

ASH RESCUE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1153339

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-08-12

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of horses, ponies, donkeys, wildlife and other animals in need of care and attention and, in particular, to maintain a rescue home or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.2. To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare.3. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.4. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.5. To relieve those in need (in particular but not limited to those with physical, mental, social or emotional disabilities or disadvantages) by providing equine assisted and outdoor educational activities that may also involve other animals.

Activities: We aim to provide a permanent and holistic retirement home for horses, donkeys and other animals, whilst at the same time creating and sustaining habitats that encourage wildlife, birds and native plant species. We also aim to educate and inspire the public by example and through walks, talks and courses.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£68,461	£70,758	-	-
2023-09-30	£48,837	£51,707	-	-
2022-09-30	£39,030	£51,282	-	-
2021-09-30	£54,565	£43,589	-	-
2020-09-30	£49,097	£41,739	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Julie Marie Tomkinson	Chair	2019-04-01
Craig Christopher Irons		2019-04-01
David Paul Wilding		2019-04-01
Jenny Clare Rogers		2020-02-17

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Accounts

Annual Report

September 2023 to September 2024

Reference and Administration Details

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Principal Address: Ash Rescue Centre, Ash Tree Farm, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LR

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Julie Tomkinson - Chair

Jenny Rogers - Treasurer

David Wilding

Craig Irons

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document: Trust Deed adopted 6th August 2013

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Trust

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We have seen an increase in need for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation from the local and wider community which has expanded our workload and experience over the past 12 months. Our volunteering opportunities provide people with a variety of ways to get involved and help, boosting self-esteem, combatting

isolation, and encouraging social interaction while learning new skills and becoming part of a team.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers and supporters; their help, support, donations and encouragement are the lifeblood of the charity.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main Achievements of the charity during the year:

October – December 2023

October started off with us winning an RHS Award for our wildflower Meadows, we received an ‘Outstanding’ for all categories including sustainability, wildlife habitats and human interaction.

We were lucky to have 12 sponsors for our Calendars again so this means all sales go to the Charity. The calendars bring in a good amount of funding for us every year. We are always grateful for the sponsors, photographers and buyers.

In November we have three of our hedges laid by Devon Rural Skills and new fencing put in, this keeps the hedges and boundaries thick and healthy.

In November our Manager and Trustee Jenny took part in the World Horse Welfare Annual Conference at the Royal Geographical Society in London. One of 4 speakers, the event focused on ‘Horses and the Environment’. It was a great day and we got to meet Princess Anne and talk about all the work we are doing here on the farm.

In November our major Planning application was finally submitted after 3 years of meeting, drawings and surveys, this feels like a big achievement to get to this point and we are keeping everything crossed for an approval.

December saw another busy weekend wreath making course, as well as plenty of wreaths made to sell in our Charity shop.

Our theme for the Stokefleming Christmas Tree festival was ‘Festive Fungi’ with over 100 handmade and donated mushroom ornaments.

We had a number of Swans, Seabirds (inc Guillemots and Razorbills), Tawny Owls and Buzzards in this Autumn. All were successfully rehabbed and released.

January – March 2024

January saw the arrival of Badger, a little old pony rescued by the RSPCA, he has settled in well and will hopefully enjoy a few years of his retirement home.

In February our office roof was fixed so we could finally redecorate and move into it. We were donated a few computers and printers.

We only opened the shop for six days a week in January which gave us a chance to have a thorough sort and clean ready for the year ahead.

It was a long wet winter but thankfully with our homegrown hay supplies, large field shelters and great volunteers teams all the horses came though it fit and well.

April – June 2024

In April we had the handover of our amazing sponsorship package from Babcock's International, they had kindly funded the work and time into making us a more user friendly pack. This means we now can push the sponsorship of each pony helping to bring in essential funds.

In April we had a large donation of Jewellery which was then sent to Auction (the local auctioneers charged us no commission on this) and we made a fantastic £5200.

