<u>3,306</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 st March 2023	<u>26,401</u>	<u>26,401</u>	<u>Nil</u>
At 31 st March 2022	<u>29,334</u>	<u>29,334</u>	<u>Nil</u>

4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
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 31st March 2023 (Continued)

5. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
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).