

Charity number: 1156954

FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees

Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee
Jane Nuttney, Trustee
Simon Haines, Trustee
Lee Turner, Trustee

Charity registered number: 1156954

Principal office: Riches Cottage, Stoke Tye, Stoke by Nayland CO6 4RP

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period of 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

1) Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by its constitution which was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 May 2014.

2) METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable incorporated organisation is the responsibility of the Trustees. Further trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body; there must be at least three trustees.

3) Financial review

The following financial statements are French's Care Haven's charitable activities, and cover the period of activity from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. French's Care Haven's receipts and payments statement shows income of £42,528 expenditure of £42,711 for the period, resulting in a deficit of £183.

However, during the year, a 100 Club was set up to help generate more income and a new bank account was set up for this purpose. During the year £2316.50 was received and £850 was expended in prize money, showing a surplus of £1466.50. Thus, in total, the year ended with a surplus of £1283 if the total of the two bank accounts are combined. During the current year (2022/3) some of the funds from the 100 Club have been transferred to the main account to support the work of the charity.

4) Financial management

The finances have been managed by an external consultant, as the organisation seeks a permanent Treasurer. The organisation banks at Barclays.

5) Reserves

The trustees have not set a formal target for reserves. This will be reviewed each year.

6) Risk Analysis

The main risk is ensuring that sufficient funds are raised to keep the Care Haven going. The organisation has a lease with Mannings Farm Barn at Castlings Heath in Suffolk.

7) Funding

At the moment, the Care Haven relies solely on donations from members of the public and sponsorship and money raised through giving, holding open days and attending events. During the year donations and sponsorship remained steady and the introduction of the 100 Club has helped to generate more income. It should be noted that several of the prize winners donated their winnings back to the organisation.

8) Objectives and Activities

a. OBJECTS

The objectives of the charitable incorporated organisation are:

- a) to relieve the suffering of animals, in particular but not exclusively horses, in need of care and attention by providing and maintaining a rescue home and giving appropriate care, protection, rehabilitation, sanctuary, treatment and security for animals that have suffered from maltreatment, neglect, abandonment, rescue or poor circumstances.
- b) To advance the education of people who own and care for animals and provide advice and information to the general public.
- c) to provide educational training for apprentices and those other people looking for employment. This may include people who suffer from a learning disability or people with mental health issues.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The trustees in a normal year arrange and attend events and hold open days to raise awareness of animal care and the changes needed to help stop the growing downward spiral of animal cruelty. The trustees provide information to the general public at events, open days and educational days, as well as working with local colleges, so that young people can come to French's Care Haven for training to gain knowledge, qualifications and work skills for future full-time employment. These activities have started again after the various lockdowns from the Covid 19 Pandemic.

9) Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit

The organisation meets the principles of public benefit by rescuing animals (primarily horses) who would otherwise die or live in terrible conditions. It also provides training and employment for people who have difficulties in finding employment, either because of a learning disability, mental health issues or a lack of practical skills.

10) Achievements and Performance

Since moving the previous year to their current address (Mannings Farm Barn), work has continued to make the site as comfortable as possible for the animals, with further work on the animal shelters and repair and replacement of fencing.

During the year the Farm rehoused four more horses and ponies as well as two chickens and two injured wild birds. Both birds have recovered and been released back into the wild. Sadly two horses, a donkey and a cat had to be put to sleep because of debilitating

health problems due to old age. The loss of these much loved animals was heartbreaking for the volunteers at French's.

Gradually more volunteers have come forward to help on odd days of the week. During the year there were 27 volunteers - some regular, some less frequent but they all help to keep the Farm running and help in a variety of ways - gardening, undertaking building and maintenance work and caring for the animals. The volunteers help with the daily jobs of cleaning areas of poo, refilling hay and water, giving feed, helping with the maintenance of the fencing and wooden shelters and tend to the care and management of each animal individually. Around 4+ people are needed for approximately 7 hours a day, every day of the week. The increase in volunteer help meant that a significant amount of money was spent on volunteer expenses such as travel and providing lunches for those who were staying all day.