The Force4Nature team helped with a number of jobs this spring including clearing our poly tunnels, prepping the gull pens and clearing out and cleaning our stables and storage containers.

April saw our first Fundraising Fashion show held at our local Guildhall. This was a fantastic sell-out event organised by Tracey one of our volunteers. We made £3500 on the night and we hope to make it an annual event.

May saw our Equine Dentists here for two days. We got all the horses treated (including Rosie and Tom who have to be sedated, thank you Phoenix Vets). The volunteers always enjoy these days and get to learn so much about horses teeth. Keith still only charges us a reduced rate which we are so grateful for.

We covered our sheep tunnel in May with the help of the Saturday team, it is a big job but it is essential for the ponies and sheep in the winter.

May saw our disabled compost loo from Thunder-box being installed next to our car parking space. This will mean we can hold events without having to hire in

toilets, which will be a great saving. Thank you to the Lottery funding for both of our compost loos.

May we held our first 'Drumming with Ponies' as part of our social prescribing calendar of events. Thanks to Drum Devon for the great session and to South Hams for the Community recovery funding.

Our new horse trailer arrived in June, funded by the Animal Rescue Foundation and Dartmouth Rotary, we look forward to getting our new logo and name on the sides and taking the ponies to attend more events.

Our new 4x4 Mitsubishi truck arrived in June, this was funded by The Prowting Charitable Foundation which we are so grateful for.

We had a great write up in the Swedish Ridsport magazine about all the work we do here combining horses and wildlife.

We had a number of wildlife rescues in Spring including Woodpeckers, Moorhens, Swans, Robins, a Water Rail, a Sparrow hawk and a few Roe deer. We also rescued a Buzzard from a car radiator which made the local news.

The shop had a new Manager start, we now have regular sale items such as 'Jeans Fest' which is proving to be very popular.

July – September 2024

We had a successful fundraising Tea hut in Dartmouth in July, with homemade cakes, book sales and a tombola.

We had the 'Till the Coast is Clear' team out helping to pull ragwort from some of our fields in July, it's a great help to have many hands on this job so we can keep on top of it and stop it seeding.

We had more fundraising events including the Stokefleming Host and Sport which we took ponies to and made over £300 and the Strete village day.

Our hay was cut, baled and wrapped in June and we had over 40 bales (thank you to Paul and Sophie), and we had a delivery of straw (reduced rate) from Winzer Equine, so we are all ready for the winter.

In Summary

We have had a great year of support, whether in the Charity shop with donations, volunteers and buyers, at our Charity home with the horses, wildlife, conservation work or admin, and from grant givers who have enabled us to purchase essential items such as our compost loos, vehicles and equipment.

We've held some great events which we hope to do more regularly and have many fantastic plans for next year.

We have teams of volunteers join us three days a week now to tackle the larger jobs and to help keep on top of the daily jobs such as mucking out, watering and fencing.

Our planning application is still in with the Council but we hope to be able to move forward with this next year so we can build our purpose built wildlife centre, equine barn and classroom.

Our focus for the next year will be on reducing bills and making the Charity more environmentally and financially sustainable.

Julie Tomkinson – Chair 30th September 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ASH RESCUE CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

1153339

Set out on pages

1-3

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Independent examiner's statement

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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

08/07/2025

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Section B

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ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main Achievements of the charity during the year:

October – December 2022

The first quarter of the year included an Autumn wedding and varied festive fundraising initiatives with our handmade festive wreaths being sold at markets and events around the area and our annual calendar and cards available through our online shop.

We held our first Mindfulness and Horses retreat with the ‘Rewild your Heart’ group, this proved to be very popular so we will hopefully be holding more in the future.

Our annual entry at the Stoke Fleming Christmas Tree Fair – ‘Birds of a feather’ brought together a huge collection of donated feathers ranging from eagle owls to kingfishers which was admired by everyone.

We help our first Table top sale in a local village hall and took pony Bean to visit a few local care homes.

We took on two new rescues in conjunction with The Mare and Foal Sanctuary, ex race horses Monty and Tamar.

