

Annual Report; 2023-2024 Forget-Me-Not Environment, Wildlife and Animal
Protection
Registered Charity - 1152987

Registered address 261 Stoops Lane, West Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN4 7HT

Chair of Trustees; Mr. David W. Brown

Trustees: Paul Thickett, Mary Brown, Sarah Brown

Aims and Objectives 2023 - 2024

Aim

1. Long-term aim continues to be to try and re-home more animals with home-checks essential with regards to education and policy of the charity
2. Investment for long-term security for the improvement of the environment both at Forget-me-Not, locally and nationally
3. Work with farmer regarding the re-homing of hens - potentially up to 1,000 every year

Objectives

1. Re-homing rabbits and hens
2. Volunteers for our mental health days and open days
3. Fundraising - looking at grants specifically for the environment and sustainability
4. Look at expanding the fruit and vegetable garden - food for the animals and community garden project in Wales
5. Contact and work with other vegan charities regarding the rehoming of hens twice/three times a year dependent on the farmer
6. Running hen welfare days - especially prior to hen rehoming days

General

Forget-Me-Not Environment, Wildlife, Animal rescue (FMNEWAR) 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.

FMNEWAR 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 an animal that needs urgent help. We have a number of other local contacts if the help needed is specialised.

Volunteers

This year we looked at recruiting local people to help at the rescue and doubled the number of volunteers from four to eight, sometimes nine! We need to look at extending the organic vegetable garden as it provides a 'green space' for those involved in our community project. We need to look at extending this next year for food for the animals. Feedback from the volunteers we have was positive and they all expressed a keenness to get more involved more as volunteers with the charity once their time in the project had come to an end. Possibility for extra facilities that may be needed - suggestion was to convert the existing dilapidated summerhouse in to a volunteer space if funding allowed; specific grant required for this - this is an ongoing project.

Re-homing

Re-homing has gone well this year as we now have a contact with a farmer on the Llyn Peninsula. We rehomed 785 hens which was extraordinary for a rescue as small as ours. We shall continue to work with Warrington Animal Welfare and other registered charities regarding the rehoming of these incredible resilient creatures. We wonder if the cost of living has encouraged more people to home hens due to the cost of eggs - we have updated our "duty of care" factsheet that re-homers have to sign before they adopt hens to compensate for this. This is also a reason for considering hen welfare days to teach potential adopters about what hens really need to keep them safe and healthy.

Dogs

We made a decision in July 2024 that we would take in a maximum of six dogs who desperately needed help. This was due to being inundated with requests to help the appallingly increasing in numbers of stray, mistreated, unwanted dogs. It is not just dogs but cats and rabbits but we take rabbits already and we have not got the experience or knowledge to take in cats. Straight away we were asked to take in two cruelty-case female dogs and in a separate plea we were asked to take in two elderly mistreated dogs found on the streets of Yorkshire. The two elderly dogs will need time to be treated before we put up for rehoming on the Oldies Club website. The two cruelty-case dogs are young and will need neutering and training before they can be rehomed.

Finances

We have been pleased with the fundraising this year as we were fortunate enough to take part in a double your donation scheme which took place near our rehoming of hens dates. We also had a substantial and much welcomed grant from Lush.

Name change:

Although we have now changed our name to Forget-Me-Not Wildlife, Environment and Animal Protection, we all agreed that we should keep the website called Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue but add the new name to our emails.

Concluding statement from the Chair:

We are, as a charity and as individuals, concerned with conservation of flora, fauna at Forget-Me-Not and generally in the local area, Wales and the U.K. We are looking to promote and expand sustainability at the rescue and additionally biodiversity. It concerns us regarding the oil aspect of heating the bungalow on which the rescue site is located but the funding cannot be prioritised for this at present. The decision to take in dogs was based on Sarah and Paul's workload; if this changes throughout 2024-2025 then we will take this in to account when we review in six months time. We are more than happy to be working with a farmer who will let us take hens to be rehomed and we hope that this partnership will continue but we will review the extra time and expense to the rescue in six months time.

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

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'DW Brown' in a cursive style.

Full name: Mr David Wesley Brown

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 30th October 2024

Accounts 2023-2024

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	Opening Balance	11/2023	12/23	01/2024	02/24	03/24	04/24	05/24	06/24	07/24	08/24	09/24	10/24	TOTAL
Opening Balance	50987													
Gift Aid	0								965.7					965.7
Ad hoc donations	0	33.36				50			100					183.36
Monthly	0	74	74	74	74	74	60	60	60	60	60	60	65	795
Lush	0		4000											4000
Fundraising for Environment Project	0	1300	895	757	905	1650	500	2093	1070	300	1040	760	787	12057
Crowdfunder	0		9500											9500
TOTAL		1407.36	14469	831	979	1774	560	2153	2195.7	360	1100	820	852	27501.06
Expenditure														
Materials/Stock	0	0	102	0	89	0	0	0	0	459	306	500	298.99	1754.99
Medical Equipment/Supplies	0	0	79.93	80.31	88.23	0	0	92.49	0	95.94	0	0	81.4	518.3
Feed/Bedding	0	170	134.67	120.01	122	104.09	80.77	45	30.05	33	46.99	67	80.19	1033.77
Vets	0	134.8	0	0	0	0	220.93	0	0	0	0	606.16	757.1	1718.99
Hay/Straw	0	230	250	200	175	0	25	0	0	0	0	45	75	1000
Fresh Feed	0	143.97	136.9	129.9	148.11	121.99	120	70.83	34.67	0	0	0	42.9	949.27
Petrol/Diesel	0	200	150	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100	170	50	1020
Maintenance/Repairs	0	0	87.9	0	139.98	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.5	0	325.38
Insurance	0	0	0	101.9	0	0	0	297	0	307	0	130.54	0	836.44
Vehicle maintenance	0	210.18	347.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	0	751.59
Admin Expenses	0	0	15.97	0	15.97	0	0	0	29	0	65.99	42	0	168.93
Mobile	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	240
Sundry	0	58	34.6	22.99	17	6.99	56	12.98	44.5	15	31	49.65	22.56	371.27
Opening Balance	50987	1166.95	1359.38	725.11	865.29	303.07	572.7	588.3	208.22	979.94	569.98	1921.85	1428.14	10688.93
Closing Balance	67799.13													

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Forget-Me-Not Environment,
Wildlife and Animal Protection - Charity number 1152987**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Forget-Me-Not Environment, Wildlife and Animal Protection (the Charity) for the year ended 31st October 2024.

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:



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29 AUGUST 2025