The Charity also helped five students to do their Duke of Edinburgh award voluntary work and four teenagers did their work experience at French's. The organisation provided six placements for people who had mental health problems and Essex University sent groups of between two and ten people once a week for three months to gain experience on the Care Farm.

During the year the organisation held one Open Day which attracted 120 people and the Charity Co-ordinator gave talks to the University students and a Home-schooled group of parents and their children about what is involved in running an animal charity. A quiz night was held which was very successful attracting a wave of new donors.

11) Future Plans.

The trustees' aims in the 2022/23 financial year are:

- 1) To continue to provide care and attention to relieve the suffering of animals.
- 2) To continue to raise awareness, in particular to people who own and care for animals.
- 3) To continue to provide educational support for volunteers with anxiety and social confidence problems and those looking for employment.
- 4) Our prime goal is to own our own land, so we are not reliant on the good will of landowners. We have all the shelters we need and a tool room now, so next step on future plans will be somewhere people can sit to eat and drink. This was our goal last year, but shelters and fencing had to come first, with the amount of our general monthly outgoings coming out each month, that means what monies we have in the bank now are needed, with no extras to spare at this present time. Our animals feed bills and vet bills along with the farrier, come to thousands of pounds a year, which can leave us struggling.

I would like to thank our regular donors and sponsors, without whom we would not survive, those who have provided one-off donations through Paypal and JustGiving, those who have joined and continued to support our 100 Club and all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charitable incorporated organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ~ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ~ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- ~ make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ~ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable incorporated organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable incorporated organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable incorporated organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee

Date: 27 October 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In conjunction with my examination, no matter has come to my attention. I am happy with what I have seen and feel that these represent a true and accurate record of the annual financial statement for 2021/22.

Cecilia Kean

Cecilia Kean
Ryefield Arts Management

24 October 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2021/22	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
RECEIPTS			
Individual Donations	14550	14550	8791
Charity/group Donations	11829	11829	-
Corporate Donations	12674	12674	16242
Donations through PayPal etc	1063	1063	2101
Fundraising events	2229	2229	-
Others (Refunds etc)	183	183	137
Gift Aid Reclaim			2198
Surplus on 100 Club Donations	1466	1466	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	43994	43994	29469
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Activities	37287	37287	32472
Shelter and fencing equipment	5424	5424	7900
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	42711	42711	40372
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	1283	1283	(10903)
Total funds brought forward	11066	11066	21969
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12349	12349	11066

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand (main account)	10883	11066
Cash at bank and in hand (100 Club)	1466	
TOTAL	12349	
NET ASSETS	12349	11066
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	12349	11066
TOTAL FUNDS	12349	11066

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee

Date: 27 October 2022

The notes on the following page form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021/22	2020/21
Rent	550	2375
Volunteer Travel Refunds & Food (1)	12636	8249
Hay/Straw	7412	5355
Feed	2543	2894
Farrier	2255	1540
Vets	4558	3033
Horse / Equipment	1342	1876
Maintenance/Tools	1072	1881
Petrol / Oil (2)	2258	1952
Office set-up on site & admin	1266	1764
Insurance	420	691
Miscellaneous	248	862
Fundraising costs (e.g. food at events)	727	
Sub Total	37287	32472
Shelters, doors, fencing etc	5424	7900
TOTAL	42711	40372

2) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019/20 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019/20 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2019/20 £ NIL).

3) NOTES ON EXPENDITURE

(1) The rise in volunteer expenses was caused by a number of factors - an increase in the number of volunteers who could claim mileage, journeying to the farm at 45p a mile and an increase in the number of miles driven by four of the regular volunteers who lived in the Ipswich area. The move to a farm further away from Ipswich resulted in longer journeys and more miles - the regular volunteers also put in several days to undertake further work in putting up shelters and fencing. As most of the volunteers would put in shifts of six hours or over, the Volunteer Manager would also provide them with lunch (normally sandwiches, crisps etc).

(2) The Petrol expenses relate to the mileage of the Volunteer Manager. She preferred to just claim the cost of petrol rather than a mileage allowance. Usually, she was making a round trip of 35 miles every day. As her car was also used to carry supplies etc, a certain percentage of maintenance costs on the car was allowed.