January – March 2023

The year started with one of our hedges being layed by local rural Craftsman Bramble Oak.

In the New Year we released a Sparrowhawk and a Kestrel who had both come in through Vets to be rehabilitated.

January saw another Ex race horse (Tigger) join us, this time through World Horse Welfare.

We had new concrete pads and new water troughs and pipes put in two fields, this now means all our fields have water access which is a huge help.

In February we had the brilliant teams from Force4Nature and Till The Coast Is Clear all here doing jobs around the farm, we cleared all the brambles from one of the wildflower meadows and dug up self seeded saplings and replanted in the hedges.

We had a new horse arrive called Winston who had spent most of his life on a tether, he has settled in well.

April – June 2023

April saw quite a few wildlife emergencies, we had a Roe deer, two Buzzards, three Swans join us, all were released happily after a few weeks spent in our care.

The Force4Nature team came back again in May to help plant over 1000 wildflower plugs over 3 different meadows.

All our staff and volunteers did their First Aid in the Workplace CPD.

We had the Barn Owl Trust come and kindly put up two new boxes and replace one of our old boxes for our resident Barn Owl and others who hopefully will move in.

We had a first sighting of a Hare on our land which has been a long time coming but hopefully they will make it their home now.

Our first Gull chick arrived on the 27th May and by the end of June we had over 100 of them.

In June we had our first wedding of the year and it was a big one with over 200 guests, it was a great event with everything locally sourced.

We had our Annual visit from Keith Evans our Equine dentist and his helpers Ian and Gemma getting all our horses done over 2 days. Only two needed sedation and extra work.

We had a few social prescribing events including a willow weaving course with Stone Willow and a Wildflower walk and talk, all were well attended and funded by South Hams Community Recovery Fund.

Lastly we held our Community Consultation day for our Planning application. This event gave neighbours, local groups and other interested parties a chance to view our plans and chat to our advisors about the amazing new facilities we are hoping to build here.

July – September 2023

The end of July saw us get the keys to our first Charity shop. We gave ourselves a week to get it painted and ready. With an amazing team of tradesmen and volunteers we did it and opened our doors on 8th August.

August saw us celebrate our 10 year anniversary with a new logo and branding brilliantly designed by Be Curious a local company who managed to capture all that Ash represents in the logo design.

We managed to cut 50 round bales of our own hay this year saving us over £1500, this means we have all the hay we need for the next 12 months.

We had a photoshoot with Largeaslife Photography who offered to take free pictures of our horses and wildlife, this has helped us with promotional shots and pictures for our Calendar.

In Summary

Opening our Charity shop has created a lot of links with local people, businesses and organisations; spreading awareness and knowledge of the charity and our work. We have had amazing donations, offers of help and people buying and supporting the Charity.

Our group of volunteers who joined us via the social prescribing network is a regular, reliable team. We now have more options for people to volunteer with us whether they like to help with the horses, wildlife, Charity shop, admin or people. Finances remain buoyant, and we continually seek areas to save money, raise funds and work more leanly.

Julie Tomkinson – Chair 30th September 2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: ASH RESCUE CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1153339

Set out on pages

1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed: [Signature] Date: 14/06/2024

Name: MR GARY R WEBB.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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ASH RESCUE CENTRE

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September 2021 to September 2022

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Charity trustees who manage the charity

Julie Tomkinson – Chair
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David Wilding
Craig Irons

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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Summary of the main Achievements of the charity during the year:

October – December 2021

The first quarter of the year included two winter weddings and varied festive fundraising initiatives with our handmade festive wreaths being sold at markets and events around the area and our annual calendar and cards available through our online shop. We held two weddings and our Christmas List social media campaign raised over £1000 and generated a vast amount of donated items and food.

Our annual entry at the Stoke Fleming Christmas Tree Fair – 'Hark the Herring Gulls Sing' further raised awareness of the plight of gulls around our area.

We lost Edward, a very special horse.

