

## Trustees Report - 2022-2023

UK Charity Commission report by: Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue - aka \*Forget-me-not Environmental, Wildlife and Animal Protection - Registered Charity Number 1152987

Charity's public address: 261 Stoops Lane, West Bessacarr, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN4 7HT

Chair of Trustees; Mr. David W. Brown

Trustees; Mrs. Mary Brown

Mr. Paul K Thickett

### Aims and Objectives 2022 - 2023

Aims 1. Investment for long-term financial security in order to purchase more land for rewilding and our nature based therapy project 2. Expand the care in the local community with organic growing, the countryside, walking, animals and mental health positivity (nature based therapy) 3. Re-home animals with home-checks, neutering and education essential with regards to the policy of the charity

Objectives 1. Increase awareness regarding the organic community programme we run which includes nature based therapy especially for those who are vulnerable and isolated locally - social media, notice boards (most villages have one)

2. Improve site for educational purposes - a place to go to for advice on nature-based therapy

3. Fundraising - looking at grants specifically for our new vision incorporating the environment, wildlife and animals

General - Forget-Me Not animal rescue (FMNAR\*) is a very small animal rescue run by two volunteers who live at the rescue and a number of volunteers who either come and help ad hoc or on a weekly basis, usually the weekends. FMNAR\* is managed by the two individuals who live on site, Sarah and Paul. They manage the day-to-day care of the animals, re-homing, maintenance of the site and they also respond to enquiries via the website and emails usually about re-homing but often about animal care or a wild animal/bird that needs urgent help. We have a number of other local contacts if the help needed is specialised. Sarah has the responsibility for developing the new aspect of the charity mentioned in the aims and objectives of this report, namely being seen as a generic umbrella of nature-based therapy.

The organic vegetable garden is proving to be a popular focus of our work.

To provide this 'green space' is invaluable along with the peace and quiet and the animals we rescue; the people who come here find peace in this busy world. Car sharing worked much better which has helped as we were far more organised and a long-term supporter offered their help.

Re-homing has gone well this year with the number of rabbits re-homed going up for the second year running. We shall continue to work with Warrington Animal Welfare regarding rabbits and guinea pigs - the link with them remains useful and has proven to be successful with a number of people from the North/Mid of Wales and the North West.

We have also been given a contact regarding hens re-homing from cages - the farmer is willing to re-home due to financial constraints sending them to slaughter - this of course, benefits the hens and although as a vegan rescue we are loathe to fund any animal farming - the amount asked for is pittance. This re-homing will come under next years report.

Land: We have found suitable land but we are awaiting reports from the solicitor as to whether we take this any further. Various grants are still in the pipeline but this takes time to achieve. We are hoping that the report on the land will be favourable and that we will achieve a new premises which will protect the species in the U.K and provide a safe space for our nature therapy programs.

\*Finally on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023- we were granted permission to change our name from FORGET-ME-NOT ANIMAL RESCUE - 1152987

Request to change the charity's name has been reviewed based on the information provided. Request has been approved.

New name: Forget-Me-Not Environment, Wildlife and Animal Protection

Concluding statement from the Chair:

We will continue to rescue and re home animals and birds (especially hens) but this will be done on a smaller scale. We will always give advice to those that contact us and never turn an animal away that needs our help. The purchase of new land to protect and use for our nature therapy program's project remains our priority at present.

The trustees declare they have seen, approved and received a copy of this written report. Agreed to be signed on their behalf by:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Brown'.

Full name: Mr David Wesley Brown

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 27th August 2023

Accounts 2022-2023 *FORGET-ME-NOT Environment, Wildlife and Animal Protection* 1152987

	Opening Balance	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	January 2023	Feb 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	Sept 2023	October 2023	TOTAL
Balance	45760													
Gift Aid									678					
DONATIONS AD HOC	0	36	25	27	41	138	133	116	750	151	0	0	0	1417
Grant	0	0		0		0		0	20000	0	0	0	0	20000
MONTHLY DONATIONS		88	108	108	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	1402
Cash donations (vegan fayres)	0	0	1363	482	0	501	0	167	261	453	1061	245	984	5517
TOTAL £	0	124	1496	617	163	761	179	405	21133	726	1183	367	1106	29014

EXPENDITURE

Materials/stock		0	0	43	110	68	0	0	0	0	0	164.14	0	385
Medical equip/supplies	0	0	107	0		125	0	70.61	209	139.91	0	30	0	682
Feed/bedding	0	223	190	298	236	179	53	41	89	68	140	245	194	1956
Vets		42.23		145	0	67.8	154.67	109.56	347.23	190.7	280.35	50.53	0	1388
Hay/straw	0	360	295	350	185	65	0	72	0	0	20	75	95	1517
Fresh feed	0	41.54	70.71	106.18	86.83	102.5	64.1	65.1	0	0	0	56.5	0	593
Van	0	0	0	0	0	0	13499	0	0	0	0	0	0	13499
Petrol/Diesel	0	107	57	68	93	41	40	20	22	96	50	40	30	664
Repairs & maintenance vehicles	0	223.37	351.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	575
Insurance	0	0	0	98.86	0	0	0	0	0	435	0	193.47	155.49	883
Telephone mobile	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	240
Land (solicitor)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	43
Admin' expenses	0	21.3	64.99	49.78	0	19.56	0	0	25.99	120	65.99	42.98	0	411
	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421.69	0	0	422
Sundry payments	0	12.99	87	48.9	57.95	14	56.99	5.6	71.95	39.75	27.95	67.99	37.99	529
	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL £	45760	1051	1243	1228	789	702	13888	404	785	1109	1026	1029	532	23787
Opening balance - bank	45760													
Closing balance - bank	50987													50987

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue (the Charity) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: JANET THORNTON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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