

Charity number: 1156954

FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

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 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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 2023 to 31 March 2024. French's Care Haven's receipts and payments statement shows income of £46,115 expenditure of £50,111 for the period, resulting in a deficit of £3,996. This includes money held in a 100 Club account.

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 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.

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 volunteer opportunities 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

French's Care Farm has continued its primary objective of caring for animals, primarily horses and donkeys, who are either too old or sick to be cared for elsewhere. The level of care and attention needed by the animals increases each year and the cost of living crisis has seen an increase in costs of animal feed, hay and straw, insurance and maintenance of the shelters.

The Care Farm now has five large animal shelters, seven smaller shelters, 2 hay sheds, a large tool shed, one large metal container, one large feed, vet and rug wooden outbuilding and one first aid and meeting wooden outbuilding. These all require continued maintenance.

A number of university students gained valuable work experience, as did a number of high school work experience pupils and Duke of Edinburgh young people. Many of them discovered the value of hard work and the importance of bonding with animals. The Care Farm also worked, free of charge, with individuals who suffered with complex needs and mental health problems, anxiety, depression and loneliness. For them the experience of working with animals helped to relieve many of their symptoms as caring for animals gave them a sense of fulfilment and helped build confidence and peace. The Farm also welcomed a number of home-schooled children.

During the year the Farm undertook a number of fundraising activities including an Open Day, a Quiz night, an Easter Egg Hunt, a meal night and a Christmas raffle.

The organisation is very grateful to the regular donors who continue to support the Farm and help with fundraising events, the 19 volunteers who give their time and energy to turn up and work so hard in looking after the animals, mucking out the shelters and undertaking routine maintenance tasks to ensure that the animals stay safe and healthy. In particular this year, the volunteer manager had had bouts of ill health involving some hospitalisation and this has put an extra strain on the volunteer support who come out in all weathers 365 days a year.

11) Future Plans.

The trustees' aims in the 2024/25 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: 10th December 2024

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 2023/24.

Cecilia Kean

Cecilia Kean
Ryefield Arts Management

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2023/24	Total funds 2023/24	Total funds 2022/23
RECEIPTS			
Individual Donations	15103	15103	14145
Charity/group Donations	1326		1326
21734 -			
Corporate Donations	16032	16032	
11680 Donations through PayPal etc		1369	1369
848			
Fundraising events	3042	3042	
3919			
Others (Refunds etc)	792	792	
484			
100 Club Transfer	530	530	
1166			
Income 100 Club Donations	1230	1230	1570
Gift Aid	6691	6991	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	46115	46115	
55546			
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Activities	48401	48401	46718
Shelter and fencing equipment	579		579
7587			

2367	Expenditure on 100 Club (incl Transfer)	1130	1130
56672	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	50110	50110
(1126)	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(3995)	(3995)
	Total funds brought forward	12349	11223
11223	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7228	7228

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
CURRENT ASSETS		
10553 Cash at bank and in hand (main account)	6458	
670 Cash at bank and in hand (100 Club)	770	
11223 TOTAL	7228	
NET ASSETS FUNDS	7228	
11223 Unrestricted funds		7228
11223 TOTAL FUNDS	7228	11223

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



Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee

Date: 10th December 2024

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 2024

1. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023/24	2022/23
Rent	600	600
Volunteer Travel Refunds & Food (1)	23449	18359
Hay/Straw	4814	8196
Feed	4677	3645
Farrier	2360	2060

Vets / Abbatoir	4161	4145
Horse / Equipment	-	1332
Maintenance/Tools	1602	1906
Petrol / Oil (2)	3397	2166
Office /Stationery / Snacks	1170	1440
Insurance	1952	1687
Miscellaneous	219	192
Fundraising costs (e.g. food at events)	-	990
Sub Total	48401	46718
Shelters, doors, fencing etc	579	7587
TOTAL	48980	54305
Expenditure on 100 Club (incl Transfer)	1130	2367
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	50110	56672

2) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023/24 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023/24 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023/24 £ 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 the absence of the Volunteer Manager. 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.