January – March 2022

The year started with lots of sightings of our resident Barn Owl hunting on the land, and maintenance work clearing grass and brook lime from one of our wildlife ponds.

Work was completed on our new John Williams barn laying Mudcontrol mats with help from our volunteers from the social prescribing network. The barn was funded by a grant from the Animal Rescue Foundation and a private donation.

We were awarded £7600 Community Recovery Grant from South Hams Council to purchase a compost toilet for volunteers and to

facilitate a programme of workshops for people to access through the social prescribing network.

We were chosen by the Torbay District Riding Club as one of their supported charities.

April – June 2022

We assisted local garden centre with a tawny owl rescue from a polytunnel and visited Vale Wildlife to view their rehabilitation facilities.

We received a donation as a nominated charity a local retailer and removed and released a herring gull stuck in a local hotel chimney.

The first orphaned gull chicks started arriving for rehabilitation, assisted by our group of volunteer drivers and collectors.

An office unit was purchased by the charity as a temporary workspace.

July – September 2022

We ran three horse bathing days and received a great response to our call for volunteer help, enabling us to bath all resident horses by herd.

We spent evenings releasing rehabilitated groups of gulls at the local beach as season drew to a close with just over 300 gulls having been rehabilitated onsite. An injured Greater Blackback gull was admitted having been caught in football netting as our attention turned away from young gulls onto injured adults.

We were privileged to be involved in an unusual rescue of seven young white storks that had escaped from a zoo in the West Midlands and flown to Devon; working remotely with keepers we captured and kept the birds overnight until they were collected by the zoo team.

The swan admitted earlier was released following a reasonably lengthy rehab period.

Fundraising initiatives included a September wedding and our annual presence at the Stoke Fleming Hort and Sport show.

We hosted a Trauma Sensitive Equine Assisted Mindfulness Weekend run by MiMer Centre, providing space, horses and hospitality for the attendees.

We were honoured to receive a donation from the 'in memorium' collection from a charity supporter which funded a new incubator for our wildlife rescues.

The pony herd relocated to neighbouring Fast Rabbit Gardens wildflower meadow to act as conservation grazers.

We lost Truffle, one of the original horses that led to the set up of the charity.

In Summary

This year, we have seen a big increase in the number and variety of wildlife cases that have been brought to us by members of the

public and referred to us by vets and other specialists, reinforcing our plans to create a purpose-built onsite rehabilitation facility. Local community support has remained strong and we have noticed that our reach has extended outside Dartmouth and surrounding areas to further afield either through calls for help, donations or offers of assistance.

Our work with gulls has created a lot of links with local people, businesses and organisations; spreading awareness and knowledge of the charity and our work.

Our group of volunteers who joined us via the social prescribing network is a regular, reliable team.

Finances remain buoyant, we continually seek areas to save money, raise funds and work more leanly.

Created by: Julie Tomkinson – Chair

Date: 30th September 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
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Signed:

Date:

02/05/2023

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MR GARY R WEBB.

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We are grateful for the many hours that our volunteers have committed to the charity in these unprecedented times. Their hard work, time and support has been invaluable through this incredibly challenging time.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main Achievements of the charity during the year:

October -December 2012

October brought our first funeral to ARC, an outdoor event in line with COVID restrictions which was a beautiful and fitting event for a long-term supporter of the charity. Our ex-service horses were captured in a photoshoot with Deborah Haynes Photography and the pony herd joined neighbouring Fast Rabbit Gardens as conservation grazers in the wildflower meadows for six weeks. The charity received a large donation of rugs and tack from Keith and Sarah Evans (our Equine Dentist), to sell to raise funds and the annual wreath making took place throughout November and December which were available to order and sold locally in markets due to the lack of fundraising events being held.

On 21 December a new horse arrived – Edward, who was due to be euthanised due to the death of his elderly owner; ARC was pleased to be able to help the family out at such a sad time. On Christmas Eve, a festive storm took the roof off our straw bale barn and we ended the year with a seagull themed entry at the annual Christmas Tree Festival.

