

Annual Report
September 2020 to September 2021

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:

- Maintaining health and providing habitat enrichment for the animals in our care

- Inducting and retaining new volunteer team members including a regular group via the local Social Prescribing network
- 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 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



BANK BALANCE	As at 30/09/2020	14,117.82
RECEIPTS	01/10/2020 TO 30/09/2021	54,564.72
PAYMENTS	01/10/2020 TO 30/09/2021	43,588.53
BANK BALANCE	As at 30/09/2021	25,094.01

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

Set out on pages

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(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:

Date:

09/09/2022

Name:

MR GARY R WEBB.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCPA.

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Disclosure

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