January – March 2021

The year started with the sad passing of resident elderly Dartmoor pony Rosie, who died on 13th January after a short illness. We experienced an outbreak of Campylobacter at the yard, requiring the immediate adoption of strict biosecurity measures to prevent

the spread of the zoonotic disease, to safeguard our animals and people. The measures taken were efficient and effective in dealing with the outbreak.

Snow and freezing temperatures made January a testing time for volunteers and animals but thanks to expert land management and efficient forward planning by Manager Jenny Rogers, all animals were kept well fed, comfortable and healthy.

All horses had their feet trimmed.

Approval was granted by The Charity Commission to amend our charitable objects; enabling us to expand our work into working with people and conservation projects.

April – June 2021

Land management included fertilising our hay field and ploughing and seeding the bird seed mix meadow. The first nesting swallows of the year were seen, and our elderly sheep were shorn.

On 1st June we had to make the decision to say farewell to resident horse Serrano who had enjoyed seven years of retirement with us. We spent 2 days with Keith Evans Equine Dentist onsite, who checked and treated every horse's teeth.

On 18th June we took in our first herring gull chick to rehabilitate. We took delivery of our winter straw.

July – September 2021

During this quarter we started work with our first volunteer group via the local Social Prescribing network which became a regular, permanent Friday activity.

Local house building company – Baker Estates – donated Heras panels to enable us to create a large outdoor area for gull juveniles to move into, numbers had climbed to over 100 from the first intake in June.

We cut our own hay, resulting in 64 round bales.

July brought the first wedding since COVID restrictions and August brought a weekend conference to the site; both providing good funding for the charity.

On 19th August Cally died, a special old mare who was one of the original 9 that the charity was set up to care for.

In September we took delivery of a large order of Mud Control Mats, enabling us to create further mud free standing space in and around field shelters and we had our first volunteer team from EE in Plymouth resulting in us becoming one of their approved charities for further activities in the future.

On 14th September we took in two new equines - William and Cracker, neglect cases through World Horse Welfare.

In Summary

With continued limited fundraising opportunities we have continued to apply ourselves to working smarter. Money saving and streamlining initiatives are continually being identified to safeguard the charity's finances. We have made bold steps forward with wildlife rehabilitation and received good support from the local and wider community and have quickly become the 'go to' organisation to contact for injured or orphaned wildlife, particularly sea birds. Our initial work with people through the Social Prescribing network has proved successful for both the charity and the volunteers engaging through the programme and we look forward to expanding and building upon this in the future. The hard work and diligence of our Treasurer and Manager Jenny Rogers has resulted in the charity ending the year in a financially stable position. We are extremely grateful to our hardworking, dedicated team of volunteers and community of supporters for their contribution over the past year.

Created by: Julie Tomkinson – Chair

Date: 30th September 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name ASH RESCUE CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

30th SEPTEMBER 2021 Charity no (if any) 1153339

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1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 09 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 09/09/2022

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ASH RESCUE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1153339

Accounts

Annual Report
September 2019 to September 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Ash Rescue Centre
Registered charity number: 1153339
Principal address: Ash Tree Farm, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LR

Charity trustees who manage the charity

Julie Tomkinson – Chair
Ian Whatley – Treasurer – September 2019 – 17 February 2020
Jenny Rogers – Treasurer – Appointed 17 February 2020
David Wilding
Craig Irons

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Trust Deed adopted 6th August 2013

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Trust

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed every three years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of objects of the charity set out in the governing document:

To relieve the suffering of elderly equines and other animals by providing care, rehabilitation and a permanent sanctuary facility.

To provide people with learning opportunities in animal care and welfare matters through information sharing, volunteering and courses.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. Our main activities are as follows:

- Working through the application process to amend our trust deed to expand our charitable objects
- Maintaining health and providing habitat enrichment for the animals in our care

- Inducting and retaining new volunteer team members
- Managing financial stability through COVID-19 restrictions.

These activities benefit not only the animals in our care but the families, organisations and individuals that approach us for help. Horses come into our care from many different backgrounds: abandonment, homelessness due to owner's death, rescues from cruelty/neglect cases.

Our volunteering opportunities provide people with a variety of ways to get involved and help, boosting self-esteem, combatting isolation, and encouraging social interaction while learning and becoming part of a team.

We are grateful for the many hours that our volunteers have committed to the charity in these unprecedented times. Their hard work, time and support has been invaluable through this incredibly challenging time.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main Achievements of the charity during the year:

October -December 2019

Volunteers ran a fundraising stall at Dartmouth Food Festival, engaging with the local community and raising funds.

Throughout November and December various Christmas markets were attended to sell our handmade Christmas wreaths as 2 day the Candlelit Dartmouth event was cancelled due to high winds. We took in a guillemot for a couple of days as an interim rehab until the RSPCA were able to accommodate and we sadly lost one of our own resident horses, Polly.

We ended the year with our entry at the local Christmas Tree Festival and attended the Community Christmas Fair.

January – March 2020

This quarter brought us four new arrivals. Heidi & Rosie, whose elderly owner could no longer care for them, joined us in January and Badger an ex RDA pony at the grand age of 34. We also responded to a plea through The Hugs Foundation and provided a permanent retirement home for Sioux in February, an elderly mare who had had an abandonment notice placed on her. Her transport was funded in full by donations. Our pony herd relocated for a short while to assist our neighbour at Fast Rabbit Gardens, carrying out conservation grazing of a wildflower area for a few weeks. We sadly lost Joy at the age of 30 and Fred the elderly collie. A large hedge laying project and new fencing was completed along the road boundary.

All horses' feet were trimmed and maintained.

April – June 2020

Due to COVID restrictions, activities offsite were restricted. Energy was concentrated on clearing, painting, general housekeeping of the yard and buildings. We purchased a shipping container to enable feed to be purchased in bulk with trade discount. Fresh apples and carrots were regularly donated by Dartmouth Co-op for the horses. All horses had their annual dental treatment over a two-day session and treatments were donated monthly as required by MJ Equine Therapy & Massage. We hand reared and released some orphaned pheasant chicks and the first of our resident swallow broods hatched. We received a donation of £1000 from two ladies making fabric masks within the community and in June retired police horse Charlie joined us from South Wales Police to begin his medical retirement.

July – September 2020

We successfully produced our first cut and bailing of our own hay and completed outstanding passports and microchips for horses. A request for a lockdown 10th birthday treat led to a new volunteer family joining us on a regular basis on top of two additional new volunteers who joined the team after a visit. We carried out a wildlife and nature survey to gain data and opinions from local groups, individuals and professionals which has been used to inform decision and directions for future projects. We took delivery of our winter straw and received an additional donated 35 bales from a local wedding. All horses received hoof trimming/care and monthly donated treatments from MJ Equine Therapy and Massage. 40 Swallow chicks counted onsite. A further donation of £2000 was received from local ladies making masks in the community, all 2020 weddings were postponed. Online fundraising initiatives discussed for next quarter.

In Summary

In this unprecedented year we have concentrated on maintaining financial stability of the charity. Fundraising opportunities have had to be replaced with smarter working and money saving initiatives to safeguard finances for the future. Our connection with the public during lockdown has mainly been through social media, providing regular photos, videos of our animals and nature and updates to keep in contact and provide some relief during isolation. Through the hard work and diligence of our Treasurer/Manager we have ended the year in a financially stable position in spite of enforced restrictions. We are extremely grateful to our hard working and dedicated team of volunteers who have proved to be flexible and adaptable over the last unpredictable year.

Created by: Julie Tomkinson – Chair

Date: 5th June 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Charity Name

ASH RESCUE CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

30TH SEPTEMBER

2020

Charity no.:

1153339

Company no.:

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 09 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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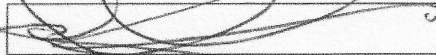
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

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- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

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